

Mayor: Leah Juarez Council President: Brad Neumiller Council Members: Cherie Butcher Sara McCarthy Tim Sutherland

## MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Council President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

#### **ROLL CALL**

- Present:
  - Mayor Juarez President Neumiller Council Butcher Council McCarthy Council Sutherland

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## CONSENT AGENDA

#### Minutes

1. Council Meeting Minutes 5-13-25

#### **City Licenses**

2. New / Renewal Business / Contractor Licenses and Home Occupation Permits

## **Financial Approvals**

- 3. Financial Breakdown Check Register & Future ACH/EFT Transactions
- 4. PAID ACH / EFT Transactions None to report
- 5. Regular/Police Payroll 5-5-25 to 5-18-25
- 6. Fire Payroll 5-2-25 to 5-13-25
- 7. Transmittal Transactions
- 8. Treasurer's Report
- 9. Court Report
- 10. Voided Checks

Motion made by Council President Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland Voting Yea: Council Member Sutherland, Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council President Neumiller, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Scott Clamp – 720 Wasatch – Scott inquired about the status of a new ZIP code for the City of Mills. Mayor Juarez responded by explaining that Mills does not technically have its own unique ZIP code, which continues to create challenges. Although many assume that 82644 belongs to the City of Mills, that ZIP code is actually assigned to the post office. As a result, Mills shares mail processing with Casper, which leads to a variety of issues.

One notable example involves medical billing. If an ambulance responds to a residence in Mills that does not receive direct USPS mail delivery, critical medical bills are often delayed or lost, creating confusion and hardship for both residents and healthcare providers.

Mr. Clamp asked whether there was a risk of losing the 82644 ZIP code entirely. The Mayor clarified that 82644 was never officially assigned to Mills. Mr. Clamp, who has operated a business in Mills for over 60 years, expressed concern that changes to the ZIP code could negatively impact his and other local businesses.

Mayor Juarez acknowledged those concerns and emphasized that this has been a long-standing issue. In addition to inconveniences like delayed deliveries and misdirected mail, the shared ZIP code has resulted in more serious consequences—such as the misallocation of property tax revenue to other municipalities. These problems affect not only individual residents and businesses, but also city operations and the broader financial health of the community.

The Mayor noted that some cities have successfully pursued unique ZIP+4 designations—the additional four digits appended to a standard ZIP code. For Mills, obtaining a specific 82644-XXXX identifier could help address many of these challenges without requiring a complete ZIP code reassignment.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### 11. ORDINANCE 821: SECOND READING Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

#### APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MILLS, WYOMING, FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MILLS, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

Motion made by Council Member Butcher, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland Voting Yea: Council Member Sutherland, Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council President Neumiller, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

## 12. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20- Zip Code

# A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A UNIQUE ZIP CODE FOR THE CITY OF MILLS

Motion made by Council Member Butcher, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland Voting Yea: Council Member Sutherland, Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council President Neumiller, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

#### 13. <u>RESOLUTION NO 2025-21: Public Safety Advisory Committee Agreement</u>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY committee AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CASPER, NATRONA COUNTY, NATRONA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE CITY OF MILLS, THE TOWN OF EVANSVILLE, AND THE TOWN OF MIDWEST. Motion made by Council Member McCarthy, Seconded by Council President Neumiller Voting Yea: Council Member Sutherland, Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council President Neumiller, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

## COUNCIL APPROVALS

14. Jonah Bank Equity Line of Credit - 2 year terms, lower interest rate

Motion made by Council President Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Butcher Voting Yea: Council Member Sutherland, Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council President Neumiller, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council President Neumiller at 7:10 to adjourn, Seconded by Council Member McCarthy Voting Yea: Council Member Sutherland, Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council President Neumiller, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

## AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

NEXT MEETING - June 10, 2025 at 7:00pm / June 24, 2025 at 7:00pm

NEXT WORK SESSION - June 9, 2025 at 9:00am / June 10, 2025 at 6:00pm

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

City Clerk, Sarah Osborn