

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 1, 2015, 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, Councilwoman Susan Howe, and Councilman Richard Raymer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions: Council Comments to be added following Items from the Public and will include Day Care issues; move the sewer camera demonstration from the Sewer report to follow the payment of the bills. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$55,039.66; Payroll and FICA for 11/30/15 in the amount of \$57,822.46; and manual checks in the amount of \$403.39 for a total of \$113,265.14.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Prairie Dog Electric bill in the amount of \$719.76. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried. Councilwoman Howe declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the R.G. Raymer Construction bill in the amount of \$2,500. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried. Councilman Raymer declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$110,045.38. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried.

SEWER CAMERA DEMONSTRATION: Water and Sewer foreman Chuck McVey and operator Brandan Mistelske brought the new trailer and sewer camera over so that the council and audience could go outside and watch a demonstration of the new camera system.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode reported that a flyer was received noting that Garry Wood, son of Liz and Jerry Wood, has been diagnosed with Stage III-S Hodgkin's Lymphoma and there are a number of fund raisers being held to help defer the cost of lengthy chemo treatments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Faust reported that meetings had been held to discuss daycare and preschool issues. Pat Robbins from Wyoming Business Council and Cindy Wallace from Carbon County Economic Development Council joined a number of preschool parents to discuss potential grant and funding options. The group reviewed issues facing current preschool facilities and short term and long term options.

Councilman Faust asked the council to consider ideas for Togi Days which will be held over the 4th of July next summer.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall: Mayor Glode reported that a Public Hearing for the Liquor License Renewals was held prior to the council meeting with one license holder in attendance. Mayor Glode noted that all applications for renewal had been completed, publication requirements were met and all fees paid.

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the International Resort Properties [Saratoga Inn Resort]. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the Microbrewery Permit renewal for the International Resort Properties /Snowy Mountain Brewery. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the Wolf Hotel. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Glode read the LGLP official ballot adding that there are three positions that will be vacated January 1, 2016, two positions for the Municipal Elected position (3 year term) and one position for the Special District position (3 year term).

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the nominations as presented for the two positions for the Municipal Elected position (3 year terms) and one position for the Special District position (3 year term). Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department: No report.

Police Department: Chief Thomas Knickerbocker reported that two dispatchers are in EMD training and he and Encampment Chief Wachsmuth will be attending meth lab training with WYDOT.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Burton reported that Ladies Night Out is scheduled for December 3rd beginning at 6:30 on at the Community Center Gym and the 5-K Jingle Bell Run is scheduled for Saturday morning December 5th with registration at 7:30 at the gym. The proceeds will go to the Giving Tree.

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Director of Public Works, Jon Winter requested permission to purchase ice melt at a cost of approximately \$3500.00.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow Mr. Winter to order ice melt. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Winter reported the Street Department has been snow plowing, cleaning up trees and cleaning the shop; continuing to remove beaver dams at the low water crossing for fire protection; general maintenance on the heated sidewalks and assisting the water crew as necessary.

- Water & Sewer: Director of Public Works Jon Winter reported that the crew has completed monthly samples; repaired a water leak at the high school; and installed a 50 gallon fuel storage tank at the lagoon for the backup generator.

Director Winter reported that the two additional VFD's have been repaired and returned so that we now have three replacement VFD's.

Mr. Winter and Chuck McVey met with Dale Treadway, from W G Dale, Bill Walters and Joe Parrie to review data available from the last high voltage event.

Mr. Winter addressed the Outfall Project and reported that the FONSI report was published on November 18th and following the thirty day publication requirements the project will be ready to go out for bid. A meeting was held with staff from Engineering Associates on November 20th and discussed bid documents, bid requests, bid opening, and the construction schedule. Also discussed were the land easements and design modifications.

- Weed and Pest: No report given.
- Hot Pool: Jon Winter reported that the crew is performing regular operation and maintenance on the hot pools.
- Good Times Park: Mr. Winter reported that 50% of the irrigation system has been installed and will be completed as the weather allows. Seeding of the park will be done as the weather permits.
- River Project: No update at this time
- Master Plan: Mayor Glode reported that the Steering Committee met on November 18th and that there was a good collaborative effort that came out of the meeting. The next action plan is a longer survey than the first one done in September and should give some good direction with a final plan sometime around May 1, 2016. We are seeking input and Mayor Glode asked everyone to go through the Chamber website to fill out the survey.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reported that the next Airport Board meeting will be held on December 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: Councilwoman Welton the next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported the next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be held Thursday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Councilwoman Howe reported that the next meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga.

Medical Board: Councilwoman Welton reported that she is preparing to send out the annual letters.

Planning Commission: Mayor Glode read Ordinance No. 832 (Home Occupations) on third and final reading.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 832 (Home Occupations) on third and final reading. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faust reported that by passing Ordinance 832 the Planning Commission needed to make changes to contiguous ordinances affected by the changes made in Ordinance 832. Those changes have been sent to the town attorney for his review and may come back to the PC in January for review.

Mayor Glode noted that there will be two vacancies on the Planning Commission at the end of December. He has received two letters of interest that will be passed on to the PC for their review.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be December 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: The next meeting of the Community Garden Board will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No report

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J. Glode, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox