

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 21, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE
SARATOGA TOWN HALL

Mayor John Zeiger called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Councilman Steve Wilcoxson, Councilwoman Susan Howe and Councilwoman Judy Welton. Councilman Mike McWain was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: Under Town Hall reports – add the Noise Ordinance; prior to the Adjournment add an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Councilwoman Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$87,335.31; Payroll and FICA for 10/21/14 in the amount of \$55,752.31; and manual checks in the amount of \$403.39 for a total of \$143,491.01.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$143,491.01. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None presented

Items from the Public: None

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Clerk Suzie Cox presented Requisition #2014-47 to the council for approval. Requisition #2014-47 is the final Specific Purpose Tax reimbursement request in the amount of \$9,487.23 and will require permission for the Mayor to sign.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the final Specific Purpose Tax reimbursement request in the amount of \$9,487.23, Requisition # 2014-47 with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson brought Ordinance 9.20.050, *{Disturbing neighborhood at certain hours}* before the council for review asking that the council consider changes to the ordinance to allow light industrial and heavy industrial areas a little more leniency than residential areas.

A discussion followed covering the monitoring of decibel levels, issues that could impact the saw mill (Saratoga Forest Management) although Gary Irvin, manager of the facility, had visited with the Mayor expressing that if the mill was having difficulty, he would certainly come to the council but no one was asked to speak on his behalf and he does not have any issues with the ordinance concerning the mill.

Discussion continued with concerns about light industrial areas and the impact of the noise ordinance on small business owners. No action was taken

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: No report

Recreation Department: Director Lisa Burton reviewed upcoming programs that are scheduled for the recreation department which include the following:

- November 14th - Glow In The Dark Volleyball in conjunction with the HUB
- December 1 – 6 – Missoula Children's Theater
- December 11th – Ladies Night Out

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: No report

- Water & Sewer: Mayor Zeiger brought Ordinance No, 828 before the council on third and final reading but asked if the council had any concerns or questions before he read the ordinance.

Clerk Suzie Cox reported that she had received the ordinance changes from Ed Glode following the special workshop and regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board. Unfortunately Clerk Cox was in Nebraska on October 18th when it was received but stated it had been forwarded to Town Attorney Tom Thompson for his review and opinion for third reading. It was reported by Clerk Cox that the Ordinance before the council is what was sent back to Clerk Cox from the town attorney for the final reading.

Mr. Thompson had omitted parts of the Ordinance that the Joint Powers Board had suggested. The ordinance should not bind any future councils in a manner that will make it necessary to make amendments or adjustments if can be avoided. It omitted any reference to splitting the increase in sewer rates because at this time they are purely speculative.

A discussion followed with two members of the joint powers board and the council with inserted comments from the audience.

The council taking in all comments and concerns postponed any decision on **Ordinance No. 828**: An Ordinance Amending in Part, Section 13.40.030 of the Town of Saratoga Municipal Code Concerning Monthly Service Charge for Sewer Service until more information is forthcoming.

- Weed and Pest: No Report
- Hot Pool: No Report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Wilcoxson reported that at the last board meeting the airport board voted to recommend the appointment of Arlen Hughes to the three year unexpired term on the Airport Board.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to appoint Arlen Hughes to the Airport Board to fill the three year unexpired term. Seconded by Councilwoman Judy Welton, the motion carried unanimously.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on November 12, 2014 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 17, 2014 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 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga.

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Planning Commission has been rescheduled to November 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to avoid Veteran's Day.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: Mayor Zeiger thanked the Garden Board and members for the appreciation picnic that they had held stating that the food was delicious and it was amazing to be able to see all of the plants and vegetables that had been grown in the community garden. Although many of the town employees were not able to attend, the picnic was a huge success.

Cindy Bloomquist asked the council if the garden board had to meet at the town hall or if they could just meet wherever they preferred and whenever it was convenient for them to meet.

Clerk Cox noted that the Community Garden Board is like any other town board wherein they are, by ordinance, to have a designated place and time for their meetings.

The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services: Clerk Cox reported that she had received a resolution from the SCWEMS board asking that the council consider supporting Resolution No SCWEMS 3-2014, a grant application for Pediatric Stretcher Restraints and asking for permission

for the Mayor to sign the Resolution. All grant applications applied for by SCWEMS must also be approved by participating partners and members of the SCWEMS Board.

Mayor Zeiger read Resolution No SCWEMS 3-2014, a grant application for Pediatric Stretcher Restraints and Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to support the Resolution with permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to go into executive session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss personnel and matters of litigation in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii). Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:19 p.m. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to seal the minutes from the executive session. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Zeiger reported there was no action taken.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting Mayor Zeiger adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on November 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Mayor John Zeiger

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox, Clerk