

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD JULY 3, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE
SARATOGA TOWN HALL

Mayor John Zeiger called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Councilman Steve Wilcoxson, Councilwoman Susan Howe and Councilwoman Judy Welton. Councilman Mike McWain was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Councilwoman Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$65,668.65; Payroll and FICA for 7/2/2012 in the amount of \$68,900.40; and manual checks for liabilities in the amount of \$9,714.59, for a total of \$144,283.64.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$144,283.64, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Zeiger took a minute to remember Sgt. Tyler Pickett and all other service men and women who have given their lives for their country and to those individuals who have served and continue to serve in our military services.

Mayor Zeiger explained that as Carbon County Emergency Management Coordinator he has been preparing for possible fires and has been making plans for evacuation of livestock should the need arise. As a result of those plans he was asking for support from the council to put horses at the old baseball fields and the area above the high school which may have to be paneled if necessary. No action taken, however the council was in agreement with the plans as discussed.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Martin Pederson, WLC Survey Manager, addressed the council explaining that he had been surveying in the valley for a long time mostly as Robert Jack Smith and Associates. Mr. Pederson is now looking forward to retirement and was here to introduce his replacement, Doug Boyd, who will be taking over for Mr. Pederson as survey manager for WLC.

Mr. Boyd introduced himself adding that he is licensed in Wyoming and Michigan and has worked for Mr. Pederson and RJS in the past and is looking forward to working in the valley. Mr. Boyd indicated that he has experience in most aspects of surveying, i.e. boundary, construction and cadastral retracement. Mr. Boyd added that his family will be relocating to Rawlins in July and they are looking forward to living in the area.

Richard Hodges addressed the council and questioned why all boards and commissions are listed on the agenda except for the board that addresses the nuisance ordinance. It was stated that there was not a board or commission established to oversee the nuisance ordinance. A committee was formed to review complaints and areas of concern. Mr. Hodges indicated that he believes that his neighborhood has been targeted more than any other area in town and he would like to see reports at each council meeting indicating the progress of that committee.

Chief Wachsmuth explained that it was not the intention of the committee to center their concerns in any one area. Councilman Wilcoxson added that it is not the job of the police department to go around picking out areas that need addressed. The committee that was formed to address these issues has lost members and Mr. Hodges was encouraged to become part of that committee if he would like to monitor the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE: None to report

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall:

Mayor Zeiger reported that he and Councilwoman Welton had conducted interviews for the position advertised and he was requesting council approval to hire Johnathan Moore to work in the front office of the Town Hall. Mayor Zeiger explained that Mr. Moore will also be assisting the Recreation Department and Zoning Department when necessary.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the hiring of Johnathon Moore, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed.

Clerk Suzie Cox reported that the council packets included the Medical Clinic Lease which had been reviewed by the town attorney and Dr. Dean and Tanya Bartholomew and minor changes had been made at the recommendation of Dr. Bartholomew and approved by Tom Thompson.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the Medical Clinic Lease with permission for the Mayor to sign, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed.

A Special Event Application had been submitted by Laura M requesting permission to have a Craft Show to be held on Bridge street between Hat Creek and Platte River Pizza July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2012.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the Special Event Application submitted by Laura M for a Craft Show from July 4 through July 7, 2012, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The Motion passed and the application was approved.

Fire Department:

Police Chief Grayling Wachsmuth reported for Fire Chief John Lasco that the Fire Department will be serving breakfast at the Odd Fellows Hall on July 4, 2012 beginning at 7:00 a.m..

Police Department:

Chief Grayling Wachsmuth provided a written report for the council and added that the police department has increased the hot pool checks as a result of recent activities at the hot pool.

Recreation Department:

Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported on the following activities:

- Twenty-nine 5th through 12th grade students signed up for Spike Frog Volley Ball Camp scheduled for July 11 – 13, 2012
- The British Soccer Camp is scheduled for July 16 – 20, 2012 with eighteen children age 6 – 16 registered
- The Pool will be open July 4th from 12:00 noon until 8:30 p.m. and the second set of swim lessons will begin July 9, 2012.

Department of Public Works

- Street Department – no report
- Water and Sewer Department no report
- Weed and Pest: no report
- Hot Pool: no report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board:

Clerk Suzie Cox requested approval of the Agency Agreement for the Master Plan SAA-04A with permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the grant offer for the airport project with permission for the Mayor to sign, seconded by Councilwoman Welton. The motion passed.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on July 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board:

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 16, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board:

The next meeting of the Water and Sewer JPB will be July 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: no report

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission:

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on July 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission:

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Monday, July 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Community Garden Board: No report

South Central Emergency Services Board: no report

BUSINESS:

Adjournment:

Being no further business to come before the meeting Councilwoman Welton made a motion to adjourn.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on July 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Mayor John Zeiger

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox