



## **TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 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 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**

Mayor Chuck Davis added Jon Nelson to the agenda under items from the public.

Motion to approve agenda made by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

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

- 3) Minutes from March 5, 2024, Council Meeting  
Motion to approve minutes from March 5, 2024, meeting made by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve financials, made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits - \$291,086.97
- 5) Accounts Payable - \$37,888.27
- 6) Transmittals- \$39,788.11
- 7) Payroll- \$36,279.31

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Jon Nelson brought forward a proposal to change Town Ordinance to allow chickens (hens only) and a max number of 6 in town limits. No action was taken. Mayor Chuck Davis stated that as ordinances are reviewed, this will be taken into consideration.

- 8) Special Event Application - Amanda Escobedo Elevate Events  
Motion to approve Special Events Permit for Aug 10, with the approval of the tent being erected on Aug 9 and taken down first thing in the morning of Aug 11 by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.
- 9) Representative Bob Davis - Legislative Update  
Representative Bob Davis stated the Pass-Through Pools Legislation was passed; local state distribution went up to \$146 million Saratoga portion will be \$81,279.00.  
He was in Cheyenne for the budget process Stated it was a good budget session with lots of compromising between the House and the Senate, if you have questions, reach out and he is happy to answer questions.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

### **Town Hall**

- 10) Matt Webster - Crowd Strike I.T. Back-Up Security Program  
Matt Webster with Crowd Strike, and Carbon County Emergency Management Coordinator Lenny Layman, presented Crowd Strike Back-Up Security Program. Program is offered to all municipalities in Wyoming free of charge for 2 years.  
Motion was made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to sign up with Crowd Strike, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.
- 11) WAM-JPIC Board of Directors Official Ballot
- 12) Little League \$2100.00  
Motion to give Platte Valley Little League \$2100.00 for fence repair from the Wyoming Community Gas awarded in 2023 by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

### **Police Department**

Chief Mike Morris stated vehicle repairs are needed on two of the patrol vehicles. Repairs on the 2018 Chevy truck will be \$3200.00, and the Explorer, \$2000.00 in repairs. Motion to approve vehicles for repair made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

- 13) SHSP Grant
- 14) Dispatch Update  
Chief Mike Morris stated that during the MOU with the Carbon County Sheriff Office the Town of Saratoga spent \$45,000 in roughly 60 days to staff the dispatch center. Chief Morris has met with Sheriff Alex Bakken and Mike Ward, stated that they believe that a Joint Powers Board is the best idea. Chief Morris is working to get a public meeting mid-April to gather opinions and address any concerns and questions.  
Mayor Chuck Davis stated we need to set a date and have a limit time, have meeting at a neutral site. He also reiterated that no decision has been made about the future of dispatch at this time.
- 15) Hiring Update  
Chief Mike Morris stated he has met with two candidates for Police Officers, Charles Holt was the Medicine Bow Marshall and is just shy of receiving his professional peace officer

certificate, he is an EMT, and Firefighter, and Casey Lehr from the Carbon County Sheriff Office has his Professional Peace Officer Certificate. Both will start at 24.00 hour and at the end of 6 months will move up to 24.50 hour. Both will start April 1, and will be under an FTO.

Motion to approve the hiring of both Casey Lehr and Charles Holt as Police Officers with a starting wage of \$24.00 to start April 1, 2024, made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

### **Fire Department**

- 16) Curtis Blitzfire Package Quote \$5,180.25  
Motion to approve Curtis Blitzfire Monitor Package Quote for \$5,180.25 made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.
- 17) MES Quote \$1,607.98  
Motion to approve quote from MES Thermal imager in the amount of \$1,607.98 made by Councilman Mike Cooley, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.
- 18) New Member Savannah Wells  
Town of Saratoga would like to welcome new member Savannah Wells aboard.
- 19) Fire Dept Budget
- 20) Truck 13 Back in Town, Back in Service

### **Recreation Department**

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

- 21) Correction - Whisper Bunch Wage  
Motion to approve Whisper Bunch pay increase from \$17.00 an hour to \$18.00 an hour as a correction from the last meeting, made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

### **Department of Public Works**

Director Emery Penner stated the River Street Bid is opening tomorrow, Never Forget Park is back out for bid. Looking for part-time seasonal workers for mosquito spraying and weed maintenance, wages will be the same as last year. He has met with the Wyoming Water Development Commission Project Manager; they went over the Level 2 application and possible options for Tank Project. They will continue work through the process. The concrete will be getting poured at the pool the end of the week. Director Penner would like to thank the property owners around the Myrtle St Lift Station for being so patient during the project.

- 22) Asphalt Crushing Bid  
Motion to proceed with contract for Asphalt Crushing with Plattoga Holdings LLC made 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 April 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the PVCC

### **Planning Commission**

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

Airbnb was the topic at the last meeting between, one concerned citizen, a hotel owner, and an Airbnb owner. Chairman McCall Burau stated the Board is passionate about getting a permit for

Airbnb's. Mayor Chuck Davis would like to hear back the Town Attorney before the council makes any decision, there will also have to be a public meeting.

**Community Center Joint Powers Board**

Next meeting is April 8, 2024, at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

**Recreation Commission**

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

**Saratoga Airport Advisory Board**

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

Secretary Brenda Mistelske reported they did not have quorum at the last meeting. The board did discuss cameras, grants for the masterplan, getting a fire truck at airport, and an upcoming fuel farm inspection.

**South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board**

Next meeting is April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Saratoga Ambulance Barn

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Chuck Davis stated the Town of Saratoga will advertise to fill the empty council seat starting March 25 to April 19. All members of council agreed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**FURTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 7:52 by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, April 2, 2024, AT 6:00 PM.**

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Mayor Chuck Davis

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Jennifer Anderson, Town Clerk

