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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE / ROCKVILLE JOINT TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019  
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH**

Special meeting convened at 1:00 pm.

**SPRINGDALE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Alltucker and Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Adrian Player

**EXCUSED:** Mayor Stanley J. Smith

**ROCKVILLE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Pam Leach and Council members Jeff Ballard, V. Terry Bell, Megan Honer-Orton, and Barry Sochat

**ALSO PRESENT:** Springdale Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Rockville Town Clerk Vicki Bell, and Springdale Deputy Clerk Katy Brown recording. See attached sheet for attendees signed into the meeting.

**Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the Joint Special meeting agenda for October 28, 2019; seconded by Barry Sochat.**

**Aton: Aye**

**Ballard: Aye**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Leach: Aye**

**Alltucker: Aye**

**Bell: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Honer-Orton: Aye**

**Sochat: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**A. Action Items – Administrative**

**1. Consideration of Resolutions that would oppose the allowance of OHV (off-highway vehicles) in Utah National Parks:** In response to an NPS directive dated September 24, 2019 that would allow OHVs in Utah National Parks, the Councils intended to pass Resolutions opposing the directive. On October 25, 2019, the directive was rescinded.

Ms. Zumpft had received a press release from Cory MacNulty, Associate Director of the National Park Conservation Association regarding the rescission. The press release did not contain any information explaining why the September directive had been rescinded. Ms. Zumpft noted that the September directive had come from the Acting Director of the Intermountain Region shortly before his term expired.

Mayor Leach had read in various articles that the discussion regarding the allowance of OHVs in Utah parks had started back in 2008.

- Ms. Zumpft explained that in 2008, Utah law changed to allow street legal off-road vehicles to drive on the streets. The National Park Superintendent's Compendium believed they still had the right to uphold road closures for off-road vehicles within National Park boundaries. There was speculation that the strong opposition from Canyonlands, Arches, and local officials in Moab/Grand County had played a large part in the directive being rescinded.

The Councils agreed that it was still important to have Resolutions in place should the issue arise again in the future. The Councils reviewed their respective draft Resolutions.

Mr. Sochat suggested striking 2(a) of Rockville's Resolution that called for a rescission of the directive since that had already occurred. The Rockville Council agreed.

Mr. Bell asked if both Towns could issue a joint Resolution or if they had to be separate.

- Ms. Leach had discussed the options with Mr. Dansie who saw slightly different impacts for each community.

After studying the Resolution language from Moab and Grand County, Mr. Aton noticed that the tone seemed to focus on ways in which the NPS would be violating their own internal policies by accepting the directive. He felt that keeping Springdale and Rockville Resolutions separate would give each public body a chance to explain the community-specific negative impacts of future directives on the allowance of OHVs in the Parks.

Ms. Leach suggested that the Resolutions could be passed separately but presented jointly.

- Mr. Dansie suggested having a single cover letter which both Mayors would sign. The letter and accompanying Resolutions would be sent to the Director of the NPS, Secretary of the Interior, the NPS Regional Director, as well as the Congressional representatives and Utah State Senators.

**Motion made by Megan Honer-Orton to approve Rockville Resolution 19-1028-01 striking 2(a) and adjusting as needed; Barry Sochat seconded the motion.**

**Ballard: Aye**

**Leach: Aye**

**Bell: Aye**

**Honer-Orton: Aye**

**Sochat: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve Resolution 2019-11 of the Springdale Town Council expressing concern about the potential negative impacts of allowing off-road vehicles in Utah National Parks; seconded by Adrian Player.**

**Aton: Aye**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Alltucker: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion made by Barry Sochat to adjourn; seconded by Lisa Zumpft.**

**Aton: Aye**

**Ballard: Aye**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Leach: Aye**

**Alltucker: Aye**

**Bell: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Honer-Orton: Aye**

**Sochat: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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Katy Brown, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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