

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE
SARATOGA TOWN HALL

Mayor Pro Tem Welton called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Councilman Steve Wilcoxson and Councilwoman Susan Howe.

Mayor John Zeiger and Councilman Mike McWain were absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a board appointment under the Community Center Joint Powers Board. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Mayor Pro Tem Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$176,438.21; Payroll and FICA for 11/17/14 in the amount of \$57,132.47; and manual checks in the amount of \$403.39, for a total of \$233,974.07.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$233,974.07. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Public: None presented

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Liquor License Renewals. Mayor Pro Tem Welton reported that a Public Hearing for the Liquor License Renewals was held prior to the council meeting and noted that all applications for renewal had been completed, publication requirements were met and all fees paid.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the Limited Retail (Club) Liquor License renewal for the American Legion. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the Bar & Grill Liquor License renewal for Bella's Bistro. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for Duke's Bar and Grill. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the Restaurant Liquor License renewal for Hugus & Co. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the Rustic Bar. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Welton abstained.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the Saratoga Inn Resort. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the Microbrewery Permit renewal for the Snowy Mountain Brewery. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for Valley Liquor. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the Wolf Hotel. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Chief Tom Knickerbocker reported that two applications were submitted for the school resource officer and he will be conducting two interviews.

With reference to the public hearing held earlier on the liquor license renewals, Chief Knickerbocker stated that every establishment that was renewing their licenses had participated in the TIPS training.

Valley Foods and Liquor Store owner, Tim Lamprecht, thanked Chief Knickerbocker for having the TIPS training available.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that the Glow in the Dark Volleyball was a great success with 41 students participating. Director Burton also reported that Missoula Children's Theatre auditions will be held December 1st and performances of The Pied Piper will be December 5th and December 6th at the Platte Valley Community Center. Other upcoming activities include the Jingle Bell Run on December 6th and Ladies Night Out on December 11th.

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Department of Public Works Supervisor Chuck Bartlett requested permission to buy ice slicer for approximately \$3,000 with an anticipated delivery date of mid December. Mr. Bartlett emphasized the importance of getting the ice slicer ordered early in the season.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to allow Mr. Bartlett to purchase ice slicer for approximately \$3,000. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bartlett also reported that the crews were hauling fill dirt to build berms at the new bridge.

- Water & Sewer: **Department of Public Works Supervisor Chuck Bartlett reported that the crews were working to repair a water leak in front of the Rustic Bar.**

- Weed and Pest: No Report

- Hot Pool: No Report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board:

The next Airport Board meeting will be on December 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: PVCC Executive Director Joe Elder reported on upcoming events, including the SMHS Sports Banquet on November 24th, Missoula Children's Theatre auditions and performances during the week of December 1st, Festival of the Trees on December 4th and 5th, Winter Wonderland on December 6th and the Jubilante Ensemble concert on December 7th.

Mr. Elder also stated that money had been raised to replace the floors in the gym and multipurpose room through fundraising efforts and from the Kirsten Campbell memorial.

Director Elder also reported that he is promoting a Shop Local campaign on Facebook and will be promoting participating businesses daily. Facebook users who share the promotion will be eligible to win a \$15 certificate to that business through a random drawing.

Mayor Pro Tem Welton reported that the Carbon County Commissioners had approved the appointment of Dan Hodgkiss to the Platte Valley Community Center Joint Powers Board to replace Lynn Accord, who resigned earlier.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to appoint Dan Hodgkiss to the Platte Valley Community Center Joint Powers Board. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, December 8, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Mayor Pro Tem Welton presented Ordinance 828, an ordinance amending in part Section 13.40.030 of the Town of Saratoga Municipal Code Concerning Monthly Service Charge for Sewer Service on Third and Final Reading. Ms. Welton read sections A and B under Billing, which were the only sections that were modified since the last reading.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board Chairman, Don Price, explained that at their last meeting, board members had decided to eliminate the reference to trailer houses and apartments in order to simplify the ordinance. Mr. Price stated the board recommends passage of the Ordinance 828 with the revisions read, in order to secure the loan funding from SLIB.

Chairman Price also reported that the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board is requesting a workshop with the town council to work out details of the breakdown of charges for trailer houses and apartments, etc.

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Welton set the workshop with the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board for Wednesday, December 3rd at 5 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to pass Ordinance 828; an ordinance amending in part Section 13.40.030 of the Town of Saratoga Municipal Code Concerning Monthly Service Charge for Sewer Service on Third and Final Reading. Mayor Pro Tem Welton seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

Councilman Wilcoxson stated that the burden of the sewer service should be divided equally amongst all the residents of Saratoga and was concerned that Ordinance 828, as it had been revised, did not address trailer houses and apartments or the breakdown of charges for each.

Don Price addressed Mr. Wilcoxson's concerns by stating that the workshop with the council would allow them to work out all the details regarding the trailer houses and apartments before the increases go into effect on July 1st, 2015. The changes can then be addressed in a resolution as previously recommended by Town Attorney, Tom Thompson.

Mayor Pro Tem Welton called for the question and asked that the council be polled.

Councilman Wilcoxson voted No, Councilwoman Howe voted Yes and Mayor Pro Tem Welton voted Yes. Ordinance 828; an ordinance amending in part Section 13.40.030 of the Town of Saratoga Municipal Code Concerning Monthly Service Charge for Sewer Service passed on Third and Final Reading.

The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga.

Medical Board: No Report

Planning Commission: The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: The next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No Report.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Howe made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on December 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Judy Welton

ATTEST:

Lisa G. Burton