

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD JUNE 19, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Garland made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Sam Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$45,009.87; Payroll and FICA for 6/12/18 in the amount of \$61,451.48; and manual checks in the amount of \$403.39 for a total of \$158,595.64.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$3,727.09. Councilman Wilcoxson 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 \$154,868.55. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a letter from Wyoming Community Gas providing notice of the distribution check attached. The town received a check in the amount of \$4,354.32 on behalf of the Community Gas 2017 Community Contribution. The total yearly distribution for each participating municipality is based on anticipated monies received by Wyoming Community Gas from June to May.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Doug Boyd, WLC Engineering, provided the council with a Plat of the completed Cemetery Expansion project. The plat shows the reroute of the power poles/lines as proposed by CP&L and approved by the Cemetery Board. The reroute will place the poles and lines on cemetery property outside the fence of the existing cemetery. The line will come back across a short portion of the new expansion and that area can be used for landscaping, and will not be an issue with placing graves in that area.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the plat as presented with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Wilcoxson reported that he had been approached by an individual that was interested in doing a fundraiser by "adopting a fire hydrant". The town and the fire department would choose a color to use on the hydrants and he would volunteer to begin a campaign to paint all of the town's fire hydrants. Discussion followed addressing the need to identify the mandatory colors for the different flow capabilities of each hydrant. No action was taken.

Councilman Faust noted that he and Mayor Glode had met with a representative from Wyoming Housing Network to discuss Affordable Housing, affordable funding and available properties that could be considered. This will likely be a two year project resulting in a twelve unit facility.

Councilman Wilcoxson encouraged the Planning Commission to consider zoning changes that would include allowing smaller homes on single smaller lots where the average cost would be considerably less than the newer homes currently being built.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Glode reviewed the Carbon County Visitor's Council letters of interest submitted by Megan James and Dan Burau.

Councilman Faust made a motion to appoint Dan Burau to be Saratoga's representative to the Carbon County Visitor's Council Board. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: Mayor Glode read ORDINANCE No. 843, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 840, authorizing the budget officer to amend the 2017/2018 fiscal year budget on third and final reading.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 843 on third and final reading. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode read a portion of ORDINANCE No. 844, an Ordinance to provide income to finance the 2018/2019 fiscal year budget on third and final reading.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance 844 on third and final reading. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Police Department: No report

Recreation Department: Director Burton reported that there were some wiring issues that could be causing problems with the wading pool heater. Those issues have been corrected and the wading pool will be painted tomorrow. They will then test the heater to see if it is adequate to efficiently heat the wading pool.

Department of Public Works: Councilman Raymer reviewed the report provided by DPW Director Jon Winter.

Streets:

- Will begin loading the airport millings for Carbon County Road and Bridge on Thursday
- Striping pavement downtown and at the Cemetery
- Weed eating alleys, right of ways, and mowing along the highway

Water and Sewer:

- Lagoon Project final punch list items are being addressed  
Jon Nelson indicated that the pole barn addition was being discussed and the construction crew was cleaning up around the job site.  
Councilman Raymer thanked Jon Nelson and his crew for the terrific job that has been done at the lagoon. Adding that he believes the town will see a cost savings with the new improvements that have been done
- The crew is jetting lines and doing maintenance as needed

Weed & Pest:

- Will fog on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, weather permitting and aerial spraying before the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend

## REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the grooving is to be done in July. The grooving process will be done at night from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. until the project is completed. Following the grooving, the seal coat project will be completed in one day with no extra closing of the airport,

The next Airport Board meeting will be on July 11, 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, July 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Mayor Glode read two letters requesting reappointment to the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board from Joe Parsons and from Craig Kopasz.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to reappoint Joe Parsons to the JPB. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to reappoint Craig Kopasz to the JPB. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer reported that the Wyoming Water Development Commission's Level I Water Study results were discussed and passed by the Board. The board was forwarding their recommendation to the Council to award the Level 1 Water Study project to Forsgren Associates from Evanston Wyoming.

Councilman Raymer added that he believes that if the board would have had the opportunity, or would have taken the time to have a longer discussion, the outcome might have changed.

Councilman Wilcoxson seconded the motion to allow for discussion.

Councilman Raymer voiced his concerns and believes that the contract should have gone to one of the two local engineering firms that submitted bids for the Level I Water Study. The firm that was awarded the Level 1 Study will continue through the Level II and Level III studies as well. He stated that Forsgren is a very reputable firm and will provide a professional study for the Town of Saratoga. However, he doesn't believe that the selection process was handled correctly, or that the town's best interest was considered during that process.

Councilman Faust agreed, but stated that at this late date it is possible that the town could lose this funding if the town does not move forward with the recommendation.

The question was called: Councilman Faust voted yea, Councilman Wilcoxson voted nay, Councilwoman Garland voted yea, Councilman Raymer voted yea and Mayor Glode voted yea. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Councilman Wilcoxson read two letters sent by Chairman Randy Raymer addressing dumpster stuffing at random dumpsters by the public.

The first letter referenced the ongoing problem of dumpster stuffing, particularly at Veteran's Island and the Hot Pool. The council discussed options for dealing with excessive use by those that do not want to hire one of the sanitation haulers to pick up their trash, or not taking their trash to the landfill. The majority of the issues are caused by those that do not want to take their own trash to the landfill, or they do not want to pay to have trash hauled. Searching trash for ownership and citing individuals for stuffing dumpsters will also be addressed.

The other letter addressed the landfill board's agreement with the town for the town's maintenance of the landfill road. The board would like to work with the town to develop a plan to improve the road.

Additionally, the board requested consideration to utilize approximately 100 cubic yards of airport millings material for the area around the steel recycling location.

Next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2018 in Encampment

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission Councilman Faust reported that Triple D Construction had submitted a very simple design plan for construction of garage condominium units along the north boundaries of the overlook. The units would be leased or rented by home owners of the overlook subdivision. The need for a variance for the project will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on July 10, 2018

Recreation Commission: Councilwoman Garland discussed providing a way for the public to use credit cards at the swimming pool in order to pay for swim lessons and regular swimming. Following the discussion, Councilman Faust made a motion to allow Director Burton to move forward with getting a unit that can swipe cards and that will work with the recreation cell phone. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on July 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No report

Old Business: The council addressed the Special Event Application from Cindy Bloomquist for a concert at the "Yard" on June 30, 2018. The application was turned in immediately prior to the June 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting without obtaining signatures.

Councilman Faust stated that the council had already cautioned them that they would not be approving the event applications if they were not submitted 30 days prior to the scheduled events as stated in the applications. Additionally, they were to have all signatures gathered prior to submitting the application to the council. Discussion followed.

Councilman Raymer stated that due to the process outlined a year ago he was making a motion to deny the special event application for June 30, 2018.

Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Raymer made a motion to move into executive session at 7:24 p.m. to consider information considered confidential by law, in accordance with W. S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii). Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to move out of executive session at 8:07 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the minutes from the executive session and to put the minutes of the executive session in a sealed envelope in accordance with State Statute 16-4-405(b). Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried. Councilman Faust noted that no action had been taken.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Raymer made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Councilman Faust seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on July 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

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Ed J Glode, Mayor

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Suzie Cox, Clerk