

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**March 14, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**City Hall**



**CITY OF MILLS**  
EST. 1921

**Mayor:**

Leah Juarez

**Council President:**

Sara McCarthy

**Council Members:**

Cherie Butcher

Brad Neumiller

Tim Sutherland

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Leah Juarez

Council President Sara McCarthy

Council Member Cherie Butcher

Council Member Brad Neumiller

Council Member Tim Sutherland

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. 1987 Becker E-One Pumper Fire Engine to Casper College

Mayor closed the Council Meeting at 7:01pm.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm.

Mayor now declared the Public Hearing opened for consideration of the 1987 Becker-E-One Pumper Fire Engine to Casper College. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with state statutes and has been set and advertised in accordance with the statutes. I would ask those individuals who wish to address the council on this issue to approach the lectern, state your name, and address for the record. Do we have a report from staff on this item? The Fire Chief this is our 35 year old fire truck that went down and is no longer able to be used in fire responses. We were asked to donate it to the Fire Science Program at Casper College. The Fire Chief stated they will use it for the Fire Science training and do skills training. They also have an auto school that will work on it and practice fixing it up. The City Attorney stated this truck became a liability to the Town because of repairs. The Town has no use for it but Casper College is willing to invest the resources into it in order for their purposes. The Casper Fire Science benefits the Town of Mills in various ways. It turned out to be the best for both sides. The Mayor asked is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in favor of this item? No one spoke up. Mayor asked again if there was anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in favor of this item. No one spoke. For a third and final time is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in favor of this item. No one spoke. Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to this item. No one spoke up. Mayor asked is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to this item? No one spoke up. For a third and final time is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to this item. Mayor mentioned that after all have spoken and there being no others to speak for or against this item, I now declare the public hearing closed at 7:04pm.

Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7:04pm.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Minutes**

2. Council Meeting Minutes 2-28-2023

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

3. Executive Meeting Minutes Legal Issue

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

4. Executive Meeting Minutes Legal Issue #2

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

5. Executive Meeting Minutes Personnel Issue

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

### **City Licenses**

6. New and Renewal of Business and Contractor Licenses 3-14-2023

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

### **Financial Approvals**

7. Fire Payroll: 2-18-2023 to 3-1-2023

Motion made by Council President McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member

Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

8. Regular/Police Payroll: 2-13-2023 to 2-26-2023

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

9. Court Income Report February 2023

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

10. Treasurer Report February 2023

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

11. Financial Breakdown Report 3-14-2023

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

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**12. Resolution 2023-2:** A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of the Mayor and Councilman at the City Council Meeting of January 10th, 2023 and Instructing that the Mayor and Certain Councilmen be added as a Signator to Certain Accounts

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes for resolution 2023-2.

**13. Ordinance 785: THIRD AND FINAL READING:** An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Visionary Communications to Operate and Maintain a Telecommunications System in the City of Mills

Motion made by Council President McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Butcher.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes third and final reading.

**14. Ordinance 787: Second Reading:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.060 of the Mills Municipal Code and Adding 2.88.040

Motion made by Council President McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Butcher.

Mayor asked if there was any discussion.

**Jim Hollander at 288 N First Ave.**

Jim stated that he wanted to know what all the numbers mean. He wanted to know if we could spell it out and they can see what is being changed and voted on. The Mayor asked the City Clerk if the packets are on line. The Clerk stated they are posted online after the meeting. Jim stated that Roberts Rule of Order that they have to be spelled out. We need transparency on them. Mayor asked the City Attorney to explain what the Roberts Rule of Order are. The City Attorney stated that this Ordinance is amending Title 2 appointment of City Officials. It is up here tonight for second reading, and has passed the first. It amends 2.04.060 which is appointment of City Officials, and it strikes the text that no such termination may occur within the first thirteen months of the term of a new Mayor who did not serve in the prior term without the permission of the City Council. It adds that the discharged appointee shall have a right to hearing as allowed for under Wyo Stat. Sec 15-1-103 A, 37 D and 15-3-204 B, 5. These are the state statues. What this points out in state statues is that they would have a right under the hearing act, this particular ordinance it goes further to offer this right to all municipal employees. So that any employee who is discharges and felt that it was improper would have a right to a hearing govern by the administrative procedure act. As to the title it is adequate because it is address this part in the title. The numbers are the sections of the code that it is pertaining to. Jim stated so we can't add more to the title. The City Attorney stated that if the Mayor and Council would like I can add more detail to the title, but it does make it tough on some to add text because it would make it lengthy. Mayor stated that she feels it is done right and the way it strikes out and it reads pretty well. We can provide in advance and work on changes as needed.

