



## **TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 07, 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 AGENDA**

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

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

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

- 3) Approval of the public hearing minutes of February 21, 2023  
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 4) Approval of the regular minutes of February 21, 2023  
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to approve the bills, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

- 5) Deposits - \$67,344.93
- 6) Accounts Payable - \$28,913.30
- 7) Payroll - \$37,033.97
- 8) Transmittals - \$109,937.75

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

## **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 9) WY Game & Fish  
Mark Cufaude spoke about installing a fish screen in the sucker ditch 100 ft away from the inlet of the lake. This is to eliminate and prevent suckers and brook stickleback to repopulate. This will start in early April and the lake will be filled by July. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to install the screen, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Davis stated several members from the public thanked how the streets guys are plowing.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

### **Town Hall**

- 10) HF Sinclair Grant  
Stacy Crimmins stated this was for heavy equipment use, landscaping and seeding for \$25,000. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to approve applying to the grant, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 11) Resolution 2023-06  
Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 12) Wyoming Community Foundation Grant  
This grant is for \$10,000 and due by March 15 with notification by June. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 13) Resolution 2023-07  
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

- 14) Grant Application for Laura Jane Musser Foundation  
This grant is for \$35,000 for Never Forget Park. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to approve applying to the grant, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 15) Resolution 2023-08  
Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 16) Term of Appointment for Clerk per Ordinance 2.08.031  
Mayor Davis appointed Marie Christen as Town Clerk. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.
- 17) Term of Appointment for Treasurer per Ordinance 2.08.031  
Mayor Davis appointed Corina Daley as Treasurer. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.
- 18) Master Service Agreement - IME  
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.
- 19) LGLP Renewal  
Mayor Davis stated that once Valley Village takes occupancy of the Corbett Medical Building, we will drop the liability insurance for the building. Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 20) Pay Increase for Accounting Clerk to \$15/hr  
Motion made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 21) Never Forget Park Proposal  
Mayor Davis explained the proposal from WLC for Never Forget Park. Mayor Davis contacted a local engineering firm and the firm didn't think that the proposal was far off the mark. The water lines and sewer lines are located on the inside of the park. Randy Raymer stated that too much has been spent for engineering costs and the Town employees can oversee the project. He stated that the concrete testing is not necessary. Nanette Valdez Schwartz stated that she agrees with Randy Raymer and states that it shouldn't cost that much because it is a park. She stated that the park is taking too long. Councilman Jerry Fluty stated that the grading of the parking lot is very important. Joe Schwartz stated that the money shouldn't be important anymore because we need to move forward with the park. Stacy Crimmins stated she will do a press release and include the budget. The total budget is \$745,000 with an amphitheater, restrooms, and irrigation. Richard Hodges stated that the town should pay for the curb and gutter and not out of the park funds. Mayor Davis stated that the town has budgeted \$100,000 for the park. Richard stated that the town should pay for the curb and gutter out of its funds. Councilman Jerry Fluty stated that the developer pays for curb and gutter and the town takes over the maintenance of it after it is done. Ty Brinar stated that the park needs to be completed. He thinks it's money well spent. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to move forward with WLC, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 22) Caselle Professional Services - \$1350/month  
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

- 23) Stevens Matter  
Mayor Davis stated they will take soil samples, testing, and the amount will be split between Town and Randy Stevens. Kathy Beck stated that she wants a another set of eyes on the Stevens matter. Motion made by Councilman Cooley. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

### **Police Department**

- 24) TAC-ONE Consulting - Active Shooter Training - \$1,050  
Carbon County School District #2 has contracted with TAC-ONE and this training was born from the Columbine shooting. The founding members were part of the response. This is a company that has provided training world wide and is a good opportunity to receive training locally. The training is \$350/officer and the company offered to give 2 spots for free. This is not budgeted but there is money for this. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

### **Fire Department**

Pat Waliser stated that there was a meeting with Black Hills Energy and the next meeting is scheduled within the next month to reduce response time. There was a Fire Department banquet recently with a good turnout and 5 firefighters were recognized for being on the department for 10 years. They will be meeting regarding ISO this next week. The 100 year anniversary is this summer and there will be a party on July 22, 2023.

### **Recreation Department**

Director Sarah Laughlin will advertise for a pool manager by March 24 and advertise lifeguard positions until April 2. There is a goal of 9 lifeguards and 1 manager. Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

The gym will be closed Wednesday nights in March for shooting sports.

- 25) Pentair Pool Pump - \$3125.00  
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 26) Special Events Permit - Color Run  
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

### **Department of Public Works**

Councilman Jerry Fluty stated that the hot pool building is now insulated. The estimate for heaters for the building are \$500/heater installed. The mandatory gates around the pool are being installed.

- 27) Waive cost of building permit for FFA - \$258.61  
FFA would like to redo the hog pen at school. The Mayor would like to waive the cost for the kids. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

- 28) Waive cost of building permit for Platte Valley Little League - \$153.25  
The Platte Valley Little League would like to build a concession stand. The Mayor would like to waive the cost for the kids. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

Next meeting is March 13, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

No new updates.

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

Next meeting is March 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the PVCC

No new updates. The meeting moved to next week.

### **Planning Commission**

Next meeting is March 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Davis stated that he has been working on 2 building permits. Brian Drake from Triple D brought in a plat for a new subdivision. There is already an existing subdivision with a plat where he was proposing. One of the building permits is for a new house on Spring Street and Mayor Davis has a meeting with the owners because there is no sewer available, and they will need to discuss further.

### **Recreation Commission**

Next meeting is April 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

There are 2 positions available on the commission. Councilwoman Beck thanked those that came out to the Winter Festival.

### **Saratoga Airport Advisory Board**

Next meeting is March 13, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

No new updates.

29) RFR ASA004A - \$5,661.42

30) SCE Invoice #3449

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

31) SCE Invoice #3455

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

32) SCE Invoice #3477

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

33) SCE Invoice #3478

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

### **South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board**

Next meeting is March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Hanna Fire Station

No new updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Randy Raymer stated that there are 2 open positions on the Landfill Board and they received 2 applications. He encourages everyone to post their open positions by speaking to the media.

## **FURTHER BUSINESS**

No further business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to adjourn at 7:55pm, Seconded by Councilman Jerry Fluty.  
Motion carried.

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 AT 6:00 PM.**

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Mayor Chuck Davis

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Marie Christen, Town Clerk