

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD JULY 2, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE THEATER
OF THE PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
SARATOGA WYOMING

Mayor John Zeiger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Mayor John Zeiger, Councilman Jon Nelson, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson, and Councilman Bob Keel. Councilwoman Judy Welton was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman Keel made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Councilman Wilcoxson seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Keel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting as presented, Councilman Wilcoxson seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$106,059.94; Payroll and FICA for 6/25/2019 in the amount of \$62,985.36; and manual checks in the amount of \$52,215.25, for a total of \$221,260.55.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$221,260.55, Councilman Keel seconded, and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Wilcoxson read a letter that he had sent to the council addressing the landfill agreement. The landfill letter addressed his following concerns:

- Sunday Closures – Councilman Wilcoxson noted that he has had a number of people requesting that the landfill be open on Sundays. The landfill started closing on Sundays when the transfer station was opened, and many citizens used Sundays for taking their trash to the landfill. There has been an increase in dumpster abuse since the landfill has been closed on Sundays.
- The Biological Waste at the Transfer Station – the commercial haulers dump their waste on the floor of the transfer station and the general public then wades through the trash dumped on the floor to dump their trash as directed. The toxic waste that they are directed to wade through is hazardous biological waste that they carry on their shoes and clothing.

Councilman Wilcoxson added that in his opinion the town should have refused to sign a one-year lease, and in doing so lost an opportunity to make changes that would have helped our citizens that have voiced their concerns.

Councilman Wilcoxson noted that there will be two petitions available at different locations in town, including the town hall, to allow the citizens to weigh in on Sunday closings and trudging through the biological waste to dump their trash.

Councilman Nelson shared the minutes from the May 15th meeting of the Carbon County Visitors Council along with a letter outlining the changes to the Event Advertising Grant that is sponsored by the CCVC. The CCVC will continue giving back the first 10% of lodging taxes collected. However, grant funds will now be allowed to apply for advertising funds for a period of three years and after that the event is expected to have become self-sufficient and no longer require assistance from the CCVC. Additionally, the advertising grant funding will be \$2,000 for events occurring during the summer season. Discussion followed with a motion to draft a letter being withdrawn, no action was taken.

Councilman Nelson questioned why the town hall staff could bring in a CPA to review financial practices, with the treasurer, without full council approval. It was noted that it had been suggested to do so during the budget workshops, and it was within the range of allowable costs that didn't need council approval. Councilwoman Welton being the representative to the Town Hall, and Mayor Zeiger, recommended that the individual be contacted to assist the treasurer with fiduciary questions. The issue can be discussed again when Councilwoman Welton is in attendance.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tammy Lincoln addressed the council to discuss the traffic issues at the intersection of 10th and Main. Discussion followed including stop signs on east and west sides of 10th street, and additional enforcement during high traffic time. Jon Winter and Chief Lehr were asked to get together and discuss the east and west traffic situation at 10th and Main.

Stay Crimmins, Chamber Director, addressed the council and presented the "Joe Pickett Tour" created by the Saratoga/Platte Valley chamber of Commerce to coincide with C. J. Box's book, The Disappeared, which takes place in the Platte Valley. It is a self-guided, year-round tour/scavenger hunt to name businesses and places mentioned in the series. Participants will pay \$5 to download a pdf with the list of locations and the rules. This is available at www.saratogachamber.info/joepickett.

Ms. Crimmins requested permission to work with the DPW supervisor and foeman to place signs strategically at the listed locations in a safe manner that will allow people to take selfies to send in to get credit for finding those locations.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to allow DPW to work with the Chamber to place the signs in safe locations, seconded by Councilman Keel, the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall:

Mayor Zeiger reviewed Resolution 2019-08, a resolution establishing uniform procedures, fees, costs and charges for inspection, copying and reproduction of public records in compliance with the 2019 Wyoming Legislative amendments to the Public Records Act. The resolution was intended for council review with action to be taken on July 16, 2019.

Mayor Zeiger read an email from Scott and Leslie Steeno requesting permission to install a small 18-inch GPS sending antenna on the town hall. The antenna is designed to increase the accuracy of the GPS system. Discussion followed and the request and attached agreement will be sent to the town attorney for review.

Fire Department:

Police Department: Chief Lehr was called out before reporting

Recreation Department/Commission Report:

Director Lisa Burton reported the following:

- Only 7 kids have registered for British Soccer camp, there will need to be an additional 5 kids signed up to go forward with the camp that has been rescheduled to August 5th.
 - The Family Fun Run scheduled for July 6th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled later
- The next meeting will be on July 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Saratoga Airport:

Councilman Nelson reported A letter of interest submitted by Thad York was received by the mayor and council that will be taken to the airport advisory board for their consideration at their next meeting.

It was noted that Attorney Tom Thompson had reviewed Ladd Sanger's hanger ownership and he did not have any reservations with Mr. Sanger's appointment to the airport advisory board. Mr. Sanger was in attendance and was welcomed by the Council.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to follow the board's recommendation to appoint Ladd Sanger to fill one of the positions that allow the board member to live outside the town limits, Councilman Wilcoxson seconded, and the motion carried.

The bids for the snow removal equipment procurement is being reviewed by Sage Engineering and the FAA.

Department of Public Works:

DPW Director Jon Winter reported the following:

Streets:

- Requested permission to accept a bid on the installation of a seamless gutter on the west side of the Pharmacy building. The bids submitted were:
 - RG Raymer Construction \$2,250
 - Antelope Valley Construction \$2,137.50

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to award the project to RG Raymer in the amount of \$2,250, Councilman Keel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

- Began mowing town and highway rights-of-way
- Repaired walk path at Veterans Island following high water

Water/Sewer:

- A new kiosk for the Sani Star system card reader was installed
- Replaced fire hydrants at 11th and Walnut and 12th and Walnut and extended the line at 13th and Saratoga, and repaired a hydrant at 3rd and Farm
- CCR report was submitted to EPA

Weed/Pest

- Fogging as weather permits
- Down to one fogger but making repairs to the remaining two foggers
- Began aerial spraying on June 16th

Hot Pool

- Requested permission to hire Daniel Martz to clean the hot pool.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to permit the hiring of Daniel Martz to clean the hot pool, seconded by Council Wilcoxson, the motion carried.

Parks:

- Repair irrigation systems as needed

Lake: no report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting will be on July 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board:

Councilman Nelson read Ordinance No. 855, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 13.16 Section 13.16.030 &13.16.045 to address the water rate structure in its entirety on third and final reading

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 855, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 13.16 Section 13.16.030 &13.16.045 to address the water rate structure on third and final reading, Councilman Wilcoxson seconded, and a discussion followed.

Old Baldy Club General Manager, Bill Culbreath addressed the council and stated that they, the OBC, are fully supportive of the corrections in the rate structure made by the JPB, the Council and the water and sewer departments. In fact, it had not been correct since the OBC conveyed their water rights to the Town of Saratoga and was not corrected when the town no longer needed those water rights. So, they are in support of this correction although they do feel that for them, the water rates as proposed in the ordinance are an overcorrection.

(for purposes of housekeeping, it was noted that two corrections needed to be made to make the ordinance correct.

Page 1; Section 1; 18.16.030 to be changed to 13.16.030 – the same correction on page 3; Section 2). Those corrections being noted, Councilman Nelson amended his motion to approve Ordinance 855 as amended on third and final reading.

The question was called, and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be on July 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next Landfill Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 3rd in Riverside.

Medical:

Mark Pesognelli reported that there will be a meeting on July 17th at which time they will discuss Phase two and validate all assumptions of the data to see if indicators show the feasibility of the Critical Care Hospital.

Planning Commission:

Councilman Keel noted that the Planning Commission has been unsuccessful in filling the zoning position. They believe that offering the zoning position as a part-time position is discouraging any interest in the position for the most qualified.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

SCWEMS Board: No report

NEW BUSINESS: nothing

Adjournment: There being no additional business to come before the meeting Councilman Keel made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m., Councilman Wilcoxson seconded, and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on July 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

John Zeiger, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk