

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Councilwoman Jennie Lou Garland. Councilman Richard Raymer was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Garland made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Garland made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$56,370.52; Payroll and FICA for 9/4/18 in the amount of \$53,984.97; and manual checks including August liabilities in the amount of \$43,391.63, for a total of \$153,747.12.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$153,747.12. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode reviewed a letter from Craig Kopasz, Engineering Associates, requesting permission to purchase 1000 cubic yards of airport millings for resurfacing streets in Hanna and Elmo, Wyoming. Mr. Kopasz asked that the general contractor for their project, 71 Construction, be allowed to do the loading for hauling the millings.

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow 71 Construction to load and haul 1000 cubic yards of millings for use on the streets in Hanna and Elmo at a cost of \$3 per cubic yard. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Craig Kopasz, Engineering Associates, requested permission to use approximately 180 cubic yards of old soil material currently stockpiled at the airport. The soil material will be used as fill for an area at the Encampment landfill to help with drainage. The material will allow the Encampment landfill, managed by the Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal District (UPRSWDD), to meet WYDEQ regulations. The UPRSWDD will be responsible for the hauling of the material.

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow the UPRSWDD to haul 180 cubic yards of soil material from the airport to the Encampment Landfill to make contours for drainage. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Glode read a letter from Richard Kayson of WAM certifying that the Town of Saratoga is in good standing with WAM for the 2019 fiscal year, and thanking the Town of Saratoga for their support.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: John Ellis addressed the council with questions and concerns about why the council is refusing the lease renewal for Dr. Brian Kaiser and the council's use of executive sessions to discuss the elimination of Dr. Kaiser.

Councilman Faust thanked Mr. Ellis for his comments and addressed his concerns in depth, noting that issues discussed in executive session were and are of legal concerns and the only decision that came out of those sessions was the one to not renew Dr. Kaiser's lease at the end of the year. Discussions have been held with numerous medical providers, those discussions helped the medical foundation and the town determine that a community of this size cannot continue to subsidize a medical clinic business that can no longer sustain itself. The discussion continued noting the enormous subsidies paid out to the Medical Clinic by the Corbett Medical Foundation, noting that they get their funding through generous donations. *(More detailed information can be obtained through reading the articles in the September 12, 2018 edition of the Saratoga Sun)* Additional comments were added by the Saratoga Care Centers Administrator, Mark Pesognelli and Laura Bucholz from the Corbett Medical Foundation.

Following the discussions, Mr. Ellis thanked the council for their frank discussion and reassuring comments and concerns for the health issues facing our local health care services.

Richard Hodges addressed the council with concerns about the landfills lack of recycling due to the refusal of China to accept product materials at this time. The landfill is currently taking cardboard, metal cans and paper, but plastic and glass goes into the construction & demolition pit. Mr. Hodges noted that Rawlins will be accepting recycle products if anyone is interested in transporting the products to Rawlins.

David Worthington asked if the council had received his letter concerning his hanger lease, adding that several hanger owners want to stay on the old hanger leases and hopefully they will be allowed to do so without having to address this issue in court.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: No report

Fire Department: No Report

Police Department: No report

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

Streets:

- The crew has been applying asphalt patching around town using airport millings and a hot box
- They have sweep the streets and flushed storm drains
- County Road and Bridge has hauled approximately 1,300 cubic yards of millings and will haul to the landfill, transfer station and landfill road as equipment is available

Water and Sewer:

- Lagoon Improvement Project is completed, the last SLIB Draw down has been submitted
- They continue to work on some issues at the lagoon that need corrected
- Videoed the new CCSD#2 sewer line that was installed on Spring Street/ the line was approved
- The crew has been flushing and repairing fire hydrants
- As of 9/4/18 the Sani-star system at the lagoon has generated enough money to pay the service charge for the fiscal year 7/18 to 6/19

Weed & Pest:

- Received the grant money reimbursement in the amount of \$12,000 for the 2018 mosquito abatement program

Hot Pool: seasonal maintenance

- Mr. Winter requested permission to submit a grant to Bridge Street Bargains for lighting at the hot pool and swimming pool area in the amount of \$1,925.25.

Councilman Faust made a motion to allow Mr. Winter to submit a grant application to Bridge Street Bargains in the amount of \$1925.25. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

- Nancy Jansa suggested the council consider placing additional garbage receptacles and dog pick-up bags at the hot pool park area so that visitors can clean up after their dogs.
- Discussion on advertising the dog park and painting fire hydrants followed with no action taken

Parks and Lake

- Seasonal maintenance of sprinkler systems

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board:

The next Airport Board meeting will be on September 12, 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, September 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board:

The next landfill board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 5, 2018 in Saratoga.

Planning Commission:

Mayor Glode read Ordinance #846, an Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.04, addressing Permits and Application Fees in its entirety on third and final reading.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance #846 on third and final reading. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust read Ordinance #847; an Ordinance Amending Sections 18.57 Regulating Mobile Home Parks Within the Town of Saratoga in its entirety on Third and Final Reading.

Discussion followed and a number of corrections were noted indicating that proposed ordinances should be read in their entirety on second reading to allow for clean-up prior to the third and final reading.

A number of concerns were brought up and were discussed, many of those concerns will need to be addressed further including allowing visitors to park their travel trailers in a driveway and staying in it for a few nights while visiting, transferable permits, the maximum size of recreational vehicle parks, the height of fences within mobile home parks.

Ordinance #847 was tabled so that the Planning Commission can review the ordinance and amend it where necessary prior to the next council meeting.

The next planning commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, 2018.

Recreation Commission: Councilwoman Garland announced that the recreation commission will meet at the town hall on September 10, 2018.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Councilwoman Garland seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk