

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD JUNE 6, 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 Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 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: \$71,111.59; Payroll and FICA for pay period 5/30/2017 in the amount of \$60,572.05; and manual checks in the amount of \$60,479.09, for a total of \$192,162.73.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$4,838.67. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$187,324.06. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode reported that he had been approached by students from SMHS requesting use of the downtown parking lot for a car wash on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Having no other activities in the parking lot that day, the council approved its use for a carwash.

Mayor Glode stated that the council had been given copies of the current town ordinance addressing local liquor laws and a copy of a draft resolution that is being reviewed by the County Commissioners to set countywide liquor laws that can be utilized by all county municipalities. The council was asked to review both documents and if they have any questions or suggestions to bring them back to the next meeting.

Councilman Wilcoxson reminded the council that during the budget workshops they had proposed moving forward with the Tyler Picket Park project. Councilman Wilcoxson explained that the American Legion had offered to participate in the project from the very beginning and he requested permission to move forward with the original proposed design of the Tyler Picket Memorial Park. Councilman Wilcoxson added that the design was proposed in 2012 and at that time he had received commitments of assistance and two cannons from the Army National Guard, assistance from Dan McGuire (Dan's Trucking) and Catfish Concrete offered forming and finishing. The American Legion memorial will include an obelisk with names of fallen veterans.

Following the discussion the council encouraged Councilman Wilcoxson to move forward with the project.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Tom Callison addressed the council with his concerns about local drug issues in the past and presently in Saratoga. Mr. Callison does not see any local drug enforcement being conducted, and he voiced his concern about what he sees as a lack of cooperation between the local law enforcement agencies, (police department and DCI). Mr. Callison stated that he had contacted the County Attorney's office with his concerns and was assured by the county attorney that the agencies are indeed working together to enforce the laws against drug abuse. Following Mr. Callison concerns about the drug issues he added that he recently had some items stolen that he cannot afford to replace, and he is hoping that the local police department will also be working on these types of issues as well.

## REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Mayor Glode requested the council reschedule the July 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Following a short discussion the meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Glode read ORDINANCE No. 839, an Ordinance amending Section 5.08.205 of the Saratoga Municipal Code to authorize the town to have two Bar and Grill liquor licenses, on second reading. Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve Ordinance 839 on second reading. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode read a portion of ORINANCE No. 840, an Ordinance to provide income to finance the 2017/2018 fiscal year budget on second reading.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance 839 on second reading. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode reported that the 2016/2017 audit is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Glode stated that a Public Hearing will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 prior to the regular council meeting on the Bar and Grill liquor license application for Firewater Public House.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Police Chief Robert Bifano reported that Officer Christen continues to do well at the academy and is maintaining a 90.98 grade average

Chief Bifano reported that they continue to work on the 911 system and are hoping to go live on or around June 15<sup>th</sup>.

In response to Mr. Callison's concerns, Chief Bifano reviewed a number of drug related cases that have been charged out by the Saratoga police department over the past few weeks adding that DCI and the Saratoga Police Department work well together and have done so in the past. Following budget cuts in the past all agencies are understaffed and overworked, but they do the very best that they can with reduced staff and will continue to do so.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that the swimming pool is now open with the temperature at ninety degrees, life guard certification classes have been completed and swimming lessons are scheduled to begin June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Department of Public Works:

Director Jon Winter explained that both the water and sewer department and the street department are down by one employee each. Mr. Winter is requesting permission to advertise for one employee to cross train between both departments.

Councilman Wilcoxson added that Randy Sikes, who had resigned from the street department, to take another job, was an exceptional employee and will be missed.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow Mr. Winter to advertise for one dual position. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Director Winter reported the following:

Street Department:

- Has been assisting with the community center parking lot project
- Helped with planting trees on Veteran's Island for Arbor Day
- Removing trees from the Veteran's Island Bridge and helping WDOT with removing trees on the highway and Bridge Street bridges
- Performed vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Assisted with preparing for opening the swimming pool
- The crews have been equipment cross training
- Clean-up at Sandy Beach as a result of weekend parties at Sandy Beach, the parties will also result in increased police patrol in that area
- Watering trees at the lake and town entrance signs
- Summer hires are weed-eating and assisting where needed

Water & Sewer:

- The CCR report was published on May 31<sup>st</sup> in the Saratoga Sun, on the town website, noted on the utility bills and is available at the town hall
- Annual samples taken at the lagoon wells
- Sampled all five water wells with assistance from North Fork Engineering

- Lagoon upgrade RFP was published in the Sun on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, the bid tour is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Graded the road to the well site
- Videoing sections of sewer lines looking for increased flow due to rising river levels
- Received SLIB drawdown #6 for the lagoon project

Weed and Pest:

- Began dipping for mosquito larvae and will begin setting out live traps
- Will begin fogging next week
- Scheduling air application of Larvicide for week of the 19<sup>th</sup> and Adulticide for the following week

Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:

Hot Pool/Good Times Park: Routine maintenance

Parks:

Lake: General clean-up and working on installing an additional dock

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Mayor Glode read a letter of interest submitted by Kim Lorenzen requesting appointment to the Airport Board to fill the vacancy created by Jennifer Johnson's resignation.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the appointment of Kim Lorenzen to fill the vacancy on the airport board. Councilwoman Ivory seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode suggested that the airport board consider changing their meetings to a later week of the month, adding that the second week of the month is busy with a number of meetings already scheduled. It may be easier to get a quorum if the meeting date were changed.

Councilman Raymer indicated that the board will reorganize in July with election of officers and will discuss changing the date of the meeting.

Clerk Suzie Cox reported that she and Treasurer Samuel Flohr would be attending the Aeronautic 101 and WACIP Workshop scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> in Laramie.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, 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, June 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the next Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board meeting will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Councilman Wilcoxson reported that the next meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga and they will be discussing the transition to the transfer station.

Medical Foundation: Nothing to report

Planning and Zoning: Councilman Faust reported that the next meeting will be on June 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting will be on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: The community garden report was given by Cindy Bloomquist and consisted of the following:

- They will be working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters on the master gardener project
- Working on Articles of Incorporation for the 501 3[C]
- The need for a lease
- The hiring of student assistants for the summer
- Submitted invoices for payment
- A workday is scheduled for Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting of the garden board will be June 12<sup>th</sup>

New Business: Nothing to discuss

Mayor Glode noted that there would be nothing to discuss in executive session and therefore the executive session was removed from the agenda.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the council. Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on June 20, 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