



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16, 2023 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

PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Davis would like to move the Department of Public Works ahead of Town Hall for Reports from Departments. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to approve the amended agenda, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3) Approval of the regular minutes of May 2, 2023
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits - \$212,331.43
- 5) Accounts Payable - \$96,439.43
- 6) Payroll - \$35,575.86
- 7) Transmittals - \$56,799.42

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 8) Carbon County Prevention Network - Tracy Young

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Davis read a letter from the Emergency Manager, Tyler Christen. We are currently in action stage and a flood watch has been issued. Minor flood stage is at 8.5ft and they are currently under 8.4ft. Residents are encouraged to watch the flood plain and check their crawlspaces. Sandbags are available by calling Town Hall at 307-326-8335.

Mayor Davis stated that the Town Council has 4 essential things to provide for its citizens: 1)Fire 2)Police 3)Water & Sewer 4)Streets & Roads. As we work on the budget, everyone would like more but we need to watch how we spend money and spend it wisely especially since revenues are down. Mayor Davis stated that we need to proceed with caution.

Councilwoman Beck stated that we need to put up a flagpole and take care of the picnic tables at the campground. Mayor Davis stated that the high school seniors are planning on painting the picnic tables and the flagpole is already being replaced.

Councilwoman Beck stated that she encourages everyone to look at the new hospital and thanks the individuals that made it happen.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Department of Public Works

Councilman Jerry Fluty stated that sandbags are available but we will not place them. Residents can call Town Hall for sandbags.

- 9) Spring Avenue Waterline Project / Lewis & Lewis

Caleb Tygum from Lewis & Lewis is trying to finish the project up as a whole and they are working on punch list items. They would like to submit a pay estimate without more liquidated damages. Councilman Jerry Fluty stated that there is a 6ft gap between the old pavement and new pavement. Lewis & Lewis stated that there is not enough space for drainage and they made it according to the plans. Caleb stated that if we add the liquidated damages to the pay estimate, they would be paying the town instead. He stated that he can submit a progress estimate instead of a pay estimate because they have been working for 2 months without pay. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried. Voting Abstaining: Councilwoman Beck.

- 10) Summer Help

Mayor Davis stated there are 2 part time workers and 1 full time worker. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to hire the summer help, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

Town Hall

- 11) Valley Village

Ellie Dana brought in a check for \$1 for the Town. Mayor Davis gave Ellie a key and the deed. Ellie thanked everyone from Valley Village & Excel for all of their help to make this happen.

- 12) July 4, 2023 Council Meeting

Mayor Davis stated that the first meeting in July is on the 4th. The council decided to cancel the first meeting of July and just have one meeting the month of July on the 20th at 6pm. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

13) Ordinance 867 - Budget

Motion made by Councilman Cooley to approve the budget ordinance by title only, Seconded by Councilman Fluty. Motion carried. Voting Nay: Councilwoman Beck

Police Department

14) Canine Lease Agreement

Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Fire Department

15) Intake Valve - \$1,556.00

Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

Recreation Department

There are 3 applicants for the Recreation Director position. Councilwoman Beck has formed an interview committee to interview the applicants.

Councilwoman Beck stated that those that are interested in a soccer program is scheduled the week after the 4th of July. She stated that because we don't have anyone to head that program; parents and volunteers should step up and organize the program.

Councilwoman Beck requested to hire Samantha Anderson at \$11 an hour, Jordan Travis increase wage from \$14 to \$15 an hour, Jaida Jennings increase wage from \$11 to \$12 an hour and Josie Little increase wage from \$11 to \$12 an hour. Councilman Jerry Fluty asked to table this until the council can discuss budgets. Councilwoman Beck stated that if we cannot hire the lifeguards at this wage, then the pool will not open. Councilman Jerry Fluty stated that we can hire the lifeguards but not at that wage. Councilwoman Beck stated that it is only a dollar raise. Mayor Davis asked who promised the raise to the lifeguards and Councilwoman Beck stated the Recreation Director did. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to hire the lifeguards with the dollar increase. The motion died for a lack of a second.

16) Special Events Permit - Community Luau - June 17, 23

This is for a Luau for a Pool Open House on June 17, 2023 5pm-9pm and contingent on the weather and pool opening. There will be a raffle for a free family membership. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Center Joint Powers Board

Next meeting is June 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

No new updates.

Water and Sewer Joint Power Board

Next meeting is June 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the PVCC

Councilman Jacob Fluty stated that the board approved the sewer plan for Triple D's subdivision at Veterans Street.

17) **Water Tower Demolition**

The board will also work on the water tank demolition next year and \$55,000 is budgeted.

Planning Commission

Next meeting is June 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

McCall Burau stated that we are waiting for an amendment from WYDOT for OV Consulting. The commission is going to discuss short term rentals, affordable housing and rezoning.

18) **Letter of Interest - Matt Baker**

We are waiting on a resignation from a commission member before we can read the letter of interest.

Recreation Commission

Next meeting is June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

There will be an Independence Run co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. There will also be a community clean up with the date to be determined.

Saratoga Airport Advisory Board

Next meeting is June 12, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

No new updates.

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board

Next meeting is June 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Clerk Marie Christen stated that SCWEMS will be increasing ambulance service cost from \$30 to \$34 per person because of increased costs.

NEW BUSINESS**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Chuck Davis

Marie Christen, Town Clerk

