

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 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, Councilwoman Judy Welton., and Councilman Mike McWain

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman McWain made a motion to approve the agenda as presented Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Councilwoman Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$56,239.55; Payroll and FICA for 12/29/14 in the amount of \$57,628.20; and manual checks in the amount of \$56,885.99, for a total of \$170,753.74.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$170,753.74. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Mayor Zeiger gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Ed. J. Glode, newly elected Councilman Richard Raymer and newly elected Councilman Will Faust. Following the Oath of Office the new Mayor and Councilmen joined Councilwoman Judy Welton and Councilwoman Susan Howe.

Mayor Glode stated that he would be postponing the appointments until January 20th to allow him to complete his interviews for those positions.

Mayor Glode asked the council for a motion to designate The Bank of the West, the Rawlins National Bank and the Bank of Commerce as the official depositories.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to designate the Bank of the West as an official depository of the Town of Saratoga, seconded by Councilwoman Howe. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faust made a motion to designate the Rawlins National Bank as an official depository of the Town of Saratoga, seconded by Councilwoman Welton. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to designate the Bank of Commerce as an official depository of the Town of Saratoga, seconded by Councilman Faust. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode asked the council to designate the Saratoga Sun and the Rawlins Daily Times as the designated newspapers.

Councilman Faust made a motion to designate the Saratoga Sun as the official newspaper of the Town of Saratoga, seconded by Councilman Raymer. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to designate the Rawlins Daily Times as the official newspaper of the Town of Saratoga, seconded by Councilman Faust. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim Johnson, accompanied by Melissa Gibson and Jackie Erwin, from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, addressed the council and audience regarding the Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Program which began in 2010 as a follow-up program to the (Flood) Map

Modernization Program. FEMA has a program to provide updated flood risk information for communities complementing the National Flood Insurance Program. The program scope for Carbon County is anticipated to begin in March 2015 and will include unincorporated areas and municipalities both participating and non-participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The goals will include FEMA's collaboration with federal, state, and local stakeholders to achieve the following: It will address gaps in flood hazard data; improve public awareness through outreach; and support mitigation planning and risk analysis programs.

Although it is expected that the RiskMap Program Phases will take approximately seven years to complete it will improve and update the current flood mapping currently used by most Carbon County communities.

The current map that Saratoga uses was developed in the 1970's and it is outdated. Saratoga has been participating in the updating process whenever possible and with money available for Carbon County and Goshen County the town was encouraged to continue to participate in the program and with no questions forthcoming the council thanked Mr. Johnson for their presentation

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mayor Glode asked if there were any other items from the public and Carbon County Emergency Manager John Zeiger noted that he would be going to Riverton on January 29th for a Homeland Security pre-flood meeting and will share the information with the town when he returns.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Nothing to Report

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton provided the council with a calendar of events for January.

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Department of Public Works Supervisor Chuck Bartlett reported that the ice slicer has been received.
Mr. Bartlett stated that he will be attending a pre-construction meeting in Rawlins with WYDOT to review plans on resurfacing the bridge on HWY 130. The contractor and WYDOT will be giving a short presentation to the council in late May prior to starting the project
- Water & Sewer: No Report
- Weed and Pest: The final report on the mosquito grant has been sent to the Department of Ag with final approval expected by the end of January. The Pest Management Conference will be held January 20th through 22nd in Casper and Mr. Bartlett requested permission for he and Chuck McVey to attend.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to allow Chuck Bartlett and Chuck McVey to attend the Pest Management Conference in Casper January 20th through 22nd in Casper. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Hot Pool: No Report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

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

Community Center Joint Powers Board: Joe Elder CEO of the Community Center addressed the council welcoming the new members and reporting that the annual dinner for the Chamber of Commerce is Thursday evening January 8th and there are still a few tickets available.

Mr. Elder reported that the Technology Upgrade will be happening the week of January 26th and there may be a few interruptions in internet service but there are no major events scheduled during that time so it will be a good time to make the upgrade. The center will be going to a server system to connect with the computer lab. It will include a new rolling center with a monodpad and a large touch screen TV to be used in the meeting rooms. The upgrade is possible through generous donations from supporters of the center.

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: Mayor Glode read Ordinance 829; An Ordinance Amending In Part, Section 13.40.030, Subsection A. Of The Town of Saratoga Municipal Code Defining "Single-Family Residential Unit" on First Reading.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve Ordinance 829 on first reading. Councilman Faust seconded.

Mayor Glode answered a number of questions put to the council concerning the increase in charges for multifamily dwellings and mobile home parks.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode reported that the council had received two letters of interest for the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board but Clerk Cox will advertise for letters of interest before appointments to the board are considered.

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

Landfill Board: Randy Raymer, Chairman of the Landfill Board addressed the council and reported on the regional distribution project and development of a transfer station. Re- application will be made to the Wyoming State Land and Investment Board. The deadline for the grant is March 6th and upon approval from SLIB the bid for the transfer station can go out in June, 2015.

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

Medical Board: No Report

Planning Commission: Zoning Officer Chuck Bartlett reported that the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit from Maria Johnson for a custom embroidery and screen printing business in her home. The board discussed a Variance request from Dave Johnson and a discussion was held on the fence ordinance.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be 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, January 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No Report.

Executive Session: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to go into executive session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss personnel and matters of litigation in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii) seconded by Councilman Faust the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faust made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Councilman Welton and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faust made a motion to seal the minutes from the executive session seconded by Councilman Raymer and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode noted no action was taken.

Business: Mayor Glode reported that he and Councilman Raymer will be going to the WAM Winter Workshop in Cheyenne on January 21st through the 23rd and would like a motion to nominate him as the Voting Delegate for the conference and nominating Councilman Raymer as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the conference.

Councilman Faust made a motion to appoint Mayor Glode as voting delegate and Councilman Raymer as the alternate voting delegate for the WAM Winter Conference. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Welton made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J. Glode Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox, Clerk