

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD APRIL 17, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE  
SARATOGA TOWN HALL

Mayor Ed Glode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Councilman Will Faust, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson, Councilwoman Jennie Lou Garland, and Councilman Richard Raymer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Garland made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$35,998.97; Payroll and FICA for 4/17/18 in the amount of \$54,511.58; and manual checks including March liabilities in the amount of \$403.39 for a total of \$90,913.94.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$1,461.35. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$89,452.59. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a letter from the Saratoga Tech-Kids/Skills USA Students asking businesses and organizations to participate in the Cancer Walk/Color Run 2018 scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>. The letter stated there will be three sponsor levels again this year: Gold for sponsors donating \$250 or more; Silver for donations between \$100 and \$250; and White for sponsors of \$100 or less.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to donate \$250 for the cancer walk this year. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to reserve Veteran's Island for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Steinley cup Microbrew Festival to be held on August 18, 2018. They would request permission to use Kathy Glode Park if the Island is unavailable because of flood damage this spring.

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow the Brew Fest to be held on Veteran's Island on August 18, 2018. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Irene Archibald, Chairman of the Carbon County 2009 Specific Purpose Tax Joint Powers Board, addressed the council on behalf of the Specific Purpose Tax Joint Powers Board. Ms. Archibald is visiting councils explaining the SPT board's plan to pay off the 6<sup>th</sup> penny tax bonds by May 1, 2018. This will take action and approval of all participating municipalities indicating that they are in agreement with that decision.

The 6<sup>th</sup> penny tax went into effect April 1, 2009 and the specific purpose tax has collected enough to allow the SPT Board to consider paying off the bonds at this time.

At the March 2018 meeting, the government entities attending the meeting voted to encourage the town councils and county commissioners to pay off the bonds and stop the tax. However, because Hanna and Dixon did not bond for their projects, they therefore had not received all of their project funds because they were not eligible for the tax rebate the bonding entities were eligible for. The council was provided with 3 scenarios to consider that would allow for Hanna and Dixon to receive their tax distributions to cover their remaining project funds. With two of the scenarios, the bonding entities would forgo their tax distribution that would go to Hanna and Dixon, or they could choose to continue the tax until Hanna and Dixon were paid in full using their allocated distributions. All of the entities would receive their distributions regardless of the scenario chosen. The council reviewed the information provided and following a discussion and understanding the pros and cons of each scenario, the council would rather approve Scenario One, which would stop the tax sooner and would provide for less interest being paid by the entities.

The council agreed that Councilman Raymer would attend the upcoming special meeting of the Specific Purpose Tax Joint Powers Board as a voting delegate. Discussion followed.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve Scenario One to pay off the bonds and stop the tax as early as October 2018. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and a discussion followed. The motion was amended to allow Councilman Raymer to be flexible on the recommendation and to vote with the majority attending the Specific Purpose Tax Joint Powers Board special meeting. The question was called and the motion carried. Councilman Faust stated a conflict and abstained from voting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode and the council discussed the schedule for budget workshops and will be holding a workshop for all departments on Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Faust thanked everyone that volunteered to help with the mill fire, expressing the council's appreciation to all firemen from all surrounding towns and agencies, volunteers, first responders, people that donated food and water, police and town personnel.

Richard Hodges addressed the council with questions about the town's authority to make sure that all businesses within the town limits are operating under safe conditions and that the safety of the town's utility services is reviewed and monitored at all times.

### REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: Mayor Glode reported that he had attended the TB Flats wind project meeting in Medicine Bow. The Memorandum of Understanding between The Town of Elk Mountain, Wyoming, The Town of Medicine Bow, Wyoming, The Town of Sinclair, Wyoming, The Town of Saratoga, Wyoming, The City of Rawlins, The Albany County Commissioners, The City of Laramie, Wyoming and The Town of Rock River, Wyoming for Impact Assistance Funds was reviewed and discussed. Following the meeting, Mayor Glode indicated that he would like to see the Town of Saratoga approve the MOU allowing the TB Flats project to move forward with their project.

Mayor Glode read a special event application submitted by Cindy Bloomquist for a concert "Hi Water Hoedown" on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Yard.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the application submitted by Cindy Bloomquist for a concert "Hi Water Hoedown" on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Yard with all approved signatures. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: No report

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton provided an update on the Utah Jazz. The final games will be on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Department of Public Works: Director of Public Works Supervisor Jon Winter reported the following

#### Street Department:

- Construction of the Verizon Tower continues with the placement of the concrete base and installation of the steel tower beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Continuing to work on the OSHA compliance checklists
- Patching pot holes
- Assisted with the mill fire response

#### Water & Sewer:

- Lagoon project :
  - Only painting left to complete the dry well work
  - Working on the blower building retrofit
  - Framing has been done on the Tech shed
- The additional water service for the Old Baldy Club was completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> resulted in air getting into the lines causing the temporary cloudy appearance in the water.
- Reviewed the five proposals for Water Development Council for the Level I study and submitted comments
- Monitoring well production and stand pipe levels for the mill fire
- Weed and Pest:
- Submitted the Emergency Insect Management grant application
- Advertised for bids for the aerial application contract

Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:

- Repaired shower at the hot pool and painted the new boat dock

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board:

Councilman Raymer reported that the airport board has been working with Sage Engineering to move forward with a grant application with WYDOT Aeronautics to purchase much needed snow removal equipment for the airport and the board is asking permission to allow Sage engineering to continue working on preparation for the project. Councilman Raymer made that a motion. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

With the security lighting and camera project being completed and the camera images having been uploaded on the town webpage, Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow the airport board to publish the Notice of Final Completion. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer reported that unauthorized dirt work on the airport was reported to the airport board. The board, at their last meeting, directed a letter be sent to all hanger owners telling them that no earthwork, digging, transfer of soil or alteration of hanger or airport area would be allowed without prior contact and approval by DPW Director Jon Winter.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on May 9, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

JOINT POWERS BOARDS:

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: No report

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission: Councilman Faust reported that the planning commission reviewed the sign variance for the Saratoga Resort and Spa and discussed concerns about the size of the sign being 13' by 18'. It was noted that over 51% of the homeowners contacted approved the variance and if the sign does not exceed the size it was designed, the commission is recommending that the council approve the variance as submitted.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the sign variance submitted by the Saratoga Resort and Spa. Councilwoman Garland seconded.

Discussion called. Councilman Raymer questioned approval of a sign that exceeded the allowable footage. It was stated that no opposition was voiced on the size of the sign being over the 120 square feet noted in the zoning ordinance. Being no further discussion, the motion carried.

Councilman Faust stated that the commission continues to address Chapter 18 of the zoning code and will be working on a fee table to be added to the zoning code in a changeable format.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: Councilwoman Garland reported that the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on May 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: Mayor Glode reported the SCWEMS board meets the same night and time as the second town council meeting and their next meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss changing their meeting date so that interested council members can attend their meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to move into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to consider information considered confidential by law, in accordance with W. S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii). Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faust made a motion to move out of executive session at 7:43 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the minutes from the executive session and to put the minutes of the executive session in a sealed envelope in accordance with State Statute 16-4-405(b). Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode reported that no action was taken.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

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Ed J Glode, Mayor

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Suzie Cox, Clerk