



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 01, 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

ABSENT

Councilman Jerry Fluty

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3) Approval of the minutes of July 18, 2023
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

- 4) Deposits - \$138,036.29
- 5) Accounts Payable - \$62,213.50
- 6) Payroll - \$42,275.54
- 7) Transmittals - \$16,729.80

CORRESPONDENCE

There is a cyanobacterial bloom at the Saratoga Lake. Please avoid any contact with the blooms and do not let livestock or pets drink the water next to the blooms.

- 8) Cemetery Road - Closed Thursday through Sunday for construction and the gate on the North end will be open
The cemetery road will be closed from Thursday to Sunday for construction. The gate on the north side will be open.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

D'Ron Campbell came to speak and give background on 52 meals for the Pickleball Tournament. The Hotel Wolf was approached to make 52 box lunches for the Pickleball tournament. When The Wolf asked if the Pickleball staff were going to pick it up, the recreation board stated that they went in a different direction. Kathy Beck read a text chain on the orders of sandwiches. D'Ron asked if the Recreation Board went with the lowest bid according to governmental rules? Councilwomen Kathy Beck stated, "yes". D'Ron Campbell stated this is bad business. Councilwoman Beck stated that it was bad business on both sides and a better business would have communicated better with someone who is potentially paying them a good amount of money. Mayor Davis stated that there was miscommunication. Mayor Davis and Councilman Cooley apologized for what happened.

- 9) Platte Valley Auto Club - Bill Schoroer
The Platte Valley Auto Club would like to make a \$500 donation to the Saratoga Police Department. Mayor Davis thanked them for the support to the police department.
- 10) Justin & Shelly Peterson - 112 & 202 N Veterans
There is a storm drain where the Town had installed it in the middle of their property. They have reached out to Engineering Associates to see about moving the storm drain. Mayor Davis wanted the council members to have an idea about the property so that they were aware when they come to the Council to do this.
- 11) Town Owned Land on Myrtle Street
Two people have approached the town if we would sell land on Myrtle. Mayor Davis would like to see what the council would like to do. Councilman Jacob Fluty stated he wouldn't be opposed to see what the process is. Mayor Davis stated these are people who are looking at lots within town. There would be 2 public hearings and advertising involved. Mayor Davis would like to see how the council feels about it. McCall Burau stated that since the land was slated as open space, if it sells, can they use that money for other open spaces in town? Mayor Davis would like to see a motion to see what selling town owned property entails. Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Davis stated that he has been speaking with the attorney on WAM's suggestion and they will be changing ordinance so that members are not on boards and commissions. He will be presenting the ordinance when it is done.

Mayor Davis stated that the Town is not cutting back on allowing the rec board from spending money. We are just cutting back on spending taxpayers dollars on food, t-shirts, etc. and spend it how the taxpayers want to spend it. McCall Burau asked how the fire department is able to spend money on their pancake breakfast and fundraise while the rec board cannot do the same. The fire department is filed as a 501(c)3 and they have they own separate fund. McCall asked if the rec department is filed as a 501(c)3, can they purchase food and t-shirts? Mayor Davis stated he would not know unless he spoke to the attorney. McCall Burau asked if anyone complained to the Town about spending money? She asked what

the problem was if no one complained. She stated if no one complains, then it isn't specifically illegal, so if the Town is okay with the rec board spending money, what's the problem? Mayor Davis stated that the Town still allowed entry to be free for the luau, the Town paid for the lifeguard's wages, and there were expenses from the Town and that's how the Town contributed. Mayor Davis stopped the discussion because they were on the topic too long.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall

- 12) Special Events Application - CCSD#2 8/18/23
Noel Manning from CCSD#2 presented their special event for August 18 on Veteran's Island for 180 staff members. They will be having a back to school training. He apologized for the lateness on the application. The teachers will be carpooling to the island for less parking and will take care of the garbage. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 13) Mill Levy Application
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 14) Resolution 2023-13
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 15) Certification Statement
Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 16) ECS Engineering Professional Services Agreement
Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

Police Department

There were 174 calls for service and 70 citations.

- 17) Axon Invoice - \$9,540
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 18) Vehicle Purchase Options
The Town has earmarked \$75,000 for a vehicle out of impact funds. Lieutenant John Moore looked into vehicles and a new build would take 2-9 months to get into service. There is currently used vehicles in Illinois with vehicles with less than 25,000 miles. After speaking with the dealer, they will do both vehicles for \$81,900. Both have warranties for 36,000 miles. The Town may have to retrofit the light bar to red and computers in the vehicles. The total cost would be \$86,000 with delivery in 2-4 weeks.
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to purchase 1 vehicle pending more details, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 19) Officer Armor/Vests Update
A woman contacted Shield 616 so that she can update the police department vests and armor. She is trying to help the Saratoga Police Department, lives in Colorado and wants to donate through Shield 616.

Fire Department

Fire Cat came in and they tested 11,000ft of hose. The 100 year anniversary party went really well and a large crowd was there.

Recreation Department

The recreation director started today. The pool staff is involved in sports so the number of hours of open swim will be limited. The pool will be open pending weather and staffing. They will be closing the pool around the middle of September.

20) Resolution on Pickleball T-shirts - \$741

Councilwoman Beck stated that they covered the cost of the t-shirts with the registrations and donations. The recreation board made \$1,121 from the day and a few t-shirts were remaining after all the participants received a shirt. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to pay Cowboy Couture, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Department of Public Works

There is a new public works director, Emery Penner.

21) 71 Construction Invoice - \$9,382.80

Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

22) 71 Construction Invoice - \$4,184.40

Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

23) Ardurra Invoice - \$4,646.25

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

24) Van Diest Invoice - \$10,188.50

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

25) Kilgore Invoices - \$16,645.70

Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Center Joint Powers Board

Next meeting is August 14, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the PVCC

The Council will discuss the new MOU at the next community center meeting.

Water and Sewer Joint Power Board

Next meeting is August 9th, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the PVCC

The water tank came down today and was done in a day.

Planning Commission

Next meeting is August 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

McCall would like to be official members of Wyopass. She would like commission members to attend the conference in the spring of 2024. The registration is for \$250 and includes 10 members. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

The contract has been signed with OV and notice to proceed with WyDot. OV Consulting wants to come in September with a public engagement and open house at the end of September. The Planning & Zoning Commission is working on a short term rental process and application. Yvonne Johnson with the CCEDC has received a grant with Brownsfield cleanup. The town will pursue cleaning up our Brownsfields buildings.

26) Letter of Interest - JoDell Hone

Motion made by Councilman Cooley to appoint JoDell Hone to the Planning Commission, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Recreation Commission

Next meeting is August 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

Saratoga Airport Advisory Board

Next meeting is August 14, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers

27) Rood & Associates Invoice - \$3,200.00

Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board

Next meeting is August 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Riverside Town Hall

Clerk Marie Christen gave an update on SCWEMS.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Davis stated that there was a list of 10 residents who all approved to fence off the area for sheep. There was 1 complaint today on the sheep because 1 escaped. Councilman Cooley stated to tell Scott Kerbs to tighten up his fence. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck to let Scott Kerbs know to fix his fence within a week, Seconded by Councilman Fluty. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 AT 6:00 PM.**

Mayor Chuck Davis

Marie Christen, Town Clerk