

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AUGUST 6, 2014, 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 with the addition of a request from the fire department to transfer title of a brush truck to Carbon County. Councilwoman Howe seconded as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Councilwoman Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$96,296.28; Payroll and FICA for 7/28/14 in the amount of \$69,692.71; and manual checks in the amount of \$58,073.56, for a total of \$224,062.55.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$224,062.55. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Mayor Zeiger reported that he had attended the Industrial Siting Committee meeting earlier in the day and that one of the issues facing the communities will be the housing issues and usage of local motels for long term stays. Man Camps will be included in the planning so that the local economy from tourism will not be impacted by workers coming in and using local motels rooms for long term stays.

Mayor Zeiger read Ordinance 827, An Ordinance of the Town of Saratoga, Wyoming, Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to Carbon Power & Light, Inc., A Wyoming Corporation, for the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of an Electric Utility System and Repealing in Their Entirety All Previous Ordinances in Conflict Herewith, on second reading, with the changes to Paragraph 6.1 as follows:

*6.1 Franchise Fee. Carbon shall not be assessed a franchise fee during the first two (2) years of this agreement. However, the town reserves the right to review this matter and impose a franchise fee after the first two (2) years of this agreement.*

It was noted that there had been additional clerical changes between the attorney for CP&L and town attorney Tom Thompson as well. Discussion continued with the public stating their concerns or their approval with the changes.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve Ordinance 827, on second reading. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Randy Sikes reported that the fire department responded to two fires and one search in July.

Fire Chief Sikes requested permission for the fire department to donate the 1993 Ford brush truck to the county. After the county purchased a new truck for the Saratoga Fire Department the county fire warden asked if they could get the older brush truck so that the county could donate the truck to Medicine Bow.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to donate the 1993 Ford brush truck to the county to be donated to Medicine Bow. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Police Department: Chief Knickerbocker reported that approximately two hundred fifty people were served at the National Night Out Picnic and thanked all of the candidates for helping and all of the people who volunteered their time and the businesses and individuals that donated door prizes to make the evening a success.

Recreation Department: No Report

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Clerk Suzie Cox noted that Chuck Bartlett was requesting permission from the council to purchase cold mix from the Wyoming Department of Transportation to make street repairs. The cold mix will allow repairs to be done as weather and time allows.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to purchase cold mix from the WYDOT to make street repairs. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Suzie Cox requested approval of the SLIB Grant Draft Request in the amount of \$18,185.00 for the Sewer Manhole Improvement Project with permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the SLIB Grant Draft Request in the amount of \$18,185.00 for the Sewer Manhole Improvement Project with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously

- Water & Sewer: The crew has completed the water line repair in front of the fire department.
- Weed and Pest: No Report
- Hot Pool: No Report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Mayor Zeiger read the following Taxiway/Taxilane Project grant # 3-56-0026-23 reimbursement requests:

- Request #2 for federal fund reimbursements in the amount of \$2,599 with permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve request #2 for federal fund reimbursements in the amount of \$2,599 with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Request #1 SAA-05B for reimbursement for state funds in the amount of \$174.00 with permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve request #1 SAA-05B reimbursement for state funds in the amount of \$174.00 with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Mayor Zeiger noted that the town's portion of the project is \$114.93 as explained in the attached Sage Engineering summary of work performed and billing in the amount of \$2887.93 for the Taxiway/Taxilane Project

The next Airport Board meeting will be on August 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: Councilwoman Welton noted that the annual fundraiser will be held in September.

The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, August 18, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Clerk Suzie Cox noted that at the last meeting a letter requesting reappointment had been submitted by Don Price. The council voted to advertise for the position, which had been done by both the Town of Saratoga and Carbon County and no additional letters of interest had been received.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to reappoint Don Price to the Carbon County Impact Joint Powers Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Howe the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the water and sewer joint powers board will be Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Encampment.

Medical Board: Councilwoman Welton noted that the medical board would be meeting in a couple of weeks.

Planning Commission: Councilman Wilcoxson took a moment to clarify his voting record as a member on the planning commission and as a member of the town council. Councilman Wilcoxson stated that he has never voted one way on Planning Commission issues and another way when the issue came before the council. Councilman Wilcoxson added that the only time he has voted on issues that came before both the Planning Commission and the Council was when he advocated for the appeal on the overlook subdivision.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting will be Monday, August 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: Cindy Bloomquist addressed the council and requested assistance from the town crews to install the solar fans in the greenhouse so that the tomato plants and other producing plants could be moved inside to lengthen their growing season.

Mayor Zeiger explained that the crews were busy with a water leak and with applying hot mix to pot holes but assured Ms. Bloomquist that when possible the fans would be installed.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No report

Items from the Public: Mayor Zeiger addressed the council and asked for public comments on where they would like to see Items from the Public on the Agenda. After a lengthy discussion with members from the public and the council it was decided that items from the public would better be served by being at the top of the agenda.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to place Items from the Public after Correspondence. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Welton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on August 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

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Mayor John Zeiger

ATTEST:

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Suzie Cox, Clerk