**Scott Clamp: 720 Wasatch**

So this mean that you will go away with the 13 months? That is correct from Mayor. First of all I want to say you are in a thankless job and I want to thank you. But, I have been coming to these meeting for 35 years. There is a lot of investments that we do in our town. We invested in our attorney to write up this ordinance once before. We allowed the Council before to pass this. I disagree with this from experience. When these heads of departments and these heads of people we have a lot of money invested in their schooling and training and work sessions, and learn how they are to run our town. I think there would be a better way to do this instead of getting rid of our investment. Tell them what we need more from them and what they need to do. What changes can we both do. He gave a story of a young man that worked for the City and we paid for his schooling. Once we school him is he going to leave and jump the river and work with the schooling we gave him? That is not fair. That is our tax dollar that is paying for the schooling. So what happened is that the town got rid of him. He had a job that was paid pretty well. The town replaced him with two people that cost the town more. So we took one job that was paying lower and replaced with two that cost the town more money. That was ignorance. We need to back up and think that we have a lot of good employees. There is some that I personality have not got a long with. But there is some that I get along with real well. But I don't know their jobs and don't what they are doing. Some of the disagreements might be what they know and I don't know. I would strongly suggest that you table or whatever we have to do. What I do know is that this was passed by a previous governing body, and there was a lot of money in attorney fees for this and that, and agreements. It looks like to me that we are just throwing out good money away. Before we do that you all need to go to the employee, and we need you to do this a little different, and this needs to be done this way. Then be open to why they are doing something the way they are doing it and it will make more sense to you. We need to protect our investment. This was worked over by our previous officials, and they put these ordinances in line, I don't think we should jump to such a hurry to get rid of them until we study them if they need to change. Mayor stated that we have fantastic employees here and amazing department heads. Scott agreed. She knows that because she deal with Casper and Bar Nunn and the employees here are amazing. I am overly impressed with the work they do. I own my own business and sometimes you have to cut your loss from your investments. Mayor stated that the current ordinance states that I am not allowed to fire department heads. It binds my hands that if

someone is stealing, I cannot fire them. Mayor stated that this new way it allows the lower employee to fight for their job. Because before if they were labeled as insubordinate, they were not allowed to come to council and fight for their job. Scott stated that they should be able to fight for their job. I tried to get this done before that no one should be able to become a Mayor until they have been on Council first. Because there is a lot to learn here, before you get thrown to the wolves. Not jumping on you. I have brought up in the past. There has been some that do not know what they are doing. Mayor stated that she is aware that people are leading with fear over this ordinance. People will tell you that I don't fire just to fire. I am guilty of giving to many opportunities and chances to learn and grow. Scott stated that is great that you are that way. But this is just not your investment it is all of our investments. Employee in the City know how to talk to him. If something needs done Scott stated they will help him do it. I hate that it has gotten to this that you feel that your hands are tied. But I think that the past administration thought this was the best way to protect our investment. I understand change, and the new guy (Mayor) will change stuff, but then they realize that it was wrong and then it get changed back. This is our money of the town at work. We just want it to be spent right and keep our investment. You are in a thankless job. I will tell you thanks. Mayor stated that she is here to put it on record that our department heads are above. But Scott stated that you did not do that before you were elected. You said some things before you were elected. Mayor stated that now she can testify that working with individually they go above and beyond. They are creative thinkers, and they do a lot to save the citizens money. Scott stated that he has seen that most will talk to you and if you don't understand they will explain.

