



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 05, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Saratoga Town Hall, 110 E Spring Ave, Saratoga, WY 82331

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chuck Davis called for a moment of silence in honor of Councilman Jacob Fluty

- 1) Opening Ceremony
Mayor Chuck Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- 2) Roll Call: __Mayor Chuck Davis __Councilman Cooley __Councilwoman Beck
__Councilman Jerry Fluty
All members of Council were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made to approve agenda for March 5, 2024, by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3) Minutes from February 06, 2024, Council Meeting

Motion was made to approve minutes from February 6, 2024, by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Councilman Jerry Fluty made a motion to approve financials from February 19, 2024, and March 5, 2024, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits from 02/05/2024-02/18/2024 - \$ 339,839.99
- 5) Accounts Payable from 02/05/224-02/18/2024 -\$117,328.67
- 6) Transmittals from 02/05/2024 - 02/18/2024 \$9,882.84
- 7) Payroll from 02/05/2024-02/18/2024 - \$37,612.34
- 8) Deposits - \$109,883.00

- 9) Accounts Payable - \$56,852.19
- 10) Transmittals - \$17,213.93
- 11) Payroll - \$37,339.53

CORRESPONDENCE

- 12) WAM Voting Delegate for 2024 Summer Convention
Town Clerk Jennifer Anderson read a letter from WAM Finance Manager Earla Checchi requesting the Town of Saratoga appoint an official Voting Delegate and alternate for the Summer Convention. Councilwoman Kathy Beck volunteered.

A motion was made to appoint Councilwoman Kathy Beck as the voting delegate from the Town of Saratoga for the WAM Summer Convention Business meeting by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 13) Union Wireless Broadband - Brian Woody, Tressa Barnes, David Ricley
David Ricley with Union Wireless presented a map with the area of focus to upgrade the broadband service. Union is being conservative with the area they are planning on updating, if they have time, they will be updating a larger area. These updates will not increase charges to customers. Starting date will be as soon as the ground thaws. Will be back when they have a firmer start date and will be in contact with updated information on a more consistent basis.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Chuck Davis stated from January 2023 to January 2024, the council has worked diligently and accomplished many valuable projects. He offered his gratitude to all members of the council and town employees for their efforts and hard work.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall

- 14) Mountain States 2021/2022 Audit Invoice \$6,981.00

Motion was made to approve the invoice for the 2021/2022 audit in the amount of \$6,981.00 by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

Police Department

Chief Mike Morris stated in the last two weeks there have been 133 calls of service.

There is still discussion between CCSO and Town of Saratoga about combining dispatch. Chief Morris has a meeting with Sheriff Alex Bakken next week. They will be scheduling a Public Meeting to discuss the changes and address and concerns and questions.

The Police Department has 2 applications in the process of being approved for Police Officer positions.

Chief Morris stated they have started planning for Saratoga Days. The event seems to get bigger every year, last year went very smoothly, and he wants to keep that going in a positive direction.

Mayor Chuck Davis reiterated that the Town and Sheriff Bakken are visiting and researching any and all resolutions involving dispatch. Chief Morris and Sheriff Bakken are visiting joint dispatch centers around the state as well as having conversations with those Chiefs and Sheriffs.

15) CCSO MOU with Dispatch Invoice 2024-01-A \$12,625.00

Motion was made to pay invoice to CCSO in the amount of \$12,625.00 by Councilman Jerry Fluty second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Mayor Chuck states he spoke with Creed James and was informed that Pumper Truck 13 is back in town and in service.

Recreation Department

Next meeting is April 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Director Kim Hemenway stated she has started planning for upcoming pool season. Whisper Bunch, Pool Manager has met requirements and received certification to teach swimming lessons with that she would like to increase her wage by one dollar.

A motion to increase Whisper Bunch pay rate from \$16.00/hour to \$17.00/hour by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

Director Hemenway would like to implement a pay scale for Pool staff at being \$12.00/hour for cashier, \$13.00/hour for lifeguard, and \$14.00/hour for lead lifeguard or returning lifeguard.

Motion was made by Councilman Jerry Fluty and seconded by Councilman Mike Cooley to approve the Pool Staff Pay Scale. Motion carried.

16) Youth Basketball T-Shirt Bids

Motion to approve purchase for 118 T-shirts for Youth Basketball from the Outhouse in the amount of \$1357.00, made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

17) Mountain Film on Tour

Department of Public Works

18) National Rural Water Association Annual Rally

Wyoming's National Director to NRWA, Mr. Chuck McVey and Water Operator Mr. Brandan Mistelske represented the Town of Saratoga at the 25th Annual Great American

Rural Water Association's Annual Rally in Washington D.C. After winning the state competition, the Town of Saratoga finished in the top 5 nationally. The Town of would like to thank the Water and Sewer Department for their hard work and efforts.

19) Grant Agreement ARPA LG-1407

Directory Emery Penner presented the formal ARPA Grant Agreement between the State of Wyoming, Office of State Lands and Investments and the Town of Saratoga.

Motion to approve Grant Agreement ARPA LG-1407 by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

20) SCCIJPB Level 2 Feasibility Study Application

Motion was made to approve the application for the Level 2 Feasibility Study and Resolution 2024-1 by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

21) TAMP OV Consulting Invoice #2933 \$24,510.72

Motion was made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to approve invoice #2933 from OV Consulting in the amount of \$24,510.72 for payment, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

22) Pool Deck Repair

Motion to approve BH Contracting for demolition of the Wading Pool and Deck Repair for \$36,550.00 by Councilwoman Kathy Beck second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Water and Sewer Joint Power Board

Next meeting is March 13, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the PVCC

23) Invoice 02-14-2024 Reimbursement

Motion to approve invoice in the amount of \$33,686.73 made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty, motion carried.

Community Center Joint Powers Board

Next meeting is March 11, 2024, at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

Planning Commission

Next meeting is March 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Recreation Commission

Next meeting is April 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Motion to approve Letters of Interest from Casey Jones, Patrick Donahue, and Sarah Wach as volunteers for the Rec board, made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

- 24) Casey Jones Letter of Interest
- 25) Patrick Donahue Letter of Interest
- 26) Sarah Wach Letter of Interest

Saratoga Airport Advisory Board

Next meeting is March 11, 2024, at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board

Next meeting is March 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:59 PM made by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024, AT 6:00 PM.**

Mayor Chuck Davis

Jenn Anderson, Town Clerk