

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD JANUARY 17, 2017 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 Steven Wilcoxson, Councilwoman Jennie Lou Ivory and Councilman Richard Raymer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Ivory seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$49,969.38; Payroll and FICA in the amount of \$60,212.38; and manual checks in the amount of \$641.83 for a total of \$110,823.59.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$2,970.60. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the R.G. Raymer Construction bill in the amount of \$880.03. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Councilman Raymer declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$106,972.96. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Nothing to report

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Nothing to report

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Mayor Ed Glode presented the list of mayoral appoints as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Will Faust

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

- Town Hall Will Faust
- Police Department Ed. J. Glode, Mayor
- Recreation Department Jennie Lou Ivory
- Department of Public Works Richard Raymer
- Fire Department Steve Wilcoxson

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE:

- Airport Board Richard Raymer
- Medical Board Will Faust
- Community Center Judy Welton – County Representative
- Water and Sewer Richard Raymer
- Planning Commission Will Faust
- Recreation Commission Jennie Lou Ivory
- Landfill Board Steve Wilcoxson
- Emergency Management Coordinator: John Zeiger
- Chamber of Commerce Ed J. Glode, Mayor
- COG Voting Member: Steve Wilcoxson
- SCWEMS (Saratoga Representative): Cindy Talbott

Mayor Ed. J. Glode noted that the Financial Audit that was placed in the council boxes was for the Council review. The audit will be brought before the council for approval and acceptance at a future meeting.

Mayor Glode reviewed the Community Gas Grant Application that was submitted on behalf of the town for three benches to be strategically placed in the downtown parking lot. The grant application requires approval from the council with permission for the Mayor to sign.

Recreation Director Lisa Burton wrote the grant application for the purchase of three benches, two will be placed in the downtown parking lot and one will be placed near the front of the town hall. The grant application is for \$2500.00 for the three benches and the approximate cost to the town for the benches will be \$800.00 for freight and installation.

Mayor Glode read Resolution 2017-02 in support of the Community Gas Grant Application.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 and the Community Gas Grant Application with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Police Chief Bifano reported that he continues to work on the 911 system which will require a new contract. In discussing this with a new contact, they indicated that they will be waiving any additional fees to set up a new contract.

Chief Bifano reported that Officer Tyler Christen has completed his FBO training and will begin patrolling Monday.

Recreation Department: Director Burton reported that in addition to the Community Gas Grant application for the benches she has also been working on classes for 2017.

Department of Public Works: Director Winter reported the following:

Street Department:

- Crew continues snow plowing and sanding, recording 65 hrs on plows trucks, 33 hrs on pick-ups w/plows, and 47 hrs on the loader
- Replacing the lights on the Bridge Street light poles
- Continue working on the water volume for the Bridge Street heating system

Water & Sewer:

- Repairing the Myrtle Street lift station
- Repaired a blockage on pump #2 at the Lagoon headwork's
- Level sensor will be installed as time permits
- Cleared a sewer line blockage on Rangeview, will continue to evaluate this as a problem area
- A water line break was reported in the old PD building
- Met with Sunrise Engineering to gather information for the Lagoon evaluation project, expect to have draft report within two weeks
- Attended a lead and copper training class on January 10, 2017
- Working on 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2016 DMR's

Weed and Pest:

- EIMG year-end report submitted – the town will be reimbursing the grant for the unused portion in the amount of \$5,800.

Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:

Hot Pool/Good Times Park

- Routine maintenance at the hot pool

Parks

- Nothing to report

Lake

- Opening and cleaning of the restrooms and clearing roads and snow removal in preparation for the fishing derby.

River Project: Mayor Glode reported that interviews were completed for the gravel removal and Ready Oil Field Services was selected to begin removing gravel from the river beginning the first

part of February with completion expected within two weeks. The bid proposal for the project was \$133,147.23.