**Kendra Chorniak: Bucking Brew Owner and Mountain View Discount Liquors.**

My biggest question on the same Ordinance is why you are in such a big hurry to change it. If you are not concerned with the department heads you already have and possibly replace, why in the first quarter do you want to change the ordinance. Why not see how they are doing and what is happening and do you have an idea of who you will replace them with. There is a lot of experience here. It cost a lot to have that experience. You have a City Clerk that tell you how to do your job because you are not sure. I have watched council meeting after council meeting. Tell the Mayor and the council member how to do their job. You have a chief of Police that has certain element to deal with the citizens. Same for the Fire Chief. You have all of your department heads that developed a relationship with business people and citizens. I also own residences here. I don't want to have my taxes raised because pushed too far and too fast. What is the hurry? And why? Mayor stated that this ordinance was made just for her. It did not apply for the past Mayor. This was an ordinance that was made specifically for her. Kendra stated that this was just for you? And the Mayor stated yes. Mayor stated that for future Mayors I don't think that this ordinance should stand for them as well. Mayor stated that there is things that happened behind the scenes and that we cannot talk about with employees when we are wanting to let someone go. Kendra stated that did you talk with your friends and council about what is happening. The Mayor stated that we cannot talk about executive sessions with anyone. Kendra stated do you talk about the executive sessions about anything with other people. Mayor stated as long as personnel issues no we have to keep that in executive meetings. My biggest concern is that you are going to get rid of some people because you don't like them. Do you have people that will have the experience to take over? Are you willing to sit down and do the job until they figure it out? Mayor stated that she would never let someone go because she does not like them. I will let them go because they are not qualified for their position, because maybe they are insubordinate, they are not doing what they are told. Kendra stated that since you are going about changing this, the department heads don't know what to think. The Mayor stated that she is fully aware of the fearmongering that is going on. Kendra stated that she does not know about that part of it. I was not going to come down here tonight, but I got on the last meeting's agenda and seen this come up. I see this come up and I looked up the Ordinance. People perceive things differently. I am concern that when I opened up two business in this town, I had the help of every department head. Every one of them knew their job and they do it well, and are able to direct me in the positive manner. I have followed council meetings for Casper and Evansville and Mills because I am concerned with the changes that are being proposed and the business and residents don't know anything about them. I am concerned we are going to spend a lot of money and have out taxes

raised because something is being changed and should not be just yet. During your term is ok, but the first three months without knowing how to govern the body. I don't agree with. Mayor stated that she appreciates her comments and that it was not online and we have already discussed this and it will be taken care of.

**Scott Clamp: 720 Wasatch**

I have a quick question. You stated that this did not apply to the Mayor before you. Seth was a council member before he was a Mayor. Mayor Juarez stated that when the ordinance of terminating department heads, Seth did not apply that to himself. The Mayor stated that the fear that is created is that she is going to come in and clean house and fire all the department heads. When this should have been a fear from the last administration. We went through five fire chiefs, clerks, and treasurers, so it is interesting to her that we are more afraid of her than the Mayor before. Scott states that he liked how she said it protects the small guy. Scott stated that the Mayor positions have changed so much. Mayors used to fill in if they were short on positions. Mayor stated that she is aware of lower employees that have been terminated and I don't think that is fair and I think that everyone should have the right to defend their jobs, and not be labeled. Mayor explained that these are things that I can do to encourage change. And I realize the community was not part of the conversation, but I met with all department heads and I am going to hold them accountable before I hold the employee accountable. If an employee falls short, I am going to look at the department head and ask why. Scott stated that in the past the meetings used to go forever. There was no behind closed doors. If a citizen wanted to stay and listen they could. We would know what went on that month. If we did not it was our fault.

**Marlene Kernodle: 4<sup>th</sup> Ave**

I am concerned with this ordinance that is passing. She stated that Mayor when you ran you ran with all your family members and relatives. Are you going to let a bunch of people go so you can put in your family members? I don't think that you should have that authority. You already have a family member on the council. Mayor stated that I would love her to be a part of my family but unfortunately she is not. Mayor stated that it is also nepotism to hire family. I would encourage that the state law should change what has happened in the past that a construction company bided on a project and then they sub-contracted the Mayors company. So they got around the nepotism clause. Melissa stated that she came from a really bad city and moved to Wyoming, we love Mills and want to keep it clean and upstanding. Mayor stated to clarify I did not run with any of my family. I have one cousin that lives in Mills and the rest live in Casper.

**Scott Clamp: 720 Wasatch**

The nepotism thing is what it is. Casper has people with the same name and in his business he has people that are related. He says he disagrees, if the balance is there and it is good for our town then I don't see a problem with it. Mayor stated that if it is a small city I see that will make a difference. Scott stated that years ago everybody was related and that is how you had to make things work. Scott gave the example of the Mills Fire Department when his dad was a volunteer, lots of the employees were volunteer and they got jobs at the town to earn extra money. Mayor stated that on the nepotism thing it is your wife and your direct descendants like children. Cousins and uncles and brothers that is ok per state standards. Personally the Mayor stated that she does not agree with that. Scott stated but there is nothing wrong with that and Mayor stated that she thinks there is some stuff that needs to change. Scott stated again, well that is why all of you are on the bench. We know what the last legacies are they are pictured on the wall. Mayor appreciates the comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher

Voting Nay: Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passed second reading.

**15. Ordinance 788: Second Reading:** An Ordinance Amending Sections 2.20.060 Through 2.20.130, Certain Sections Pertaining to Fire Fighters and The Fire Department

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passed second reading.

