MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 2, 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 Mike McWain, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson and Councilwoman Susan Howe. Councilwoman Welton was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman McWain made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Mayor Zeiger read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: $25,807.83; Payroll and FICA for 9/24/2012 in the amount of $60,811.43; and manual checks in the amount of $49,977.76, for a total of $136,597.02.

Councilman McWain made a motion to pay Prairie Dog Electric in the amount of $342.55. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Councilwoman Howe declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to pay the remainder of the bills in the amount of $136,254.47, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Wilcoxson addressed the council stating that when the noise ordinance was passed the mill was not in operation and he was concerned that the mill might be in violation of the current ordinance. Councilman Wilcoxson asked the council to consider making appropriate changes to the ordinance if necessary.

Mayor Zeiger asked Councilman Wilcoxson to make written suggestions for the council to consider.

Mayor Zeiger invited the public to the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Kaake Walk Dog Park on Tuesday, October 9th at 12:00 noon to celebrate the completion of the memorial.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Colton Wolfolk addressed the council on behalf of the Saratoga FFA Chapter and requested permission to use Veteran's Island on October 31, 2012 for a Halloween Walk for local children from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The FFA students will decorate the Island for Halloween and will clean-up after the Halloween party is over. Admission will be a canned food item or a donation for the local food pantry.

Councilman McWain made a motion to allow the Saratoga FFA Chapter to use Veteran's Island on October 31, 2012 for a Halloween Walk, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Bloomquist addressed the council and presented them with a letter from Any VanTol concerning events at the "Yard".
Ms. Bloomquist read a letter addressed to Mayor Zeiger noting her concerns following a letter from the Mayor in which he cautioned Ms. Bloomquist and Mr. Shannon to" have a back-up plan for their already scheduled events at the yard in case permission is not granted and their event applications are not approved." Ms. Bloomquist indicated that she thought they were being singled out as she was the only one to have received a letter from the Mayor.

Mayor Zeiger stated that the letter written by him and not on behalf of the council was not intended to single them out. However, following the controversy over the events held at the yard and the fact that the council had asked that they apply for the proper permits prior to scheduling such events he was merely asking that they have an alternate location in case the events are not permitted.

Mayor Zeiger thanked Ms. Bloomquist for her comments and concerns.

(Clerk's Notes: Special Event Applications and permits are necessary for the events at the "Yard" because the property on which the events are being held are in areas that are by Ordinance zoned as residential and retail business-both of which do not allow outdoor concerts or music events.
The other events being planned at the leader's luncheon were all being planned in appropriate places and would not violate the zoning ordinances and therefore the individuals planning those events did not need a cautionary letter)

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: No report

Fire Department: Fire Chief John Lasco reported that the fire department had responded to five fire calls in August and four fire calls in September.

Police Department: Chief Wachsmuth requested permission to hire two new officers; Kenneth Lehr from Kimball, NE as the new school resource officer and George Phillips IV from Missouri as a regular police officer. Officer Lehr is married and has a 15 year child. Officer Phillips is married and has two children.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to hire Kenneth Lehr as the new school resource officer, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to hire George Phillips IV as a police officer, seconded by Councilman McWain. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton asked the council to accept Letters of Resignation from KayCee Alameda and Larry Uhling from the Saratoga Recreation Commission.

Councilman McWain made a motion to accept the Letter of Resignation from KayCee Alameda from the Saratoga Recreation Commission, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman McWain made a motion to accept the Letter of Resignation from Larry Uhling from the Saratoga Recreation Commission, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the option of decreasing the board to a five member board or advertising to find new board members and keep the board as a seven member board. Recreation Director Burton was instructed to advertise for new board members and if that option fails, the council will then consider decreasing the number of members.

Recreation Director Burton asked the council to approve a contract from the Platte Valley Arts Council to rent the piano at the Platte Valley Community Center for the Missoula Children's Theatre in the amount of $400 with permission for the mayor to sign it.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the contract from the Platte Valley Arts Council to rent the piano at the Platte Valley Community Center for the Missoula Children's Theatre in the amount of $400 with permission for the mayor to sign it, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Burton asked permission to book Hank Troy from Denver for a performance to accompany a silent movie on November 10th in the amount of $750 and to approve the purchase of a hotel room as well.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to allow Recreation Director Burton to book Hank Troy from Denver for a performance to accompany a silent movie on November 10th in the amount of $750 and to approve the purchase of a hotel room as well, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Burton asked the council to approve a contract from the Platte Valley Arts Council to rent the piano at the Platte Valley Community Center for the Hank Troy performance in the amount of $100 with permission for the mayor to sign it.

Councilman McWain made a motion to approve the contract from the Platte Valley Arts Council to rent the piano at the Platte Valley Community Center for the Hank Troy performance in the amount of $100 with permission for the mayor to sign it, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Director Burton requested permission to book the band Colcannon for a concert in December in the amount of $3,500 and to pursue grant funding through the Wyoming Arts Council to offset some of the cost.

Councilman McWain made a motion to allow Recreation Director Burton to book Colcannon for a concert in December in the amount of $3,500 and to pursue grant funding through the Wyoming Arts Council to offset some of the cost, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Director Burton requested permission to purchase four hotel rooms for Colcannon band members.

Councilman McWain made a motion to allow Ms. Burton to purchase four hotel rooms for Colcannon band members, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Public Works

- Street Department: Public Works Supervisor Chuck Bartlett reported that his crew winterized the swimming pool and was working on striping.

- Weed and Pest: No report

- Hot Pool: No report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Clerk Suzie Cox presented Payment Request#3 in the amount of $4,944.00 for the NAVAID Maintenance Agreement and requested approval for payment with permission for the Mayor to sign it.

Councilman Wilcoxson Payment Request#3 in the amount of $4,944.00 for the airport NAVAID Maintenance Agreement with permission for Mayor to sign it. Councilman McWain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting will be held Monday, October 15, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Water and Sewer JPB will be Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Richard Hodges reported that it was the end of the 3rd quarter and the fourth trailer is nearly full, which is ahead of schedule.

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Monday, October 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Community Garden Board: Ken Schwerdt reported that the children from the HUB are harvesting their produce at the community garden. Although this growing season was short, there were vegetables and flowers growing nicely. By next year the greenhouse will be ready to use.

The next meeting of the Community Garden Board will be Thursday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

South Central Emergency Services Board: No report

BUSINESS: Mayor Zeiger read **Ordinance 812**, an Ordinance requiring any person who drives or is in control of a vehicle to have their driver's license in their immediate possession, on third and final reading.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve Ordinance 812 on third and final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Zeiger read **ORDINANCE 813**, an Ordinance prohibiting anyone from permitting an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, on third and final reading.

Councilman McWain made a motion to approve Ordinance 813 on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Zeiger read **ORDINANCE 814**, an Ordinance prohibiting the defrauding of an Inn Keeper on third and final reading.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve Ordinance 814 on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Zeiger read **ORDINANCE 815**, an Ordinance concerning unlawful use of a driver's license on third and final reading.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve Ordinance 815 on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman McWain. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting Mayor Zeiger asked for a motion to adjourn, so made by Councilwoman Howe.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on October 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

JOHN ZEIGER

Mayor John Zeiger

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox

Suzie Cox, Clerk