Discussion followed between the council and mayor

- Five bids were received for the removal of river gravel, three contractors were interviewed
- Councilman Wilcoxson voiced concerns that although the gravel is removed this year it will need to be repeated again in the near future and suggested that the town bring in a contractor with a mining permit to remove the gravel, in return the gravel would be his to do with as he wanted and removal would not be a cost to the town
- Councilman Faust indicated it is a huge amount of money for the town to spend at a time when revenues are down

Following the discussion, Councilman Raymer made a motion to award the contract to remove the river gravel to Ready Oil Field Services. Councilman Faust seconded and the discussion continued

Randy Raymer provided a short history on past dredging operations that have been done in the river in the same areas.

- Councilman Raymer asked if the gravel could then be used on the south end of Veteran's Island to reinforce that part of the island.
- It was noted that the gravel cannot be sold or transferred to another property but can only be used by the state, county or for the town's uses such as bedding for water and sewer lines and screened for other town projects.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

#### REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Mayor Glode reported that the Grant Application included in their packets is for safety lighting and cameras at the airport. The proposed project cost will be \$75,000 with State Share of \$67,500 and Town share of \$7,500 and will require permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the grant application with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer reported that the last airport board meeting included a conference call between the board, with Jeremiah Woodard from the FAA, Brian Nelson with WYDOT Aeronautics and Dave Schultz of Sage Engineering. The discussion included information on the upcoming Runway Rehab Project and covered the design phase, construction time lines and anticipated completion of the project. The design phase should be completed by the fall of 2017 with the construction anticipated to begin early spring of 2018.

Mayor Glode requested council approval of the lease agreement transfers from Saratoga Aviation to Mountain Flight Services with permission for the Mayor to sign. The Commercial Airport Lease and Aircraft Parking and Storage Lease approved by the airport board were signed by Aaron Maddox of Mountain Flight Services. The transfer includes the transfer of management duties at the airport as well as the maintenance and oversight of all activities at the airport.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the lease agreements with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer reported that the next Airport Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Community Center Joint Powers Board:

The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the last meeting of the water and sewer JPB was a short meeting with the board reviewing the sewer lagoon project.

Councilman Raymer reported that the next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Landfill Chairman Randy Raymer provided a short report on the transfer station.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Encampment.

Medical Foundation: No report

Planning Commission:

Councilman Faust reported that the planning commission continues to discuss the ordinance for the planned unit development which has been sent to the town attorney for review. The planning commission believes this will be a good tool for future development.

Councilman Faust presented a letter of interest from Nora Ashbury expressing her interest in being appointed to fill the vacancy on the planning commission.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the appointment of Nora Ashbury to the planning commission. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that the January meeting would be held the following evening (January 18<sup>th</sup>) at 5:00 p.m. and that the next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Clerk's note: The following statement is a direct quote written and submitted by Sun Reporter Max Miller.

Because Mr. Miller repeatedly made the following statement stating that he wanted his comments to be exact, and included in the minutes when published, he was asked to submit his statement in writing.)

*Saratoga Sun reporter Max Miller said Council member Will Faust had had a conversation with Miller's boss, Keith McClendon. During the conversation, Faust complained about the way Miller had framed events at the Jan 3 council meeting. In the same conversation, Faust mentioned the amount of revenue given to the Sun by the town of Saratoga, and Miller asked Faust what his intentions were when he mentioned that sum.*

*Faust said the mention was not meant to be a threat and reiterated his opinion that Miller's coverage of the Jan. 3 council meeting was biased.*

*Miller replied, "That's a perfectly reasonable opinion to have, but if you intend to use public funds as a carrot and stick to influence my political coverage, I can promise you two things. One, it will not work, and two, the public will be made aware every time a threat is made."*

No further comments were made.

Community Garden Board: Mayor Glode reported that the Town Council and the Garden Board will hold a workshop on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Community Garden Board will be Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: Nothing to report

New Business: None to report

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

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Ed J Glode, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzie Cox