



## **TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 18, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- 2) Roll Call: \_\_Mayor Chuck Davis \_\_Councilman Cooley \_\_Councilwoman Beck  
\_\_Councilman Jerry Fluty \_\_Councilman Bub Barkhurst  
All members of council present

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

Amendment to agenda made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck to move item 18 to the Water and Sewer Joint Power Board. Motion to approve agenda with amendment made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

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

- 3) Council Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2024  
Motion was made to approve minutes from June 4, 2024 by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve the financials for June 18, 2024 made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Bub Barkhurst. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits - \$360,328.88
- 5) Accounts Payable - \$368,201.01
- 6) Transmittals - \$47,887.48
- 7) Payroll - \$42,830.39

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8) 2024 WAM Conference Resolutions  
Town Clerk Jennifer Anderson read the resolutions from the Summer WAM convention

## **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Antionette Cleoni, voiced her concern for Hickory Street, stating if the street is abandoned rather than being put back in as it was prior to the town taking it over, she will not have access to her lots for her to build.

- 9) Special Event Permit - Touch a Truck - Aug 24, 2024  
Motion was made to approve the Special event permit for Touch a Truck on Aug 4 by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.
- 10) Special Event Permit - North Fork Engineering Aug. 2, 2024  
Motion was made to approve Special Event Permit for North Fork Engineering Open House on August 2, 2024 made by Councilman Jerry Fluty second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Kathy Beck stated she appreciates the time and effort that was put into the public meeting for the Combined Dispatch discussion.

Councilwoman Kathy Beck read a letter of resignation from the Recreation Commission. Motion was made by Councilman Mike Cooley to accept Councilwoman Becks' resignation from the Recreation Commission, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

Mayor Chuck Davis appointed Councilman Bub Barkhurst as the council liaison to the Recreation Commission. Motion was made to appoint Bub Barkhurst to the Recreation commission by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

### **Town Hall**

- 11) Memorandum to the Town Council and Mayor from Jane Carey  
Dr. Jane Carey read a memorandum stating her concerns about the swimming pool, she will not be working as a lifeguard until there is a pool manager hired.  
Motion was made to accept Jane Carey's resignation by Councilman Mike Cooley, motion failed. Motion was made to table resignation until a pool manager is hired by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Bub Barkhurst. Motion carried.

### **Police Department**

Chief Mike Morris stated that Officer Casey Lehr is looking to purchase his own K9 to use with the Saratoga Police Dept. Will be looking at a contract similar to the previous handler.

Motion was made to approve the hiring of Elaina Fennel for a fulltime position as a dispatcher at \$18.02/hr. per the wage scale, pending the passing of the final stages of the hiring process made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

12) ROIP System

Chief Morris stated the Radio of Internet Project (ROIP) equipment will possibly be getting donated if it is decided to move forward with the project.

13) SHSP Grant - Radio Quote

Motion to approve Motorola order in the amount of \$45,325.00 to be reimbursed through the SHSP Grant made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Jerry Fluty. Motion carried.

14) Vehicles

Chief Morris reported that there are two (2) 2020 Chevy Tahoes equipped with cages, lights and consoles available to purchase, added costs would be a decal package and shipping. Presently it would be \$82,500 for both vehicles including graphics and shipping, \$100,000 has been budgeted in the 2024/2025 FY budget for two (2) vehicles.

Motion was made to give Chief Morris permission to start negotiations to work a deal on the Tahoes with a purchase date after July 1st, by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

## **Fire Department**

## **Recreation Department**

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

15) Pool Manager Applications

The town has received two (2) applications for the Pool Manager position. Joe Elder has been in charge of the gym and helping out with the open gym supervisors.

Josh Wood inquired, if no pool manager is hired and no one over the age of 18 is working at the pool, will the pool be closed until a pool manager can be hired, and if no one over 18 is working, what liability does that leave with the town? Mayor Chuck Davis replied there is a possibility that pool could close and would have to check with LGLP and the attorney to find out exactly what the liability would be.

## **Department of Public Works**

Director Emery Penner spoke on the statement by Anionette Cleoni, at the end of the Town Streets shop, the south end of Hickory St is platted all the way to the river, it is in the one of the oldest subdivisions in town. Ms. Cleoni is inquiring about the right a way and what the future of the street is going to be. Director Penner stated he has been in contact with the Town Attorney and will get back to the council when the options of what can be done are defined.

Chipping will start Thursday June 20th. Crews will be out next week painting, mowing and sweeping to get ready for the 4th of July.

One application of aerial mosquito larvicide has been dispensed, another aerial is scheduled for after the 4th most likely will be July 10. Will start spraying for mosquitos 5 days a week.

River St project is going well, paving will start tomorrow, once all the way to Hickory is paved, clean up will begin on that block.

- 16) OV Consulting Invoice 3036 - \$19,322.49

Motion to approve invoice from OV Consulting in the amount of \$19,322.49 made by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

- 17) Octagon Construction Invoice #1086 - \$73,900.00

Motion to approve invoice in the amount of \$73,900.00 made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion Carried.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

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

Jim Ford Letter of Interest

- 18) Letter of Interest - Jim Ford

Mayor Chuck Davis appointed Jim Ford to the board of the Water and Sewer Joint Power Board. Motion was made by Councilman Mike Cooley to appoint Jim Ford to the Water and Sewer Joint Power Board, second by Councilwoman Kathy Beck. Motion carried.

### **Planning Commission**

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

- 19) Resolution 2024-04 - Octagon Estates Subdivision

Motion was made to pass Resolution 2024-04 contingent on the "Punch List" getting completed and approved by Director Emery Penner with Octagon by Councilwoman Kathy Beck, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

- 20) Ordinance 870

Motion was made by Councilman Jerry Fluty to approve Ordinance 870 - Horses, Livestock and other Barnyard Animals on the first reading, second by Councilman Mike Cooley. Motion carried.

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

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

### **Recreation Commission**

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

### **Saratoga Airport Advisory Board**

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

Mayor Chuck Davis reported that the Airport Board approved to pay the Airport portion of Town Audit in the amount of \$6500.00 and have hired Pinecove to support their new camera system, the Airport will be paying for this with revenue generated by landing fees.

**South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board**

Next meeting is July 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Riverside Town Hall

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**FURTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:04 made by Councilman Jerry Fluty, second by Councilman Mike Cooley.  
Motion carried.

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

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Mayor Chuck Davis

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Jenn Anderson, Town Clerk