

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 21, 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: Councilwoman Garland made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$53,924.38; Payroll and FICA for 8/21/18 in the amount of \$57,795.55; and manual checks in the amount of \$693.81, for a total of \$112,413.74.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$112,413.74. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a letter from the Platte Valley Community Center outlining the events for this year's fundraiser Banquet and Auction scheduled for Saturday, September 8th beginning at 6:00pm.

Mayor Glode read a letter from the Carbon County Visitors Council stating that the visitor's council will begin distributing county Lodging Tax Allocations to communities. This task was handled by the treasurer's office in the past however, for the foreseeable future the funds will be distributed by the visitor's council.

Mayor Glode read a letter of resignation from Stephen Schierman resigning his position with the water and sewer department, August 26th will be his last day of work.

Mayor Glode read a letter of resignation from Natalie Adams who had been working as a part-time dispatcher. Ms. Adams now has a new baby and is finding it difficult to work part-time, her final day was August 7th.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Lee Ann Stephenson addressed the council and public to introduce herself as the Democratic candidate running for District 11 State Senator. Ms. Stephenson reviewed her past employment as a state employee working with the Department of Family Services, the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Victim's Services, and expressed her desire to be elected to work for the people and the State of Wyoming.

Randy Stevens addressed the council noting his displeasure and frustration because he has been unable to move soil on his property at Eleventh and Farm. Mr. Stevens indicated that he had applied for a grading permit and it had been denied.

A discussion followed with input from Councilman Faust explaining the reason for the needed information of the grading permits. The information required indicates the location of the property and the type of work to be done, and provides control should the individual go outside of the scope of work for that area of zoning.

Mr. Stevens defended his position by stating that all he was going to do was build a driveway and prepare a pad for a pole barn, and he had wanted to put in a sewer line.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve a grading permit for constructing a road and building a pad for a pole barn for Mr. Stevens. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded.

Discussion followed with Councilwoman Garland questioning the process and requirements of the grading permit. Jon Winter explained it's a simple one page permit application that Mr. Stevens had turned in and it and the map were incomplete. Mr. Stevens came back later with a photocopy of the same permit and map but the permit was incomplete and the map that was provided did not indicate the location of the proposed grading. Had Mr. Stevens provided the information required it would have been approved.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode reported that he had met with other elected officials at the Council of Governments meeting recently and discussed the 5th Penny, or Local Option Tax that will appear on the ballot in November.

The local option tax is used much the same as sales tax distribution, primarily used to supplement street repair and maintenance and other infrastructure projects.

Also discussed was the 6th Penny Tax which is a Specific Purpose Tax that will be on the ballot in May 2019. Members of COG did not want to put both taxes on the ballot in November for fear one would have been chosen over the other.

A decision was made to have each participating entity submit a list of projects outlined by November 8th to present to the other members of COG.

Each entity will list the projects and estimated cost of the projects they would like to see completed and the cost placed upon those projects as a whole.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Glode reported on the ISC projects associated with the Gateway West Transmission Line project, the TB Flats and EKOLA Flats Wind Energy projects from eastern Carbon County to Point of Rocks.

Saratoga did not submit requests for any large portion of impact funds on the EKOLA Flats and TB Flats projects but did indicate that they would be submitting a larger request for impact funds for the Gateway West Transmission Line project due to the proximity of the project being only 20 miles from Saratoga. The town will be asking for assistance in putting water and sewer lines to the lake, and improving the lake road so that the overflow of workers will be able to utilize the campground, putting less stress on local motels and hotels and restaurants. In that way local business will be able to accommodate not only the influx of temporary workers but also the tourist and visitors. Saratoga requested a little over 1.9 million dollars and the committee as a whole approved 1.5 million dollars.

Mayor Glode read the Memorandum of Understanding between Carbon County and participating entities of the Gateway West Transmission Line project and asked for permission to sign the agreement.

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the MOU. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: Nothing additional to review

Fire Department: Councilman Raymer applauded the fire departments many attempts to raise funds for fire equipment.

Police Department: Chief Bifano reported that with the resignation of a part-time dispatcher he would request permission to advertise for two part-time dispatchers to help cover shift.

Councilwoman Garland made a motion to allow Assistant Chief Bifano to advertise for two part-time dispatchers. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Streets:

- The crew has been applying asphalt patching around town where necessary
- They have completed the striping and painting cross walk at the Saratoga Inn
- They have loaded approximately 3946 cubic yards of millings
- County Road and Bridge anticipate hauling next week
- He will work with Road and Bridge to prioritize areas and schedule to haul to landfill/transfer station and landfill road.

Water and Sewer:

Director Winter requested permission to hire two water/wastewater operators to replace the two individuals that have resigned their positions.

Discussion followed and Mr. Winter was asked if he had his water/wastewater certification to which he stated that the state had discouraged him from getting his certification because he was not out working with the system every day. Mr. Winter was directed to work toward his water/wastewater certification so that if needed he would be able to cover for anyone.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow Mr. Winter to advertise for one water/wastewater operator. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer requested the council approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for Brandan Mistelski, a water/wastewater certified operator that has been with the town for nine years. Seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson the motion carried unanimously.

- Lagoon Improvement Project is completed, there may be a few glitches that they will be working through
- The crew has been flushing and repairing fire hydrants

Weed & Pest:

- August 17th was the last night of fogging

Hot Pool:

- The hot pool was cleaned on August 16th

Parks and Lake

- No report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the board met on August 8th and the FBO provided written suggestions on the lease agreements which everyone will review before the next meeting. The board reviewed two different landing fee models that they will review and discuss at the next meeting. There are a number of options that the board will be discussing, from credit card machines to paper billing.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on September 12, 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, September 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the board discussed the final wrap-up of the lagoon project. The project engineer for Element Engineering, Nicholas Marcotte, and Mike Hager, construction overseer, were in attendance to answer the boards questions about the project.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Councilman Wilcoxson voiced his concerns about the dumping of trash, including plastic bottles, glass and aluminum items in the construction pit. The landfill has chosen to not ship recyclables due to increases in transfer fees. He stated that he would rather see the trash transferred to a lined pit or recycler, knowing that he would be paying more if that was to happen.

The next landfill board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 5, 2018 in Saratoga.

Planning Commission:

Mayor Glode read the following two ordinances on second reading, each ordinance will be read in its entirety at third reading.

- 1) Ordinance #846, an Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.04, addressing Permits and Application Fees, on Second Reading.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve Ordinance #846 on second reading. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

- 2) Ordinance #847; an Ordinance Amending Sections 18.57 Regulating Mobile Home Parks Within the Town of Saratoga, on Second Reading.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve Ordinance #847 on second reading. Councilman Faust seconded the motion.

Discussion followed and Councilman Wilcoxson stated that he would have liked to see more people voicing their concerns about the changes to an ordinance that seems to be limiting uses in RD6000. It was noted that the red lined copy of the ordinance is on the town website for anyone to review before the third reading.

The question was called with Councilman Faust voting yes, Councilman Wilcoxson voting nay, Councilwoman Garland voting yes, Councilman Raymer voting yes, and Mayor Glode voting yes, the motion carried.

Councilman Faust noted that there was no meeting in August due to lack of a quorum.

The next planning commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, 2018.

Recreation Commission: Councilwoman Garland announced that the recreation commission will meet at the town hall on September 10, 2018.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on September 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk