

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Mike McWain, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson, Councilwoman Susan Howe and Councilwoman Judy Welton.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Councilwoman Welton read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$98,825.01; Payroll and FICA for 9/8/14 in the amount of \$64,307.13; and manual checks in the amount of \$231.23, for a total of \$163,363.37.

Councilman McWain made a motion to pay the Prairie Dog Electric bill in the amount of \$1,121.26. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Councilwoman Howe declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$162,242.11. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Zeiger asked Clerk Suzie Cox to write a Thank you letter to Bill and Carole Ward for the donation of the Fish Sculpture that has been placed in front of the town hall.

Items from the Public: Cindy Bloomquist asked the council not to sell anymore town property at less than market value as it interferes with them trying to sell their overlook property, adding that it is not fair to others when the town is selling town property in competition with other property owners.

(Clerk's note: The property was properly appraised and the sale value and purchase price was the appraised value.)

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Clerk Suzie Cox reported that the COG meeting is scheduled for September 17th in Dixon and the county consensus funding will be discussed and appropriated to each municipality. The council will need to appoint a voting delegate for the consensus funding, and because Councilwoman Howe is the voting delegate to COG, Clerk Cox was asking the council to appoint Councilwoman Howe as the voting delegate for the consensus funding discussions.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve Councilwoman Howe as the voting delegate for the consensus funding discussions. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson presented Ordinance 9.20.050, *{Disturbing neighborhood at certain hours. 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 it does not allow for enough leniency when someone is operating a business in those areas. Discussion followed and the council decided to take the request under consideration and address the ordinance at the next meeting.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Chief Tom Knickerbocker updated the council on the hiring of the resource officer. Chief Knickerbocker explained that the council had given him permission to offer the position to one of the interviewees but that individual has declined the offer of employment, having

accepted another position. Chief Knickerbocker stated that the other individual that had been interviewed did not pass the background check and he would not be offered the position. Therefore he will continue to advertise for that position.

Recreation Department: No report

Department of Public Works:

- Street Department: Chuck Bartlett reported that the bid opening for the walkway bridge was held on Monday at 1:00 p.m. with two bids submitted, one from Energy Transportation for \$83,400 and one from Reiman Corporation for \$100,000. Mr. Bartlett stated that both bids came in higher than the funding would allow. Mr. Bartlett was recommending that the council refuse the submitted bids and re-advertise upon concurrence from WYDOT adding that both companies will have the ability to rebid if they so chose.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to refuse the bids as submitted and rebid the project upon concurrence from WYDOT. Councilman McWain seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Water & Sewer: Mayor Zeiger commented on 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 stating that having reviewed the ordinance he would like to see the second reading of the ordinance be postponed until the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board could be asked to consider changing the rates for apartments and trailer parks. Mayor Zeiger and Councilman Wilcoxson both believe that apartment building units should be treated the same as residential home for sewer use and trailer park units should also be billed the same as a residential home for sewer use. Discussion followed with questions concerning the three percent increase over a twenty year period being raised and answered by Town Attorney Tom Thompson.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to postpone the second reading of the ordinance until the joint powers board can review the ordinance and the sewer rate increase suggestions. Seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson the motion carried unanimously.

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

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Wilcoxson reported that the airport board had met on the 10th of September and discussed upcoming projects.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on October 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: Councilwoman Welton noted that the Community Center Annual Fundraiser had been held September 13th and was a huge success and estimating that they had raised approximately \$45,000 to be used to replace the gym floor in the Community Center gymnasium.

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: The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga.

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission: Chuck Bartlett reported that the Planning Commission had discussed the by-laws and home occupations at their last meeting.

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

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services: Mayor Zeiger read a letter submitted by the SCEWMS Chairman Roy Barber formally requesting the right to exercise their right to purchase the real property known as Lots 1 and 2 Block 47, Highlands Addition, also known as Crawford Addition and also known as Highlands Crawford Addition to the Town of Saratoga, Carbon County, Wyoming. It was explained that the Town of Saratoga had entered into a Lease Purchase Agreement with SCEWMS for the purpose of allowing the service to build an ambulance barn for storage of their ambulances and equipment.

Attorney Tom Thompson explained that the council should give the Town Clerk permission to prepare the necessary documents, publications and set up the closing all of which must be done within ninety days of the notification.

Councilman McWain made a motion to direct Clerk Suzie Cox to prepare the necessary documents, publications and set up the closing with permission for the Mayor to sign the documents at closing. Seconded by Councilman Wilcoxson the motion carried unanimously.

SCWEMS EMT Kandi Starr addressed the council explaining that the ambulance service is scheduling a multi-agency training at the Community Center on Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 pm. The training will include many different emergency agencies and will include Air Life training with a life flight helicopter. Ms. Starr encouraged the council to attend the trainings if possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to go into executive session at 6:36 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. Clerk Suzie Cox and Recreation Director Lisa Burton were asked to attend a portion of the Executive Session.

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:17 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, Councilwoman Welton made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on October 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Mayor John Zeiger

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox, Clerk