

February 2022

2022 Town Meeting Dates

<u>Town Council</u>	<u>Planning and Zoning</u>
January 26	February 9
February 23	March 9
March 23	April 13
April 27	May 11
May 25	June 8
June 22	August 10
July 27	September 14
August 24	October 12
September 28	November 2
October 26	December 7
November 16	P&Z work meeting-6:00
December 14	TC work meeting-6:30 pm

Dates to Remember

February 9: Planning and Zoning Meeting
6:00 pm
February 23: Town Council Meeting
6:30 pm
February 21: Town Office closed for
President's Day

What's on the February Agenda's?

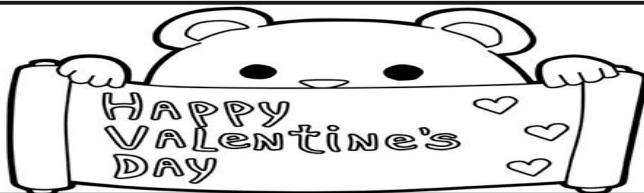
Draft minutes
Ordinance #2022-03 Curb and Gutter
Ordinance #2022-04 Definitions
Ordinance #2022-05 Definitions
Zoning Change Map

Community Preparedness

Two Shortages That Threaten To Absolutely Eviscerate The Global Economy In 2022

<http://themostimportantnews.com/archives/two-shortages-that-threaten-to-absolutely-eviscerate-the-global-economy-in-2022>

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New Town Logo Contest

Calling all artists. Calling all want-to-be artists! Calling all non-artists! Calling everyone! We are looking for a new town logo. The only rule is the new logo must include the Old Church. Please call the office for more information. Submissions are due by March 15, 2022. They can be emailed or brought into the office. Lets see what ya got!

At the January town council meeting, Mayor Krause announced and the council approved, a plan to modernize the town logo. I was very happy that the “Old Church” will continue to be part of the logo. In many ways the building symbolizes the people of Virgin. Mayor Krause asked me to share my thoughts on how the story of this building is representative of the people, old and new, that gather to Virgin.

The “Old Church” was built in 1866. One group of Native Americans, led by Chief Black Hawk, had attack several communities. The people in the fledgling communities along the Virgin River were asked to come together in Virgin to build a fort.

These communities' members decided to build something that could be used for more than protection. And the “Old Church” was built. The church bell began calling people from the area to come together; for church meetings, weddings, plays, holiday celebrations, patriotic programs, potluck dinners and emergencies. Oh! and the dances! As a young girl I remember feeling the floor and walls vibrate as so many people from different walks of life, joined hands and danced the Virginia Reel, while babies tucked into the window-sills slept on. Even folks who were on lower Kolob tending the crops or herds would gather to the sandstone ledges to listen for the bell, so they could be part of the town.

During the WWII years, the community of Virgin answered a call from war ravaged countries across the seas. Innumerable mattresses and men's pants were sewn in the “Old Church” and sent overseas.

After about 106 years of continual use, a new church building was constructed. Even though the “Old Church” was still used for many gatherings, it eventually began to deteriorate. Again, people came together, only this time it was to save her. Old time residents, new comers, people from neighboring communities all recognized the courage, the compassion, the fun, and the camaraderie of this building and our community.

It is my hope that the new town logo will embody these symbols of the 'old church' and our community.

Shirlene Hall

Mayor's Message

Hello All,

First of all, Happy New Year, everybody! I imagine that many of you may look back over the last two years of Covid tragedies, dramas and nonsense, and say argh! let's just write it all off and look forward to what have to be better years to come. Time to move on and let's get back to life and living.

Well as you all know by now if you watched the Town Youtube recording, we had a wild and woolly first town council meeting last week. Many strong feelings all around. Adjustment to a new administration takes time, but no shots were fired and so rest assured that it will settle down. As with any marriage or business partnership, it is not necessary for the parties involved to agree with each other, but to base the relationships on Trust and Respect for our differences of opinion. I think the fact we were still able to laugh after all that ruckus is a good sign, don't you?

In the meantime, here are two topics of note:

Logo Contest: As you will see from the rest of this newsletter there is a contest to design a new town logo. A lot of artists live in Virgin so I hope we receive a lot of submissions. Please read Shirlene Hall's inspiring piece in this newsletter, sharpen your wits and pencils, and get cracking!. All town residents will be invited to vote for the winner. Send your submissions to Krystal Percival at clerk@virginutah.org or you can drop it off at the town hall.

Town Website: On another note, it would be nice for the town website to be updated. This website was created 22 years ago. Web 1.0, for crying out loud! It is elderly and showing its age — anybody born after the Clinton Era will look at it and laugh their heads off! Revising the website to meet the demands and expectations of these times is going to take several months. My goal is to have a new website ready to rock 'n roll on July 1st. In the meantime, we need to know exactly what content many of you would like to be able to find on the town website. One of my goals for the town is to be more transparent and I believe that an informative, user-friendly town website is a good first step. Please send an email to both the town clerk, Krystal Percival, and myself letting us know your wish list for the town website, no matter how pie-in-the-sky you think your wish may be. clerk@virginutah.org and jkrause@virginutah.org

Mayor Jean Krause