Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

In Attendance: Mayor Rose Arndt, Council – Colby Peck, Shane Viehweg, DeMont Grandy, Theresa Lewis, Attorney Dean Stout, Public Works – Justin Pope, Clerk Jody Harmon, Riata Littlewalker, Larry LaFave, Doug Mason, Elbert Lee Harmon, Fred Roberts, Larry Lewis, Doug & Janet Prows, Lyle Forrest, BranDee Prows, Savannah Hansel, Wayne Harmon Steve Christensen, Robbie Arndt

1. Call to Order by Mayor Arndt at 7:01.
2. Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded Councilman Viehweg to adopt the agenda with the exception that he will give up his time in his department to have an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel in his department. Passed
3. Prayer by Councilman Viehweg
4. Pledge by Councilwoman Lewis
5. Councilman Grandy made the motion accept the Consent Agenda Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis

a). Motion by Councilman Grandy to approve Sept 14, 2021 Town Council meeting minutes with corrections seconded by Councilman Lewis. Passed

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Viehweg to approve Sept 28, 2021 Town Council meeting minutes with corrections. Passed

b). Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilwoman Lewis approve Accounts payables and payroll for Sept, 2021. Passed

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| All West Communications | $828.34 | Blue Cross Blue Shield | $1,700.00 |
| Caselle | $475.00 | Chemtech-Ford | $595.00 |
| Coca Cola | $27.00 | Delta Dental | $88.00 |
| Exectech | $34.60 | First Bankcard | $2,420.62 |
| Forsgren | $282.50 | Hub Intl | $29.00 |
| IDAWY | $125.25 | Kathie Rosier | $87.29 |
| Kemmerer Gazette | $84.80 | Lincoln County | $842.00 |
| Maxwell Products | $300.00 | MARC | $1,414.93 |
| Nanco LLC | $750.00 | Napa Auto Parts | $464.45 |
| One Call of Wyoming | $7.50 | Rocky Mountain Comp Sol. | $15.46 |
| Rocky Mountain Power | $4,506.24 | Silver Star Communications | $182.89 |
| Staples | $98.40 | Thatcher Chemical | $2,009.43 |
| Town of Afton | $54.00 | Verizon Wireless | $322.85 |
| WY Dept of Workforce Service | $449.64 | WEBT | $13.50 |
| WY State Historical Society | $60.00 | Payroll | $9,881.92 |
| WY Retirement | $2,147.34 | EFTPS | $3,311.60 |

1. Motion by Councilman Peck seconded by Councilwoman Lewis to follow up with Mike and Shane to inform them the Silver Star phones will be canceled. They need to set up their Verizon phones. Passed
2. Recognitions – Mayor Arndt showed the audience the Certificate of Membership to WAM. Also, congratulations to Keith Nate and Todd Dayton for their years of service as coaches. They were honored by naming the football field after them, Nate Dayton Field, dedicated by Governor Gordon.
3. Riata Littlewalker, WY Rural Water apprentice Coordinator, addressed the council with information about the apprentice program for water and sewer certificates. The program is a 2-year program, full time position. The program covers books, travel, tuition and 2 exams per calendar year, cost to attend conferences, approximately $6000.00. The Town would be responsible for wages. The paperwork needs to be to Riata by November 15, 2021. WRWS will help with the advertising and also hiring.
4. Doug Prows Sr., Bear River Fire Protection Board Chairman and Secretary Lyle Forrest addressed the council regarding the fire hydrants that were to be installed during the summer months of 2021 and weren’t installed. He reviewed the 2 streets that currently have no working fire hydrants on them. Justin Pope Director of public works commented that the installation and cost was going to be more that had initially been anticipated because some hydrants are in backwards. Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilwoman Lewis for Justin to install a hydrant about midway down Collette and also another hydrant about midway down Spring Street as soon as possible.
5. Councilman Peck addressed the issue of the sewer letter being sent out without council knowledge or discussing it first. The letter stated that residents would have to pay $65 sewer bill whether their sewer is on or not. There was a lot of discussion among the council and residents.

Councilman Peck asked the mayor to please have a discussion with the council prior to sending out letters of enforcement to any ordinance. He would like to have a review of the ordinance with the council on the intention of how that ordinance is to be enforced.

Old Business

1. Motion to approve the 2nd reading of the ORD 21-09, Title VIII Public Utilities Chapter 1 waterworks addition of 8-107 (b) and the addition of 8-108 (f) by Councilwoman Lewis seconded by Councilman Viehweg. Passed

New Business

Departments

Councilman Viehweg commented that he had learned at the economic development meeting that there are more monies available if the Town had meters. No news on the airport.

Councilman Grandy informed that the water leak in the line going north of Town has been repaired.

Councilman Peck asked if there was enough sand for the winter. He will contact Matt Mccloud with the county.

Councilwoman Lewis said that the Parade of lights will be on December 3, 2021 this year and that Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be here that day to visit with the children. She is planning a zoom meeting to interview an applicant for police chief.

Motion by Councilwoman Lewis to go into executive session seconded by Councilman Grandy at 9:22. Passed

Motion by Councilwoman Lewis to reconvene at 9:46 seconded by Councilman Grandy. Passed

The mayor stated that Bob Mclarin wanted to have the Mayor and Council training on Monday October 18 in Kemmerer at the events center from 8-12. WAM will pay for the meeting room.

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilwoman Lewis at 9:52p.m.

Mayor Rose Arndt

Clerk Jody Harmon