

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD JULY 5, 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 Faust made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Ivory seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$80,462.36; Payroll and FICA for pay period 6/27/2017 in the amount of \$67,106.65; and manual checks in the amount of \$51,814.66, for a total of \$199,383.67.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$199,383.67. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Raymer thanked everyone for making Togie Days a huge success. He extended his appreciation to all of the volunteers and businesses that participated in making it successful.

Councilman Wilcoxson added his thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend and July 4<sup>th</sup> events successful and thanked everyone that helped with the July 4<sup>th</sup> barbeque at Veteran's Island making it a huge success.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: David Worthington brought up an agreement between the airport manager (Saratoga Jet Center) and the Brush Creek ranch which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Nothing to report

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Police Chief Robert Bifano reported that Officer Christen will graduate on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The police department has been working on two drug cases executing a search warrant on one property and confiscated marijuana and filed charges on possession and cultivation of the marijuana. They also found THC at the same location, all evidence will be sent to the crime lab. Additionally there may be other charges as well. Another case resulted in finding more marijuana and THC liquid that will also be sent to the crime lab.

Ryan Electronics finished working on the dispatch center renovation and the 911 system update continues. There is a problem with the cards which is being corrected and the project will move forward with a recheck of the system before going live.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that the swimming pool was very busy over the weekend and through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Department of Public Works: Director Jon Winter reported as follows:

Street Department:

- The weed-eaters have been out weeding and John Lasco has been out mowing in preparation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend including Veteran's Island and the airport area
- Stripping downtown streets and will continue until completed
- Patching pot holes and received additional material that will allow them to continue patching
- Maintenance as necessary

#### Water & Sewer:

- Lagoon upgrade project – The JPB, at a special meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> awarded the design and engineering of the project to Element Engineering. of Denver Colorado
- A kick-off meeting is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 prior to the regular JPB meeting
- Mowing around the lagoon area
- General service calls
- Will begin taking July samples next week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter DMR will be submitted
- Total June revenues from the Sani-Star RV dump totaled \$645

#### Weed and Pest:

- Foggging schedule continues for Monday, Wednesday and Friday weather permitting
- Aerial spraying of Adulticide was done on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- One additional Adulticide spraying is anticipated for the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Ordered the new fogger and received additional chemicals

#### Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:

Hot Pool/Good Times Park: Routine maintenance and repaired a timer solenoid on one of the showers

Parks and Lake: General clean-up and mowing

#### REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Mayor Glode read a letter submitted by Robert Maddox requesting permission from the town council to complete an agreement with Brush Creek Ranch for the occasional use of their hanger for the nightly use by transient aircraft.

Councilman Raymer and Councilman Wilcoxson reviewed the concerns voiced by David Worthington in support of his requests to be able to lease out his hanger(s) under his current private lease. Mr. Worthington alleges that his treatment is unfair because he is not allowed to do so without changing from a private lease to a commercial lease. Mr. Worthington also believes the amount required for a sublease is equally unfair.

Following the discussion about private leases, commercial leases, sub-leases and fees Councilman Raymer requested that the council schedule a workshop for the council and the airport board to review the current leases. The workshop will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the agreement between Saratoga Jet Center and Brush Creek Ranch as presented. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer reported that a special meeting was held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to review the bids that came in for the Runway Rehabilitation project. Three bids were received, Century Companies at \$3,199,995.00; Mountain Construction at \$3,268,186.26 and Simon Construction at \$3,998,630.00. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$3,594,000.00.

Councilman Raymer reviewed the bid tabs for the council and noted that the airport board was recommending that the council awarded the project to Century Company, Inc. at a cost of \$3,199,995.00.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to award the Runway Rehab project to Century Companies, Inc. at a cost of \$3,199,995.00. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded the motion.

A discussion followed with Councilman Raymer reviewing the project and noting the construction of the project will begin March 15, 2018 with a completion date of May 15, 2018. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode read the following final request for reimbursement and request for payment for the bidding phase of the runway rehab project as follows: (RFP) for Payment #6 project # ASAA13A for State funds in the amount of \$644.10, and Payment Request #6 for Federal Funds in the amount of \$9,665.50.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the request for reimbursement and the payment request for the bidding phase of the runway rehab project with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Airport Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Community Center Joint Powers Board: No report

The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the water and sewer JPB held a special workshop on June 28<sup>th</sup> to review the bids for the lagoon project. Two contractors were interviewed with both interviewing well, The Element Company bid of \$49,000,000.00 contained a *not to exceed* clause unless the town calls for a change order. The project was awarded to Element Companies by the JPB.

The next Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board meeting will be on July 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Councilman Wilcoxson noted that the next meeting was taking place this same night.

Medical Foundation:

Planning and Zoning: Councilman Wilcoxson addressed the council with concerns about the enforcement of the current nuisance ordinance. Councilman Wilcoxson asked that the town attorney be contacted to review the series of nuisances ordinances that have been adopted by the town council over the years.

- The original ordinance was Ordinance #625 passed on October 6, 1997  
The ordinance pertained to abandoned and derelict vehicles and partially or wholly dismantled including parts, etc
- That ordinance was subsequently repealed by Ordinance #626 dated December 15, 1997  
The ordinance was repealed in its entirety by a referendum vote through a special election on December 9, 1997.

Under State Statute; Article 10 – Initiative and Referendum

**§ 22-23-1004. Adoption by electors; repealing or amending.**

*(a) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question vote in favor of a proposed initiative ordinance, it is adopted and may not be repealed or amended except by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the municipality.*

*(b) The municipal governing body may submit to a vote of the people at a special election or a regular municipal, primary or general election, the question of repealing or amending an ordinance adopted by initiative petition.*

Councilman Wilcoxson asked that the council consent to have the town attorney review the legality of the new ordinance.

Councilman Faust asked if Councilman Wilcoxson's interpretation of the statute is that any original language in the first ordinance cannot be used in the following ordinances. Councilman Wilcoxson responded that it is what the state statute says, not how he interprets it. Discussion followed and no action was taken.

Councilman Faust reported that the next meeting will be on July 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: Mayor Glode read a letter of resignation from Joe Elder resigning his position on the Recreation Commission.

The next meeting will be on July 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: Mayor Glode noted that Invoices were submitted for payment.

David Worthington noted that they have been weeding and planting, however the student workers, through the grant, can only manage the hoop beds and count pollinators and are not allowed to do any weeding. In the future it would be nice to have an irrigation system to all of the beds.

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services: Mayor Glode read a note from Jeb Steward indicating that SCWEMS had engaged Safetec Solutions to perform an assessment of the ambulance service and Aarron Reinert will be back in Saratoga on July 27<sup>th</sup> to present his findings. The ambulance service is inviting the council to attend the presentation scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Nothing to discuss

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the council. Councilman Raymer made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 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