

**MINUTES OF THE VINEYARD TOWN COUNCIL'S  
YOUTH COUNCIL SWEARING IN CEREMONY  
Sleepy Ridge Golf Course 700 South Sleepy Ridge Drive, Orem UT  
February 27, 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Randy Farnworth  
Councilmember Julie Fullmer  
Councilmember Sean Fernandez  
Councilmember Nathan Riley

**ABSENT:**

Councilmember Dale Goodman

**Staff Present:** Treasurer Jacob McHargue, Town Clerk/Recorder Pamela Spencer

**Others Attending:** Musicians David Osmond & Madilyn Paige, Julie Davis Regional Youth Council Associate President, Residents, and Youth Council to be sworn in

Councilmember Fullmer opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. She gave a brief welcome and then turned the time over to Jacob McHargue to announce the remainder of the program.

Mr. McHargue introduced the musical numbers and the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Osmond sang, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", Breelyn Cardon led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Madilyn Paige sang the National Anthem.

Mr. McHargue turned the time over to Julie Davis, Regional Youth Council Association President.

Ms. Davis spoke about her experience working with youth councils. She mentioned that Vineyard's Youth Council is one of the largest in the state. She said that she served in Clinton as the Youth Council Advisor for 13 years and was over the city parade during this time. She now serves as a Regional Youth Council Association President. She said that she had a responsibility to help mold the Youth Council members into responsible adults. She mentioned that she treated them as her own and felt a responsibility for them. She told of some difficulties in her own youth and said that she did not have anyone to turn to. She said she wanted to be the person others could turn to.

Ms. Davis said that when she started as the Advisor for Clinton Youth Council she did not know anything about it and sat down with her Town Council representative and they up set a plan. They put together a mission statement: "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others." She said she would ask the Youth Council as they planned projects what they would be leaving behind.

Ms. Davis asked the Vineyard Town Council to stand and answer questions. She asked as the Town Council how much they are involved with the Youth Council. Councilmember Fullmer said 100 percent, as this is her current assignment. Councilmember Riley said that he had the Youth Council Representative assignment in the past and that all six of his children have been involved in the Youth Council. Mayor Farnworth said that as the Mayor it has not been his assignment; however, he has watched them as they worked as a Youth Council.

Ms. Davis asked the Youth Council to stand, and asked a Youth Councilmember how well they know their Town Councilmembers. Ms. Amanda Riley said she knew Councilmember Fullmer, Mayor Farnworth, and said that Councilmember Riley was her dad.

Ms. Davis said that as the Youth Council Advisor she assigned her Youth Council to a City Councilmember and asked them to work closely with them. She asked them to attend a Council meeting at least once a quarter and sit beside their assigned Councilmember.

Ms. Davis said that these Youth Councilmembers will be the next leaders and that they need to be trained. She suggested that Vineyard's Youth Council get involved with a Town Councilmember and attend other meetings with them, and learn how the town works.

Ms. Davis said that with the fun part of Youth Council, they could have projects such as paint fire hydrants, and while they were painting hydrants the Council could make them breakfast. She suggested they get involved.

Ms. Davis said that as the Youth Council Association President, she has charged herself with working closely with Cities and Towns and the Utah League of Cities and Towns, and to let them know what an asset the Youth Council can be.

Ms. Davis said that March of each year they hold a Youth Council Leadership Conference and she encouraged the Youth Council to attend. She explained the Soul Surfer theme for this year's conference, where they took the word Soul and broke it down into S - Serve, O - Overcome, U - Unite, and L - Lead. She said their theme is "I Live to Serve, Overcome, Unite, and Lead. She played the song "I Lived" by OneRepublic. She asked the audience what the song meant. Mr. Osmond said it meant to make every moment count. Ms. Davis said that you need to start today. She said that the song brings her back to her mission statement, "what you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others." She said that as adults we realize that there are so many good kids out there. She thanked the Council for the invitation to speak. She told the Youth Council that they can do it, do it because it they want to, do it because it makes them feel good, but most of all just do it.

Mayor Farnworth said that he has been in Vineyard since 1992. He asked the Planning Commission, office staff and the crossing guards to stand. He mentioned that when he started as the Mayor he had one employee, 86 residents and 21 houses and now we have around 1,800 residents.

He stated that the town is never really organized without a Youth Council. He said that it was an important part of the town, where they helped run things such as a Town Cleanup Day. He told the Youth Council that the people standing are people who can help them. He asked where else do you have the opportunity to grow a town. He said the only way to learn is to roll up their sleeves and get to work and decide if they like working in government. He said he had someone tell him that he just found out he was the Mayor and asked him how long he had been the Mayor. He told him 12 years and the man said that he must be an idiot and walked off. He

said that he does not consider himself an idiot nor the Council, professional staff, the Youth Council or anyone that is involved in the Town because you can learn so much. He said by being on the Youth Council, they could get scholarships, and it will look impressive on their resumes. He said they could learn things like how a motion works or what an ordinance is. He said they would become a governing body just like other city councils.

He asked if they realize how many employees the town needs to function. He said that the neighbor to the east has about 3,000 employees with about 90,000 residents. He mentioned that at build out they are expecting around 30,000 residents and within a year the town could have around 7,000 residents. He told the Youth that he is excited for them to sit beside the Council and learn.

He said that Councilmember Fullmer is the person to help them make it an exciting time, to learn, and that she has a good heart and will put them in the right direction, along with anyone else who works for or is associated with the town. He said that the Youth Council could bring the town together in many ways such as the Easter Egg Hunt, a cleaning day, or other projects.

Mayor Farnworth thanked the youth for coming and those who put this meeting together. He said that the Council is the one that made Vineyard the town it is today. He said that the reason they want to be a town or city is that it gives more people the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Farnworth had the Youth Council stand at the front of the room and swore them in as a group as Youth Councilmembers.

Pamela Spencer Town Clerk/Recorder documented this meeting, had the Youth Councilmembers sign their oaths, and handed them their certificates.

Mayor Farnworth thanked everyone for coming and thanked the parents for their support.

Mr. McHargue thanked the Youth Council, their parents and past Youth Councilmembers for attending. He thanked the sponsors: Rocky Mountain Power, Woodside Homes, Flagship Homes, Sleepy Ridge Golf Course, Dave Wilbur's Rock Lab, North Star Alarms, and the Sweet Tooth Fairy. He adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT BY: /s/ Pamela Spencer  
P. SPENCER, TOWN CLERK/RECORDER