

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 16, 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 Mayor Glode, Councilman Will Faust, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$175,332.84; Payroll and FICA for 10/16/18 in the amount of \$50,031.88; and manual checks in the amount of \$693.81, for a total of \$226,058.53

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$385.67. 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 \$225,672.86. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a Street Closure permit submitted by Stacy Crimmins on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for The Halloween Walk on October 31st from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. The street closure will be for the east and west sides of Bridge Street and will not include Hwy 130/230.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to grant permission to close the east and west sides of Bridge Street for the Halloween Walk on October 31st from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m., not to include Hwy 130/230. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Glode read a special event application for the Christmas Parade and the Street Closure permit submitted by Stacy Crimmins on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for December 1, 2018.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the special event application for the Christmas Parade and the Street Closure permit for December 1, 2018. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Local resident, Richard Hodges, addressed the council by asking about old tires that have been accumulating on property on South River Street and Greenwood Avenue. The concern included the storage of old tires and accumulation of vehicles and other debris. Discussion followed with reference to zoning and permitted uses and personal responsibility to clean up private property, but no action was taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode reminded the Council that November 9th is the deadline to submit their projects and cost for the Specific Purpose Tax.

Councilman Wilcoxson expressed his appreciation to the council for their designation of the Wyoming Community Gas funding to the development of the Tyler Pickett Park.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Clerk Suzie Cox reported that all liquor license renewal applications have been filed, all filing fees have been collected and all publications will have been met for the public hearing on the renewals to be held on November 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Fire Department: No Report

Police Department: Chief Bifano read a letter of resignation submitted by Officer George Phillips stating that he had taken a position with the Rawlins Police Department and his last day of work will be October 17th.

Councilman Faust made a motion to accept Officer George Phillip's letter of resignation. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Chief Bifano indicated that he has posted a notice of vacancy on a number of law enforcement websites.

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

Streets:

- WYDOT has inspected the green bridge on the Saratoga Inn
- County Road and Bridge will complete the overlay of millings to 13th Street
- 71 Construction will apply an application of sealant to the landfill road and 13th Street next week

Water and Sewer:

- Interviewed two individuals for the water/waste water department position

DPW Supervisor Jon Winter requested permission to hire Anthony Gonzales to work with the water and sewer crew.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow Mr. Winter to hire Anthony Gonzales for the water and sewer crew. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

- Continue to do locates for the Union Telephone Fiber Optic project

Weed & Pest: Nothing to report

Hot Pool: Nothing to report

Parks and Lake: Continuing to winterize park irrigations systems

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the last meeting was very productive with the board discussing the following:

- The snow removal equipment grant deadline is later than anticipated
- Councilman Raymer will be gathering equipment models and base specifications for the right equipment
- Implementation of landing fees began on October 1st
- Reviewed the asbestos abatement proposal and began discussing the board's preferences for removal or repairing the existing terminal, no action was taken

David Worthington addressed the council with his concerns from the airport board meetings: He stated that the board went into executive session and would not provide any information after coming out of executive session.

Mr. Worthington was reminded that any discussions held in any executive session could not be discussed in public.

Councilman Raymer responded by noting that Mr. Worthington has hired an attorney to address his issues with the airport board and the lease issues. Having done so, Mr. Worthington and his attorney will, in the future, be addressing all issues with the board through his counsel and the town's legal counsel.

HealthCare: Councilman Faust reported on the following:

- A group has been established to address sustainability for medical care in the valley and will assist in the transition from the current medical provider to providers of Health Managements Services. A group of interested valley residents have been meeting to discuss the direction the HMS is moving. Following those meetings a board has been established to move forward. The board currently consists of Teense Willford, George Haigh, Sonja Collamer, Leslie McKlinsky and Will Faust. More members may be added as they move forward.
- There will be a public meeting at the community center on November 7th at 5:30 to answer questions and provide information on the new HMS
- A temporary clinic has been setup at the community center and in addition to basic care, patients can go in and sign releases and have their files transferred from the current provider to the incoming HMS that will be taking over the clinic

Councilman Faust provided the amended Lease Agreement and the changes that were suggested were discussed.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the lease agreement with permission for the Mayor to enter into the agreement with Karl Rude and Health Management Services. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Joint Powers Boards:

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the JPB reviewed the following:

- Discussed JPB's general fund budget including the WyoStar accounts for water and sewer
- Dennis Tschacher (AMC Auditor) presented the financial audit review
- Reviewed water and sewer charges for the Old Baldy Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Councilman Wilcoxson reported on the October meeting.

The next Landfill Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. November 7, 2018 in Encampment.

Planning Commission: Councilman Faust reported that the Planning Commission addressed the following:

- Sign Variance - approved
- Solar access permit application – revised

Items discussed:

- grading and excavation permit
- Recreation vehicle parks
- Flood ordinance
- MOU for zone of influence

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018.

Recreation Commission: The Recreation Commission will meet at the Saratoga Town Hall on November 12, 2018 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

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

Ed J Glode, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk