



## **TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2024 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  
Mayor Chuck Davis called the Public Hearing - Sewer Project to order at 6:00 PM.  
Motion to adjourn Public Meeting at 6:06PM made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.  
Mayor Davis called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
- 2) Roll Call: \_\_Mayor Chuck Davis \_\_Councilman Cooley \_\_Councilwoman Beck  
\_\_Councilman Jerry Fluty \_\_Councilman Bub Barkhurst  
All members of council were present

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made to approve agenda for November 19, 2024, by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.

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

- 3) Minutes from Public Hearing on November 5, 2024  
Motion was made to approve minutes from the November 5, 2024 Public Hearing - Liquor License Renewals, by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.
- 4) Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2024  
Motion was made to approve minutes from the November 5, 2024 meeting, by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made to pay the financials for November 19, 2024, by Councilman Barkhurst, second by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

- 5) Deposits - \$509,233.50
- 6) Accounts Payable - \$58,860.91
- 7) Transmittals - \$47,736.11
- 8) Payroll - \$43,224.84

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 9) Special Events Permit - 41st Annual Ice Fishing Derby  
Motion to approve Special Events for the 41st Annual Ice Fishing Derby made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 10) Liquor License - American Legion #54 - Corrine Miller  
Corrine Miller, representing the American Legion Post 54 stated the establishment would provide a roster of members to Lt. Moore of the Saratoga Police Dept. to be compared with the sign in sheet. The club by-laws do state each member is allowed to have 15 guests. Mayor Davis stated that after the documents have been reviewed by Lt. Moore and are approved, the Council will move forward with the renewal of the Liquor License.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Davis reported that Chief Mike Morris will be having open heart surgery on Dec. 4, 2024. Lt. Moore is acting as Chief until Chief Morris is able to return.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

### **Town Hall**

### **Police Department**

Lt. Moore reported there have been 202 calls of service since last meeting stating 132 of those calls were law. Officer Casey Lehr will be going to Colorado to certify the K9, once certified the K9 contract will be presented to Council for approval.

### **Fire Department**

### **Recreation Department**

Next meeting is December 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

- 11) Open Gym Supervisor - Madison Johnson  
Motion was made to approve the hiring of Madison Johnson at \$13.00/hr. per the wage scale, by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 12) Emergent Coils - Heat Exchanger Quote - \$8,627.00  
Motion was made to approve the heat exchangers in the pool in the amount of \$8,627.00, by Councilwoman Beck, second by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 13) PVCC Rental Agreement  
Motion to approve new PVCC Rental Agreement made by Councilman Fluty, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.

## **Department of Public Works**

- 14) Ordinance 873 - 2nd Reading - Sewer Rates  
Motion was made to pass Ordinance 873 - Sewer Rates on the 2nd reading, by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.
- 15) Ordinance 874 - 2nd Reading - Water Rates  
Motion was made to pass Ordinance 874 - Water Rates, on the second reading, by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.
- 16) WDS- Truck Repair Quote - \$6,794.68  
Motion to approve quote from WDS Councilwoman Beck, second Councilman Cooley.
- 17) Platte Valley Heating & Air Quote - Streets and Water Shop Heater  
Motion to approve heating units in the amount of \$14,865.00, and \$4,215.00 made by Councilwoman Beck, second by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 18) CWSRF Project Update  
Public Hearing was held for the Clean Water SRF Project, detailing the replacement of sewer lines south of town as well as north of town that go under the river, and two "chunks" up on the hill. During project development, different alternatives for open cutting such as boring, cured in place pipe, and pipe bursting were investigated. Due to the risk of process failure, the decision to open cut has been made for the digging and replacement of pipe. Environmental review with both federal and state agencies, showed no area of concern. Permits will be obtained through DEQ and the USACE before the start of the project. Present estimated project cost is \$3,150,000.00, the SRF program has offered principal forgiveness of \$1,575,000.00, with the other half in a loan at \$1,575,000.00 to be paid back through the Sewer Enterprise Funds. Rate studies show that a \$1.28 increase in water/sewer rate spread over the next two years would cover the loan cost, this would be in addition to the standard 3% yearly increase. Printed maps were presented to council and will be available at Town Hall. No comments from the public or council were made. Project will be in design and permitting next year with a hopeful start date in November.
- 19) Town of Saratoga 2024 Equipment Auction, High Bidder Results  
Motion to approve Consent List of items 1-12 excluding items 6 and 11, made by Councilwoman Beck, second by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.  
Motion to approve item 6 by Councilwoman Beck, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried. Councilman Fluty abstained.  
Motion to approve item 11 by Councilwoman Beck, second by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried. Councilman Barkhurst abstained.

## **Planning Commission**

Next meeting is December 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

- 20) Ordinance 24-872 - 2nd Reading - Flood Plain  
Motion to approve Ordinance 24-872 - Floodplain on the 2nd reading, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

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

Next meeting is December 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the PVCC

## **Community Center Joint Powers Board**

Next meeting is December 9, 2024 at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

**Recreation Commission**

Next meeting is December 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

**Saratoga Airport Advisory Board**

Next meeting is December 9, 2024 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

**South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board**

Next meeting is December 16 2024 at 6:00 PM in Hanna

**NEW BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss personnel and matters of litigation in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii)

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Councilwoman Beck, at 6:55 PM second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:05 PM noting no action taken made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.

Motion was made to reconvene Council Meeting at 7:05 PM by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.

**FURTHER BUSINESS****ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 7:06 PM by Councilwoman Beck, second by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.**

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Mayor Chuck Davis

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Jenn Anderson, Town Clerk