



## **TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 03, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

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

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### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- 1) Opening Ceremony
  
- 2) Roll Call: \_\_Mayor Chuck Davis \_\_Councilman Cooley \_\_Councilwoman Beck  
\_\_Councilman Jerry Fluty \_\_Councilman Jacob Fluty

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Chuck Davis  
Councilman Mike Cooley  
Councilwoman Kathy Beck  
Councilman Jacob Fluty  
Councilman Jerry Fluty

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 3) Approval of the minutes of September 19, 2023

Motion to approve minutes from Council meeting from September 19, 2023, by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Motion to approve financials as read, by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits - \$223,062.36
- 5) Accounts Payable - 56,492.89
- 6) Payroll - \$37,706.57
- 7) Transmittals - \$33,546.02

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

## **Town Hall**

8) Mountain West Technologies

Lesha Thorvaldson, COO from Mtn West Technologies, would like to thank the council for their letter of support for the Project Application for the Connect Wyoming Program. Ms. Thorvaldson hopes to know the status of the grant by the end of October. Crews will be bringing fiber from Walcott. Mayor Davis inquired about when fiber optics are installed will they becoming before the council with a franchise agreement. Lesha confirmed they will be bringing forward an agreement. Mayor Davis then inquired about an estimated date for the agreement. Lesha will be getting an agreement within the next month, will be planning on being at a meeting in November.

9) 2023 F66 Census

Director Emery Penner explained that the F66 census is required by the Department of Audit on an annual basis. It is a control of our accounts. Stated they did go over the census with the auditor, it is complete.

10) Ordinance 868 - Town Ordinance Revision per WAM Recommendation

Motion to pass the Ordinance 868 on the first reading by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

## **Fire Department**

Fireman Nick Carey presented the maintenance issues with T13, and explained the repairs that are going to be made with parts listed in the presented quotes. Mr. Carey states the fire dept is waiting to hear from the county fire dept. as the truck is also used on County call. to see if they are willing to help.

Fire Dept has ran 9 calls since the last meeting, 3 calls in town and 6 calls out of town. Down to training once a month for the winter months

11) T13 Pump Quote - \$7,828.60

12) T13 Impeller Quote - \$4,234.00

## **Recreation Department**

Director Kim Hemenway would like to hire 3 or 4 people for open gym. will be \$10/hr. hours will be 6-9 Mon - Thurs.

Motion to approve the hiring of 3-4 people at \$10/hr by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

Upcoming events, Fall Festival on Oct 21, Haunted House Oct 28, Eclipse on Oct 14, UW Planetarium sent over 10,000 glasses for the event, Kim will be distributing the glasses to the schools in CCSD #2.

## **Department of Public Works**

Director Emery Penner states, all 5 wells are now in working order, 480 tons of asphalt has been used to patch potholes. Saratoga Lake is being tested this week for cyanobacterial Blooms we will have better idea of what those are next week. Review on the floodplain maps should be here tomorrow, should have finding by Oct 11. Had a meeting with Rec Board, looking at special purpose tax to look at the wading pool and decking repairs. Is in contact with a company in Cheyenne that does this kind of work, he will be getting together with him to see what can be done to repair the pool.

13) Invoice #09-13-2023

Motion to pay invoice 09-13-2023 for engineering cost on the continuation of the River St waterline replacement project by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

14) Invoice #09-20-2023

Motion to pay invoice 09-20-2023 for the final payment on the demolition of the water tank by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second my Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

15) Director of Public Works Mr. Emery Penner states they have had the streets dept job posted and have not had many people apply, one interested applicant is Kim Babbitt. She is currently working for us right now, she is involved in Weed & Pest, he would like to move her into the Streets Dept. to fill this position.

Motion to hire Kim Babbitt \$17.00/hr. in a fulltime position by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Community Center Joint Powers Board**

Next meeting is October 9, 2023, at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

16) Memo of Use with PVCC

Motion to approve MOU with PVCC by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

### **Water and Sewer Joint Power Board**

Next meeting is October 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the PVCC

Director Penner stated they are interested in setting up 1 or 2 meetings a year with board members and Council members to discuss bigger issues and processes. Mayor Davis states it's a great idea, for the boards to get together and building a more coherent process and relationship. All Council members agreed this would be a great idea.

### **Planning Commission**

Next meeting is October 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Saratoga Moves survey is still up if anyone wants to fill out a survey. There will be a public hearing before the next council meeting at 5:30 on the Octagon Subdivision. Have had 66 building permits this year so far, outside of fences and digs.

**Recreation Commission**

Next meeting is November 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Still have 2 out of town Rec Board positions, will be working on a mission statement, working on developing events coming up this fall, winter and spring. Really need volunteers, will be offering training of volunteers.

**Saratoga Airport Advisory Board**

Next meeting is October 9, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

**South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board**

Next meeting is October 16, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Hanna

**NEW BUSINESS**

Question from public Richard Hodges, inquiring about no recording being made in board meetings. Is it possible to get meeting recorded for the public to listen to? Mayor Davis will be checking, states each meeting does have minutes available to the public, any minutes that would be recorded would have to be solely on an electronic device.

**FURTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jacob Fluty, second my Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried at 6:50 PM.

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 6:00 PM.**

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Mayor Chuck Davis

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Jenn Anderson, Town Clerk