**COUNCIL APPROVALS**

16. Council Approval of The FY 22 Audit Report

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

17. Council Approves the Bid Award for the Robertson Hills Park Project Andreen-Hunt Construction in the Amount of \$447,700.00

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

18. Council Approves the Mayor to Sign the Renewal for the Line of Credit with Jonah Bank

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

19. Council Approves the Mayor to Sign the Proclamation with AmeriCorps for National Service Recognition Day on March 17th, 2023

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

20. Council Approval of the Settlement of Claim

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.

Jim Hollander wanted to know what is the claim? The City Attorney stated that the claim is pertained to an ambulance bill, an individual that was transported by our City ambulance and was charged a fee. The person a small adjustment under 300 for a bill that is a couple thousand dollars.

Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Jim Hollander First Ave, stated that we have had lots of snow this year. He would like to know what it would take to get a plow down his street. He has called multiple times and they have not come down. He saw lots of Mills snow plows out but their blades were up. It would be nice to spend time on the side streets. I called three times and my name is on there. Mayor wanted to know if he could show any documentation that he called in. She would like to address that if you called and it did not get addressed then I will need to take care of that. Jim stated who knows what the office does with it. Jim stated that you always call the Town of Mills, and they take your address and put you on the list. I am just saying, that if you wait two to three days it will turn into ice and that will break the blades. The City Clerk stated that they do call and we make the list and give it to public works. After it leaves our hands I do not know what street they hit. There could be some better communication on that. It would help people so much. Mayor stated that she will follow up on that.

### **Scott Clamp: 720 Wasatch**

He wanted to say that he has lived here a long time and this is the first time he has seen a snow plow come down his street. He normally takes care of them himself since there really is no other people up by him. Jim stated he has done that to, since nothing was getting done. Mayor stated that the cities are coming together to ask the governor for more money. Scott says this has been like this his whole life. This is the first time ever for my street. He also stated that he saw Jimmy and the blades were up, he thought it might be for the ice.

### **Robert Fagen: Manager at the Westside Mobile Home Court**

I have 78 lots there. I am allowed 14 lots for RV spaces and I have 16 empty lots. I would like to see if I can add 6 more to my RV allotment. That would still leave me 10 for people to bring in mobile homes. Mayor stated back what he was asking. The City Clerk stated that this goes with the mobile home ordinance that we talked about yesterday in the work session. Councilman Neumiller stated it is based on a percentage of lots. We would have to change the percentage. It goes off the amount of lots they have the then there is a percentage. The City Clerk thought it was 20%. Councilman Neumiller stated that we would need to look at the percentage and then a variance would need to be done. The City Attorney stated that Councilman Neumiller is correct. A petition for a variance so you can increase the number. You will then have to go to Planning and Zoning. They will look at it and then send off to Council. You cannot do this in this meeting the City Attorney stated, but get the paperwork from the front desk and follow the steps. Robert stated that you said a petition there is only me and the owner. The City Attorney stated that is correct. Robert will get the paperwork. Councilman Neumiller stated that all the paperwork will need to be done so all the departments are on the same page. We need a paper trail.

### **Scott Clamp: 720 Wasatch**

Years ago this went and the council did not want fifth wheels or motor homes. Well some of those are nicer than people's houses. Some of my neighbors that I call snow birds. I love them. Because they are here for the summer and then they are gone. The Lariat owner stated that some of the people that would come in would pay him for the full year even though they are not here. So it still brings in lots of money for them. Plus they could double lease for the time that people are not hear. There does need to be some rules on what they are bringing in and police the area. But if people have the land we need to make use of the land.

### **Eric Holbrook: 406 Platte Street**

I was here a couple of weeks ago. Did not know the proper steps. So I am asking for permission to bring in my mobile home that is older than you require. I have been working with Kevin and he told me that the windows need replaced and I totally understand due to fire codes. He also stated that there is water damage in the back. , I really think it just needs some fresh paint. He guarantee that if he gets all this done can he move forward to



