

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD NOVEMBER 1 2016, 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, Councilwoman Judy Welton, and Councilman Richard Raymer Councilwoman Susan Howe was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Community Gas Project Designation form. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$68,707.54; Payroll and FICA in the amount of \$54,379.45; and manual checks in the amount of \$51,943.77 for a total of \$175,030.76.

Mayor Glode explained that the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$931.28 had been withheld from the last meeting due to lack of a voting majority. Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$931.28. Councilwoman Welton second and the motion carried. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the regular bills in the amount of \$175,030.76. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None to report

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode noted that he had been contacted by a representative of Verizon Cellular inquiring about the possibility of placing a cellular tower in Saratoga. They noted that they will be coming back with more information.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Mayor Glode reported that the Chamber had submitted two Special Event Applications:

- Special Event Application and Street Closure Permit Application with a WYDOT Special Permit Application for Christmas Parade scheduled for December 10, 2016. Each permit and application requires council approval with permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Street Closure Permit and Special Event Applications for the Christmas Parade with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Special Event Application with an Open Container Permit for the Annual Fishing Derby at Saratoga lake scheduled for January 21 – 22, 2017.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the Special Event Application and Open Container Permit for the Ice Fishing Derby on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode read the Wyoming Community Gas Project Designation form indicating that the town will be receiving \$3,686.89 in distribution earnings.

Mayor Glode asked the council to consider how they would like to designate the distribution. After some discussion the council would like to use the funds for the Tyler Picket Park project.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to designate the distribution funds be used for the Sgt. Tyler Pickett Park project. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Department:** Mayor Glode reported he was impressed by the response of the fire department to the two fires on Halloween night and expressed his appreciation to the firemen who responded to protect the properties and nearby structures.

**Police Department:**

Chief Bifano reported that the National Safety Council has provided additional funding for Children's programs sponsored by the police department. The police department received an additional \$1,145 for a total of \$2,135 that has been received from the National Safety Council.

Chief Bifano reported that he continues to work with Union Telephone and the Sheriff's Office to resolve the E911 system billing issues. One issue that has come up is an increase in what the sheriff's office was going to be charging us for operating the 911 system. Originally the police department was told the monthly charge would be approximately \$450/month. We received a new "back dated" bill for two and a half months of service on the new charges and it was for \$4,779, the new bill is now going to be \$1,749/month. They are currently trying to sort out the charges that were incorrectly included.

Union is continuing to work on quotes for what it will cost for us to have our own 911 service.

Chief Bifano reported that Officer Christen is currently night training with Officer Phillips.

Chief Robert Bifano reported that they are planning to schedule another preparation meeting with the schools. A meeting was recently held with the principals and superintendant and they discussed further planning in case there was ever an incident at one of our schools. The department has some specific training in mind and in January will be bringing in the fire department and the ambulance service to coordinate with them.

Chief Bifano added his appreciation to the fire department for their quick response to the fire on Elm Street and indicated that their quick response and quick thinking saved the nearby structures and homes that could have been seriously damaged or destroyed by the fire.

**Recreation Department:** Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that the Missoula Children's Theater had forty-two children showed up for the auditions and all forty-two children were cast into a part for the presentation of "The Princess and the Pea."

Public presentations are scheduled for Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Department of Public Works:** DPW Director Jon Winter reported the following:

**Street Department:**

- Cleaned and flushed storm drains
- Patched pot holes
- Snow maintenance on equipment
- Cleaned and cleared wood debris from Veterans Island
- Cleaned and sweep 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Bridge Avenue

**Water & Sewer:**

- Continue to camera sewer lines
- Monthly total Coliform sample reports were sent to EPA
- Arranged to have McGuire Iron Works representative inspect the bolted water tank
- Routine service calls from customers
- Met with USFS and JVA to discuss the possibility of USFS connecting to the towns water system

**Weed and Pest:** Submitted a reimbursement request to the Carbon County Weed and Pest for the 2016 mosquito abatement program.

**Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:**

Hot Pool/Good Times Park

- Painted railings
- Routine Maintenance
- Scheduled cleaning of the hot pool for Thursday morning

Parks

- o Nothing to report

Lake

- o Pumped all four bathroom vaults at the lake and pumped and locked the Sandy Beach and south lake campground bathrooms.

River Project

- o ACOE public notice for the 401 water quality certification and turbidity waiver is on hold

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reviewed the proposed transfer of the lease agreements between Saratoga Aviation and Mountain Flight Services.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board:

The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, November 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board:

The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga.

Medical Foundation: No report

Planning Commission: Councilman Faust reported that the planning commission will be reviewing the ordinances that address planned unit development.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board:

The next meeting of the Community Garden Board will be Monday, November 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:** The council was reminded that there would be a public hearing on the liquor license renewals at 5:30 p.m., prior to the next council meeting on November 15, 2016.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Raymer made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on November 15, 2016 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