

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 17, 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.

Mayor Zeiger explained that there was a Christmas Concert beginning at 6:30 and he would like to move through the agenda quickly so that anyone wanting to go to the concert would be able to do so.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Barbara Beck under Town Hall reports. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 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: \$72,131.48; Payroll and FICA for 12/15/14 in the amount of \$64,895.56; and manual checks in the amount of \$403.39, for a total of \$137,430.43.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$137,430.43. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Barbara Beck, of Beck Consulting, addressed the council and audience regarding the updating of the need to update the Carbon County Multi-Mitigation Plan that was adopted in 2009. Updating the plan ensures the county will remain eligible to compete for funds to carry out projects and to be eligible for assistance after a disaster. There is no cost to for the updates and adoption of the updated plan is voluntary, but all jurisdictions – town, city, and county level that wish to be eligible for grant funds and disaster assistance will need to adopt the updated plan.

Goals, objectives and projects will also be updated as part of the plan and plans that help protect lives, property, or infrastructure can be identified by local governments, emergency responders, and/or members of the public.

A draft of the plan will be prepared and made available for public review and comment late in the spring of 2015. Copies will be available at each town or city hall and through the county's website. Input is encouraged at any time during the process until the plan is adopted by the governing body in the summer of 2015.

The council thanked Ms. Beck for her presentation

Clerk Suzie Cox reported that she had provided a list of delinquent water bills for their review along with the delinquent notice that was sent to each individual. Although the list was provided to the council the names would not be made public.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: No Report

Recreation Department: No Report

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Department of Public Works Supervisor Chuck Bartlett reported that the crew has been snow plowing. Mr. Bartlett reported that the ice slicer has been ordered but not received.

Councilwoman Welton expressed her appreciation to the town crew for putting up the Christmas lights on the poles downtown.

Chuck Bartlett also reported that the town is having a beaver problem in the area around the hot pool and he has called the state Wildlife Services Specialist and was waiting for a call back to see what could be done.

- Water & Sewer: No Report
- Weed and Pest: No Report
- Hot Pool: No Report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Bobby Chitwood addressed the council concerning the changes to the airport minimum standards and the hanger lease changes that the airport board had discussed.

Clerk Suzie Cox explained that she had received the changes in November and had sent them to Tom Thompson for his review. Mr. Thompson will review the proposed changes and return them to the council for approval before they are sent to the hanger owners. Clerk Cox noted that it could take a couple of months before the leases can be sent to the hanger owners for review before signing. (Typically the leases are sent to the owners in October to give them time to review them before they expire the end of December that way new leases are approved by the council before the January 1st. deadline)

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to allow a two month extension on the hanger leases. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on January 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, January 12, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Encampment.

Medical Board: No Report

Planning Commission: The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: The next meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No Report.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Welton made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 pm. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on January 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

John Zeiger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox, Clerk