



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 06, 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

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty to approve the regular minutes of May 16, 2023 and the special minutes of May 26, 2023, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

- 3) Approval of the regular minutes of May 16, 2023
- 4) Approval of the special meeting minutes of May 26, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

- 5) Deposits - \$177,886.48
- 6) Accounts Payable - \$38,452.76
- 7) Payroll - \$34,151.77
- 8) Transmittals - \$10,255.67

CORRESPONDENCE

- 9) TransWest Groundbreaking Event June 20, 2023

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dave Worthington asked if the town could fog his house last because of the bees in the hives. Mayor Davis stated that aerial spraying will start soon with larvicide. Spraying is headed by Chuck McVey and Mayor Davis has discussed this with Chuck. Dave Worthington stated if we can cut high grass to get rid of the mosquitos. Mayor Davis stated that the town will be mowing the alleys soon.

- 10) Saratoga Aquatic Center - Nick Haderlie

Nick Haderlie provided a status update on the aquatic center. Fall of 2021, he had raised \$35,000 to retain an architectural firm to start a feasibility plan. There was a survey from the community, and they collected a large response and used the responses to drive the design that was modest and feasible. Estimates came back on 2 options: one is \$12.5 million dollars with a single body of water and the second option is 2 bodies of water for \$15.9 million. The proposed site is between the Saratoga Public Library and Saratoga Middle/High School. Fundraising efforts continue to raise capital and an endowment for operating costs. The mission is to provide health and fitness to the citizens in the valley.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Beck stated that there is a prevention event coming up. This is to bring awareness and training opportunities for the public.

She stated that people have been asking about the hot pool because it was open before when the water was high. Mayor Davis stated that the water is still over the benches. John Lasco and Chief Morris will take a look to see if it is safe.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall

- 11) Special Events Permit - The Malt 4th of July Weekend Festival
Firewater/The Malt will be partnering with the Riviera and doing a day of music on Sunday, July 3rd. This event is called the "River Wander" and they want to have an open container permit from the Riviera to the Malt. Chief Morris said it could be worked out but there are some logistics and concerns about it that need to be addressed. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

- 12) Special Events Permit - Touch a Truck 8/26/23 11am-1pm
Barb Youngberg from the Platte Valley Kiwanis came to present on the "Touch A Truck" event. This is the third event and will be at Kathy Glode Park. The street will need to be closed from Constitution and Holly. Barb spoke to Dr. Scott and he gave permission to use their parking lot. Valley Village also stated that they can use the parking lot if the special events application is approved. Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 13) Special Events Application - Independence Run 7/1/23
Amanda Knotwell stated that the chamber is partnering with the recreation department and the Independence Run will be starting at the hobo pool. The run will be over the bridge, go around the resort twice, back over to Vet's island and finish at Vet's island. They would exit back at the hot pool. There are enough sponsors to cover the t-shirts, granola bars, bananas, and waters to runners. Flaggers will be around the narrow road at the Saratoga Resort. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 14) Town Right of Way
Ellie Dana stated that Valley Village would like a long term agreement to use 18-20ft next to the side of the street. Mayor Davis stated that a simple MOU will take care of the utility easement.
- 15) Valley Village Waiver of Tap Fee
Valley Village is putting in a fire suppression system and an alarm system. They need a 4 inch tap for the fire system. They will pay for the physical work and materials but Valley Village is asking for a waiver of the fee itself. The 4inch tap is \$7,500. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilwoman Beck. Motion carried.
- 16) CivicPlus Website - \$3,700
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 17) CivicPlus Municode Meetings - \$3,400
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 18) Saratoga Inn Bridge
Mayor Davis stated that WYDOT will replace the bridge at Saratoga Resort at no cost to the town. The Town will need to provide maintenance after the replacement but there is no commitment currently. Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 19) Ordinance 867 - Budget 2nd Reading
Clerk Marie Christen stated the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the general fund. Mayor Davis stated the amounts in the Town's Wyostar account and explained our impact, specific purpose and enterprise funds. Mayor Davis stated that all the money that the town has is project specific. Specific purpose tax money is project specific and projects finalized by the voters. We cannot supplement the general fund with the money. The police department has asked for 2 new vehicles and we will purchase 1 car next year instead. Money will be used for streets for chip seal, and patching. Mayor Davis said we are looking at a new plow truck. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Police Department

Chief Mike Morris stated there have been 248 calls for service. DigiTicket is a digital citation program and takes the information from their CAD system, there have been 148 citations since October with 206 warnings for a total of 354.

20) Stop Stick Quote - \$2,990.00

Stop Sticks are tire deflation device made to throw in front of a car in a pursuit to safely stop it. They are self contained in 3 ft sections and layered in cardboard or plastic. Chief is asking for 6 sets, one for each vehicle. They make some with carrying cases if we want to switch them out and share them between officers. They are priced around \$500/set. Councilman Cooley stated to maybe go with 3 sets for now. Mayor Davis stated to the bill would be around \$1600 for 3 sets. Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Fire Department

No new updates.

Recreation Department

Open gym continues Monday - Thursday. Councilwoman Beck stated the board has finished Recreation Director interviews. There have been 4 lifeguards that passed the lifeguard certification. The lifeguards started at \$10 and would like to increase them to \$11/hr. Councilwoman Beck would like to increase Whisper Bunch from \$16/hr to \$17/hr. Jane Carey would make \$11/hr as a lifeguard. Tyler Greenberg and David Killion would start at \$11. There were 3 people unable to go to the certification and they plan on sending them to the August certification. Whisper can see if Laramie can fit us in for certification sooner. Councilwoman Beck stated the younger lifeguards leave in July and August. Motion to hire Tyler Greenberg and David Killion as lifeguards by Councilman Cooley. Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried. Motion made to increase Jane Carey from \$10/hr to \$11/hr and Whisper Bunch would increase from \$16/hr to \$17/hr by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried. Clerk Marie Christen stated that Tyler Greenberg and David Killion have not been hired yet. Motion to hire Tyler and David at \$11/hr as certified lifeguards by Councilwoman Beck. Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Beck stated that the commission spoke about a community clean up. The public can "Adopt a Block". She will provide more details at the next council meeting.

Soccer requires registration and an MOU with the school so that the kids can use the fields. The registration covers insurance and liability. Councilwoman Beck stated that they find parents to cover it. Councilwoman Beck will review it with some parents and are working on it. She stated that it needs to be a parent led event. Mayor Davis stated to get it advertised and get parents involved.

21) Pool Painting

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty to approve the quote for exterior painting at the pool building, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

22) Pool Luau Special Event moved to June 24, 2023

Councilwoman Beck stated that the pool needs to get drained. She stated that it needs to get started tomorrow to get chemicals figured out for 2 weeks. She would like assistance to start

getting the pool drained and cleaned. Mayor Davis stated that the pool will float if there is high water. He stated that the Town should follow the recommendation from John Lasco. They will move the opening date from the 17th to 24th. Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.

Department of Public Works

- 23) Commercial Roll Up Door - \$2,287.62
Motion made by Councilman Jacob Fluty, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 24) Work Order 22-04B
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 25) Project Pay Estimate #5 - \$419,441.41
Motion made by Councilman Cooley, Seconded by Councilman Jacob Fluty. Motion carried.
- 26) Change Order #1
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
- 27) Streets Position
We have interviewed 2 qualified individuals for this position. The interviewers have decided on a candidate out of Salmon, Idaho. Motion to hire this individual as the Director of Public Works and Planning & Zoning for \$90,000. The pay would be 20% from Planning & Zoning, 40% out of Streets, 30% out of Water & Sewer and 10% out of Weed and Pest.
Motion made by Councilwoman Beck, Seconded by Councilman Cooley. 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
No new updates.

Planning Commission

Next meeting is June 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers
McCall Bureau stated that there was a special hearing last week. One member resigned and that position will be published in the paper. There will be an additional special meeting for the subdivision on June 20, 2023 at 5pm. Next meeting will be discussing short term rentals. Currently there are 2 open positions with one letter of interest.

Recreation Commission

Next meeting is July 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers
The commission will need to change the next meeting for July 10th, 2023.

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 at Medicine Bow Fire Station
Mayor Davis asked to take back to the board that if they clean up the dirt, and the stuff around it, the Town will mow around the ambulance barn.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

FURTHER BUSINESS

No further business.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 6:00 PM.**

Mayor Chuck Davis

Marie Christen, Town Clerk