



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 02, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) Opening Ceremony
- 2) Roll Call: Mayor Chuck Davis Councilman Cooley Councilwoman Beck
 Councilman Jerry Fluty Councilman Jacob Fluty

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made to approve agenda for January 2, 2024, council meeting by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3) December 19, 2023, Minutes
Motion was made to approve the minutes from December 19, 2023, council meeting by Councilman Jacob Fluty, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion to approve the bills and financials for December 19, 2023, by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits - \$51,183.82
- 5) Accounts Payable - \$19,203.49
- 6) Transmittals - \$11,411.13
- 7) Payroll - \$38,940.47

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 8) House District 47 Representative Bob Davis
House District 47 Representative Bob Davis stated they are getting ready for the budget session in February. Mr. Davis represented the Town of Saratoga on the Ag Committee this

summer, he reported that the state will be voting to remove the regulations by the State Ag Dept on flow thru pools which include the hot pools at the Inn and the HOBBO pool. Mr. Davis has been assigned to the Regulatory Task Force, they will be trying to reduce regulations that are burdensome to communities on the building and housing side of things, going to try to streamline some of the permitting process to make it a little easier.

Representative Davis asked if there was anything that needed to be looked at in Cheyenne? Mayor Chuck Davis inquired if affordable housing was being looked at, at the state level.

Representative Davis stated that is what the Regulatory Task Force is going to be looking at.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall

- 9) Mountain States CPA's and Consultants LLC Invoice #140301 2021-2022 Audit - \$9,450.00
Motion made to approve invoice #140301 in the amount of \$9,450.00 for the 2021-2022 audit being completed at the present time by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Police Department

Chief of Police Mike Morris reported there have been 139 calls of service, a combination of 14 citations and warnings written in the last two weeks. Year-end totals for the department were 3,906 calls of service, 148 citations and 220 warnings issued.

Chief Morris has met with Carbon County Sheriff Alex Bakken and reported that CCSO will not be able share in the cost for the VPN/Gateway for Encampment. Will address the VPN/Gateway at next meeting.

Fire Department

Mayor Davis delivered the Fire Department Report of 3 Fire, and 2 Search & Rescue calls since the beginning of December. The Food Drive was able to deliver food to approximately 20 families and 15 homes to the elderly.

A 5" hose and bunker gear that was approved and ordered last Spring has come in. These items were ordered last Spring and never came in, so the invoice was never paid, and was not accounted for in the current budget. Will be looking to see where this fits in to their budget. The part for Truck 13 is in at Rock Springs will be getting the truck over there for repair. Election of officers are tomorrow night, will give results at next meeting. Will be resuming their weekly trainings now that the Holidays are over.

Recreation Department

Next meeting is January 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Director Kim Hemenway reported that Volleyball League registration opens this week with play beginning January 17th. Ice Hockey tournament is scheduled for the 12th and 13th. Ice skates will be available soon to the public to use as soon as they get sharpened.

Department of Public Works

Director Emery Penner gave an update on the Well Field project, so far everything looks good, cleaning out 'well', there is not a lot of biproduct and abuse showing up which is a great and encouraging sign.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Water and Sewer Joint Power Board

Next meeting is January 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the PVCC

Planning Commission

Next meeting is January 9, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Special use permit for 4-H lambs will be presented at the next meeting.

Transportation Alternative Masterplan meeting is January 17, 2024, from 5:30 - 7:30, please come. This is an evaluation of opportunity and a gathering of information. This is to evaluate if there is a path to build and where to put the path if we do build one. Public feedback is very valuable, Director Penner encourages the public to come out to the meeting.

Community Center Joint Powers Board

Next meeting is January 10, 2024, at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

Recreation Commission

Next meeting is January 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Saratoga Airport Advisory Board

Next meeting is January 8, 2024, at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

10) Letter of Interest - Thad York

Motion to appoint Thad York to the Saratoga Airport Advisory Board was made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board

Next meeting is January 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Saratoga Ambulance Barn

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues in the Police Department at 6:33 was made by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene regular meeting at 7:10pm with no action taken in executive session and minutes sealed, by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

FURTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:11pm made by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024, AT 6:00 PM.**

Mayor Chuck Davis

Jenn Anderson, Town Clerk