bringing the trailer in. The only thing is that I would need to get the trailer set and leveled before I put the windows in. I am asking for permission to get this going. I understand that it is older than you allow. But If I do all that is required can I bring it in. I understand that you have rules and if I can't bring it in, then I will stop what I am doing. Mayor stated that understand that replacing the windows after it set, but that brings up an issue. He stated he would have Kevin the building inspector come out and look over it. I just need to know if I need to sell this house. Councilman Sutherland asked if it is going to be house for him or a rental property. Eric stated a rental. Councilman Neumiller asked for Mike the City Administrator we briefly talked about this yesterday. He stated that Kevin said it was in good shape except for the windows. Mike stated that is correct the windows and the water spots. Eric understands. Bertha Hollbrook was with Eric and she wanted to say a few things. We have lived here for 38 years. We want to bring this trailer in so someone else can come into Mills and love Mills like she and kids have. Eric does work for the trailer place. It is Fairground Homes. They will be moving it in. Councilman Neumiller asked when you get it set how long will it take you to get the windows and smoke detectors in? Bertha stated that when they order stuff they have been told many times that is will not take long but you never know. Once we are approved I will go order the windows. Councilman Neumiller understands but there needs to be a time frame set. Mayor asked if the windows have been purchased. They stated no. Mayor stated that the issue is people say they will do something and it never happens. I would feel better if you could purchase the windows and show us your invoice. They stated yes, we can do that. They will get them ordered tomorrow. The City Attorney stated that they have a willingness to get this going, so the thing to do is to purchase the windows and then coordinate with Mr. Kevin O'Hearn and he can report back to us and what he noted. Council would give the final CO to issue. We are going through all the proper steps to get this all done right. Mayor and Council Neumiller don't see a problem with that. Just keep in contact with Kevin.

#### **Marlene Kernodle: 131 S 4<sup>th</sup> Ave**

Can you give us some update of the homeless shelter that is going in on Badger Lane. I have called and the office does not know anything about it. Mills does not know what is happening. They have broken ground and are building this for unaccompanied teens. The community has had no discussion and I am concerned because I came from a crime area. I asked questions and they told me that it is going to house 10 minor students between ages of 14 and 18. With only one adult. Anyone that has teenagers that know and one parent is sometimes too much. Please fill us in. The Community Development Director stated that it is not a homeless shelter. It is called the unaccompanied student. What is that? For teen that don't have parents. These teens don't have any other option. This is so they don't have to go into foster care. This is a program for them to get a fresh start and get on a good path. Scott Clamp stated that the kids have to meet a certain criteria right. They cannot be like I was when I was a kid. The Community Development Director stated it is a strict program. Marlene stated that the program in Casper, Mimmis house closed down because they ran out of funds. So not why take the funds to build this home and put it into that one and keep it running. These are two different ones and they have been working together the Community Development Director stated. There is three of them in the state. Do the Citizens of Mills have anything to say about this Marlene stated. The Community Development Director stated no because it is a house, that anyone in can buy. There will be chaperones in the house. More than one the Community Development Director stated. Scott Clamp stated that the way he read it is if the kids break the rules they are out. There is no second chance. Marlene stated that she read on the website that the house cost \$780,000 and they got a \$500,000 grant so where is the rest of the money coming from. The Community Development Director stated they have other donors. The Fire Chief of Mills stated that they are also teaching them life skills, and how to take care of themselves. Eric Hollbrook stated that sometimes foster care is not for everyone. Scott Clamp stated that 1 out of 10 come out good that is ok. I understand that it is scary if you live in the neighborhood. Everyone needs help and a chance. Another lady in the audience talked about troubled teens. Marlene stated that I don't you think it is fair that the Mills community should have something to say about all this. Especially dealing with kids that have problems that we don't know anything about. The Community Development Director stated do you know about all your neighbors' problems. Marlene stated that she does. The lady in the audience name unknown stated something about kid's homes. Marlene stated that she has raised her kids, she does not want to raise someone else's. I am putting up no trespassing signs on my property. Are these kids in trouble with the law? Scott Clamp stated that these kids don't have a record right. The City Attorney stated that as a point to order at some point there has to be sort of order. I am not stopping people from speaking, and sorry to cut in, but if people are wanting to speak come to the podium. Identify yourself for your record, for the clerk this will be a nightmare for

her to keep track. Generally, we would restrict a set of comment to five minutes and then go on to the next. Scott Clamp, so what I understand is it is not the kids problem it was the adult who was raising the kids. This might be the kid's last chance. The Mayor stated that these kids are good kids. They are not law breakers. They just don't have a home anymore. They don't have a job, or a way to feed themselves. They need to go to school. Scott this way they know they have someone that will take care of them. Mayor stated that Councilman Neumiller brought up that these kids will have very strict rules. They are giving a unique opportunity that not all kids get. It is a good thing. They are good kids with a safe home.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### 21. Personnel Issue

Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Issue at 8:04pm.

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

Back from Executive Session at 8:14pm.

No Action Needed

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:14pm.

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

**NEXT MEETING** - March 28th, 2023 @ 7:00pm/ April 11th, 2023 @ 7:00pm/ April 25th, 2023 @ 7:00pm

**NEXT WORK SESSION** - March 28th, 2023 @ 6:00pm/ April 10th, 2023 @ 9:00am

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at 307-234-6679 within 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to request such assistance.

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

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City Clerk, Christine Trumbull

