

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 7, 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 as presented. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Councilwoman Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$39,840.15; Payroll and FICA for 9/22/14 in the amount of \$63,214.52; and manual checks in the amount of \$69,837.64, for a total of \$172,892.37.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$172,892.37. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Zeiger read a letter from Mike Patterson stating that he would be increasing his charges for snowplowing due to the increase in his expenses for providing snowplowing services.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to notify Mr. Patterson that the town would like him to continue providing snowplowing services for the Town of Saratoga. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Zeiger read a letter from the Saratoga Sun requesting notification from the town of any changes in meetings dates and times including special meetings, public hearings or emergency meetings.

Items from the Public:

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: 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.

Councilman Wilcoxson read Ordinance 9.20.050 which states: *No person shall between the hours of ten p.m. and seven a.m. maliciously or willfully disturb the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or family within the town limits by loud or unusual noises or by tumultuous or offensive carriage, threatening, quarreling, challenging to fight or fighting. (Ord. 802, 2011; prior code § 14-8)}*

Councilman Wilcoxson asked the council to consider making changes to the ordinance as it pertains to Light and/or Heavy Industrial areas. He believes that the ordinance currently does not allow for someone to operate a business in those areas without possible complaints being made for after hour operation of those businesses. Discussion followed and the council decided to take the request under consideration and address the ordinance at a later date.

Mayor Zeiger asked Clerk Suzie Cox to contact WAM and see if there are any other communities that have changed their ordinances to address these issues and town attorney Tom Thompson was directed to review the ordinance for possible changes.

Fire Department: Chuck Bartlett reported that the ISO report had been received and the town's fire department's ISO analysis for fire suppression services and the PPC classification went from a six to a four. Mr. Bartlett encouraged homeowners to contact their insurance providers to see if they can make adjustments to reduce their insurance premiums due to this new classification.

Police Department: Mayor Zeiger read a letter from Homeland Security notifying the town council of the police department grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Grant Program for FFY 2014 in the amount of \$5,888.31. The FY 2014 HSGP support core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

Recreation Department: Director Lisa Burton provided an October calendar of events for the recreation department.

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Chuck Bartlett reported that the town crews have installed the footings for the abutments for the bridge across Spring Creek and the hot pool.

Chuck Bartlett reported that he had been in contact with WYDOT concerning the bids for the river walkway bridge and after reviewing the information provided WYDOT approved moving forward with the installation of the bridge without putting the project out for bid since the new cost estimate is below the amount necessary for bid.

Mr. Bartlett reported that he had received an estimate for the installation from Mountain Crane and the estimate came in under \$35,000 and therefore no bid was necessary. The crane will be moved here from Sinclair and the bridge will be installed by this weekend.

- Water & Sewer: Mayor Zeiger read the amended Ordinance 828, An Ordinance Amending In Part, Section 13.40.030 of the Town of Saratoga Municipal Code Concerning Monthly Service Charge for Sewer Service on second reading.

The council reviewed the Ordinance which had been changed to address each apartment building and trailer court addressing each unit as a separate residence to be treated the same as residential home for sewer use. The council discussed these changes and will pass the Ordinance back to the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board for review before it is approved on third and final reading.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the amended Ordinance 828 on second reading and return it to the joint powers board for review of the ordinance and the sewer rate increase and return it to the council for approval on third and final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Welton the motion carried unanimously.

- 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 Judy Welton, the motion carried unanimously.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on October 8, 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, October 20, 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, October 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: Richard Hodges reported that area ranches are beginning to recycle and reminded the public that the landfill is now shipping glass recyclables to Utah and he encouraged the residents to continue recycling.

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 will be October 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: Christy Smith reported to the council that the Grant from the Department of Agriculture has been completed and the final reimbursement has been received by the town.

Ms. Smith thanked the Mayor and Council, town crews and all of the volunteers that made this season a success. The Community Garden Board is hosting a Fall Picnic and Open house on October 17th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm as their way to say "Thank You" for all of the help with the construction of the Greenhouse and would like all to attend.

The board is also making plans for the 2015 season and will be reaching out to interested gardeners with plans to expand and develop more beds and space for rent.

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services: no report

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to go into executive session at 7:09 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.

Attorney Tom Thompson was asked to attend the executive session.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:11 p.m. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to seal the minutes from the executive session. Councilman Wilcoxson 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 8:13 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on October 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Mayor John Zeiger

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox, Clerk