

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 7, 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 July 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Sam Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$103,830.96; Payroll and FICA for 8/7/18 in the amount of \$59,457.41; and manual checks in the amount of \$52,556.15, for a total of \$215,844.52.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$1,286.71. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$214,557.81. Councilwoman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a letter from the American Legion Post #54 with a check in the amount of \$3,000 that they were donating to the Tyler Pickett Park Fund. The donation was made to help with the town's efforts to begin developing the park. The funds were raised by the American Legion over the 4th of July weeklong celebration. The council expressed their appreciation for the Legion's support and generous donation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Faust gave a short update from the Council and Planning Commission's workshop reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Saratoga and the County. The Council and Planning commission discussed the upcoming flood management discussions.

Mayor Glode reported the following

- The audit that will be taking place on August 8th, 9th and 10th.
- The Community Garden Department of Agriculture grant obligations have been satisfied and documentation has been submitted and approved. Director Ted Craig followed up with a positive site visit.
- There will be a COG meeting on Wednesday evening, August 15th to begin addressing the 5th Penny Tax
- There will be an impact assistance funding review on Thursday, August 16th to address the Gateway West Transmission Line project that Mayor Glode indicated he would be attending
- Mayor Glode reported that he and Jon Nelson had been in contact with Verizon concerning the obvious non-functionality of the tower that was placed by the Middle/High School, and the failure to pay the monthly lease payment for the placement of the tower. Both concerns were addressed and will be corrected
- Attended a meeting with Union Telephone concerning their internet service which was very productive

Councilman Wilcoxson indicated he might have some personal issues that may make it hard for him to attend the COG meeting and he may need to leave the meeting early. He would like the airport to address landing and tie down fees and a review of the airport ordinance to make sure that all airport funds can be used for airport maintenance.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Prior to the following meeting, Mayor Glode read a letter that will be sent to Dr. Brian Kaiser concerning his lease of the medical clinic from the Town of Saratoga. The letter indicated that the Town council will not renew or renegotiate the current lease when it expires.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the letter with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Raymer seconded and a discussion followed.

Councilman Faust commented on rural healthcare systems and models and believes that the current healthcare system used in Saratoga would be best served through a Health Management Service.

Councilman Raymer agreed that a private healthcare provider in a small community has many challenges of long hours which is a difficult job for one person, he believes HMS services will work well in our community.

Karl Rude, President of Health Management Services, LLC, addressed the council explaining that they have operated the Saratoga Care Center for the past three years and have struggled through some difficult time. They have enjoyed being here and working through those issues knowing that through those struggles they have built a network of stake holders and professionals that are willing to help with the issues facing the care center and the clinic. Mr. Rude indicated he and Dr. Kaiser have worked diligently through this process of developing a plan of succession. On October 1st HMS will be prepared to take over the operations and the clinic and he and Dr. Kaiser have developed a plan that allows a leeway on both sides of that time table. Looking forward, there will be changes to the current healthcare system and the hope is to have a critical care hospital here to serve this valley. Mr. Rude summarized the plans for the future to include plans for town hall meetings, open comment periods, steering committees and involving the community in many of the decisions to be made.

Mayor Glode asked for public comments: Nancy Jansa and Cindy Bloomquist and Janet Kennaday expressed their concerns about transparency in making these decisions about changes in health care for this community and voiced support for Dr. Kaiser.

Karl Rude responded to those concerns with an overview of the HMS' experiences, qualifications and plans for providing quality health care for the valley. Following this discussion, the Council thanked Karl Rude for his comments; Mayor Glode called for the question.

Councilman Faust voted yes, Councilman Wilcoxson voted yes, Councilwoman Garland voted yes, Councilman Raymer voted yes and Mayor Glode voted yes. The motion carried.

Discussion followed but no further action was taken on this matter.

Jason Campbell, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Carbon County Memorial Hospital, who had intended to present a proposal for a satellite clinic under CCMH found, no need to continue with specifics of the proposal and thanked the council for their time.

Tasha Worthington addressed the council identifying herself and her husband David Worthington as Co-Investors of the airport and discussed the lease issues that the Airport Board has been reviewing for the past few years. In commenting on the lease, Ms. Worthington stated that the "new" lease was objectionable to the town's former attorney, most of the lease holders, the current FBO, and the Worthington's attorney because it is gibberish and discriminates. Ms. Worthington asked that her comments be a matter of record and David Worthington added his comments as well. Both reiterated that they did not like the new leases and they were allowed, by former board members, to continue under their old lease until everyone could agree on the new leases that had been approved by the airport board and council. They fear the airport board will approve the lease as written, forcing all lease holders to accept it even if they do not agree.

Councilman Raymer responded to their concern noting that the board has given the lease holders every opportunity to work with the FBO on their issues of concern and to come up with the definitions that were discussed. If the lease holders are not prepared to submit something to the board at tomorrow's meeting the board may decide to finalize the lease and the lease holders will be expected to abide by their decision.

Councilman Raymer tried without success to resolve the tenacity of the situation and Mayor Glode moved on with no action taken.

Winslow Golly addressed the council with a question concerning his ability to park his log truck on property at 6th Street and Spring Avenue. Councilman Faust suggested Mr. Golly attend the Planning Commission meeting on September 11th to discuss these issues.

Councilman Wilcoxson reviewed past decisions made about parking loaded and unloaded log trucks on town streets.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: Nothing additional to review

Fire Department: No Report

Police Department: No report

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

Streets:

Director Winter requested permission to paint a cross walk and install signs across Pic Pike Road at the east end of the Saratoga Inn parking area

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow the town crew to paint crosswalks and install signs on Pic Pike Road. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Approximately 3600 cubic yards of millings have been loaded out, with 7900 already spoken for, leaving approximately 4000 cubic yards to use on town projects
- The County Road and Bridge will be hauling next week
- Discussed remaining millings and prioritizing of streets and roads to be repaired
- Painting curbs and filling holes

Water and Sewer:

- 2nd DMR has been submitted
- Taking monthly samples
- Continue flushing and repairing hydrants
- Lagoon Improvement Project nearly completed
- Putting doors on the building and making sure that everything is operational

Weed & Pest:

- Will be fogging Monday, Wednesday and Friday through mid August
- Aerial applications are finished

Hot Pool:

- Working with Randy Lane on making repairs on the toilets at the hot pool

Parks and Lake

- No report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Richard Raymer reported that the runway project has been completed, contractors will be back to finish up the striping. The Board will be discussing landing and parking fees at their next meeting.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on August 8, 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, August 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board:

Councilman Raymer reported that the board will meet tomorrow and will hopefully have their representing engineer on hand to answer a few questions on the final process of the project. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board:

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 first reading by Section Title only.

- 1) Ordinance #846, an Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.04, addressing Permits and Application Fees, on Second Reading. This ordinance will set fees for permits and applications that can be reviewed and updated from time to time as necessary without the need to make amendments to the ordinances.
- 2) Ordinance #847; an Ordinance Amending Sections 18.57 Regulating Mobile Home Parks Within the Town of Saratoga, on Second Reading.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance #846 on first reading. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance #847 on first reading. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

The ordinances will be available on the town's website for anyone to review along with the red lined original of ordinance #847.

The next planning commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on August 14, 2018.

Recreation Commission:

Councilwoman Garland announced that the recreation commissions 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 7:26 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk