

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD MAY 1, 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 and Councilman Richard Raymer. Councilwoman Jennie Lou Garland was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the Agenda changing the date of the Landfill Board meeting to May 2nd in Encampment. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$92,289.77; Payroll and FICA for 5/1/18 in the amount of \$52,371.06; and manual checks including April liabilities in the amount of \$51,018.14 for a total of \$195,678.97.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$195,678.97. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a letter from the Saratoga Middle High School Fine Arts Program inviting everyone to the Fourth Annual Fine Arts Festival night on May 3rd to enjoy both an arts display and an \$8.00 meal prepared by the Pro Start students with musical entertainment provided by the Panther Jazz Band.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Cindy Bloomquist addressed the council and asked what the town's process is going to be to do something about the safety issues below the overlook. Asking what intentions the town has to alleviate the threat of future fires from the mill's fire wood and saw dust piles below her sister's house?
The discussion continued with comments from the council and fireman Brad Cary with no action taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode and the council discussed the schedule for budget workshops and will be holding a workshop for all departments on Monday May 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Wilcoxson brought up the Tyler Pickett Park project and noted, after some discussion about the park, that it would be better to develop a plan including an engineered drawing indicating water and sewer lines and sprinkler lines before putting in any fencing. Installing those utility lines will impact working on the rest of the park. Councilman Wilcoxson will continue working on plans for the park and added that the American Legion is planning a rifle raffle with part of the funds going to the Tyler Pickett Park.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: Mayor Glode read Resolution 2018-03, a Resolution that would terminate the Franchise agreement between Vyve Broadband and the Town of Saratoga.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03. Councilman Faust seconded for the purpose of a discussion.

It was noted that there are still material and dish parts at their staging area that will need to be cleaned up before the termination is granted. The resolution was tabled and will be brought back for consideration.

Fire Department: Brad Cary addressed a quote submitted by the fire department for pagers and charges.

A discussion followed and included the need for extrication equipment and replacement hoses following the work done during the mill fire. Mayor Glode indicated that the fire department's investment fund could be used to help with the purchase of the equipment so that it could be purchased in this year's budget.

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow the fire department to purchase hoses, extrication equipment, pagers and chargers in the amount of approximately \$16,000. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Police Department: Chief Bifano requested permission to purchase helmets for children participating in the bike rodeo. Chief Bifano reported that the police department will join with the ambulance service to have a bike rodeo for Excel Preschool on May 14th, for the Elementary School on May 23rd and Headstart on May 24th at a cost of approximately \$595.00.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to give Chief Bifano permission to purchase bike helmets for the bike rodeo. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that they will begin preparing for opening the swimming pool for Memorial Day weekend.

Director Burton requested permission to hire summer pool employees. Adding that she would like to rehire returning staff from last year with an additional one or two whose applications she has received.

Discussion followed and the council would like the positions advertised before hiring and the weed technician positions could be added to the publication.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to advertise for additional swimming pool staff and weed technicians for the street department. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

Department of Public Works: Director of Public Works Supervisor Jon Winter reported the following

Street Department:

- Patching pot holes
- The OSHA compliance checklist abatements have been completed
- Serviced equipment and took off snow plows

Water & Sewer:

- The Town was awarded the Best Tasting Water in the State at the Wyoming Rural Water Spring Conference. The town will now compete in the National Great American Taste contest in Washington DC in February 2019.
- Contacted Sioux Falls Tower company to provide an estimate to install air vent modifications on the water tower while they are here working on the Verizon Tower. They are qualified to work at those heights and are willing to do the work for approximately \$1,900

Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow Sioux Falls Tower to install air vent modification on the water tower for approximately \$1900. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

- Lagoon project : Continues on schedule

Weed and Pest:

- Received approval of the Emergency Insect Management grant in the amount \$12,000
- Pesticide inspection performed by the WYO Dept. of Ag was found to be in compliance

Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:

- Irrigation systems for the parks was turned on
- Elevation survey for Tyler Pickett park was done

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reported on the Runway Rehab project at the airport and noted that the contracts are staying on schedule as much as the weather has been permitting. The project is anticipated to be completed by May 12th.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to accept RFR #4 for project #ASAA13B FAA#3-56-0026-26 Runway Project/ Construction Phase with Federal Funds in the amount of \$33,855.75; and State Funds in the amount of \$2257.05 noting that the Town's match is \$1504.70. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the State Airport Aid Contract for the 2018's Seal Coat and Marking project. This project is part of WYDOT's four year Group Seal Coat & maintenance projects that will be done for a number of municipal airports. There is no cost to the town, but the contract requires the Mayor's signature. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on May 9, 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, May 14, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the Old Baldy Club tie in has been completed and the Board will be discussing the usage for the mill fire at the next meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Next meeting will be held on June 6, 2018 in Saratoga

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission: The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on May 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: The next meeting will be May 17, 2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Faust made a motion to move into executive session at 7:08 p.m. to consider information considered confidential by law, in accordance with W. S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii). Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to move out of executive session at 7:58 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Raymer 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 Faust seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Glode reported that no action was taken.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk