Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

Those Attending: Mayor Rose Harmon, Council – Stan Thompson, DeMont Grandy, Taylor Allred, Louise Tukuafu, PW – Shane Pope, Mike Duran, Chief Jeremi Kirkland, Engineer Todd Forsgren, Clerk Jody Harmon, Wayne and Sivi Harmon, Elbert L Harmon, Carl & Donna Lindberg, Gary Taylor, Teresa Lewis, Robbie Arndt, Steve Swenson, Sherry Vandermus, Laura Pope, Clyda Teichert, Ray & Joy Hutchinson, Pay Grandy,

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Taylor Allred.

Motion by Taylor to accept the agenda as written and add time for public comment after the departments seconded by Stan. Motion Carried

Motion by Stan to approve the minutes with corrections seconded by Taylor. Motion Carried

Motion to accept the contract with Todd Brown NANCO Consulting by Taylor seconded by DeMont. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the following bills by DeMont seconded by Taylor. Motion Carried

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| All West Communications | $839.45 | Blue Cross Blue Shield | $4,830.00 |
| Caselle | $475.00 | Clyda Teichert | $284.50 |
| Coca Cola | $65.00 | Cokeville Farmers Market Coop | $59.90 |
| Delta Dental Plan | $282.00 | Dry Creek Enterprises | $640.00 |
| Executech | $16.35 | First Bankcard | $5,343.49 |
| Gunderson Ace Hardware | $188.47 | Hastings Inc.  | $40.97 |
| Intellichoice Inc.  | $1,656.17 | Justin Pope | $4,340.00 |
| Lincoln County | $842.00 | Mountainland Supply CO | $71.11 |
| NANCO | $1,050.00 | Peavlers Mountain Star | $114.60 |
| Rocky Mountain Power | $5,177.43 | Rose Arndt | $66.78 |
| Silver Star Communications | $361.41 | Staples | $268.92 |
| Stotz Equipment | $369.56 | Sam Bennion | $125.00 |
| Town of Afton | $286.00 | Valley Auto Supply | $68.46 |
| Waxie Sanitary Supply | $81.17 | WY Association of Rural Water | $604.00 |
| WY Dept. of Workforce Service | $689.02 | WEBT | $18.00 |
| Payroll | $15,761.76 | WY Retirement | $3,207.31 |
| EFTPS | $5,198.77 |   |   |

Mayor recognized the Cokeville Stock and Saddle Club for the successful rodeos over the 24th and 25th of July. She enjoyed the special recognition of past rodeo honorees that were honored at this event.

Departments

Laura shared there is a new company coming in to Evanston, they will employ 1000 people. Laura has also obtained a $25000 grant for the ADA sidewalks around the town hall.

Stan advised of the 3 building permits approved by the Planning and Zoning committee, Flying J will be doing new signage, Shelbi and Andrew Lester are building a fence around their property, and Marni and Rob Harmon are building a garage on their property. Motion to accept the 3 permit approvals from the P&Z committee by Stan seconded by DeMont.

Stan gave an update of the COVID -19, 16 cases in Lincoln County and 547 in Wyoming.

Demont advised the council of the Cross connection control ordinance submitted by Justin Pope. DeMont suggested that Justin, Todd Hurd, and DeMont make an ordinance that would fit the Town of Cokeville to protect the water and sewer system. EPA sent a report of needed repairs for the water system. They want the town to upgrade to a 4 log chlorinating system and drill a new well. Todd is looking for funding to drill a new well or repair and develop one that is there. Motion by DeMont to move forward by having Todd obtain funding for the Town to repair and drill a water well seconded by Taylor. Motion Carried.

DeMont and Mike met with Andrea Summers with the DEQ to inspect the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The DMR’s need done and turned in as soon as possible which is what NANCO consulting is currently doing. Mike will sample frequency and read meter daily. Kim Parker with the DEQ is over licensing, The Town has hired Todd Brown with NANCO Consulting to use his licenses. The plant needed cleaned and the SCADA system needs updated, a new chain is needed as well.

Chief Kirkland advised the council of the Bear Lake Marathon event on August 14 & 15. He also updated that he has had some calls the police dog ‘Fohr’.

Public Comment

The 3 month report written by the Mayor has been mailed to all residents of Cokeville.

Wayne Harmon addressed the Council regarding items that were mentioned in the 3 month report. The administrations that built the plant did it legally and made the best decision that they could. He felt like in the report the past administrations were thrown under the bus which wasn’t appropriate. He felt like charging people for water they are not using is wrong. There were bleachers purchased by the town he asked where the bleachers were? He commented that he felt that the purchase of the tool cat and attachments were not necessary.

Stan stepped down as a Councilman to address his concerns with the 3 month report. He was also on the administration to build the WWTP, it was not build for 3-4 times the size of Cokeville, it was built for 700 people. He wanted to clarify that the last water raise was not a majority vote as stated because he did not vote for it. He also clarified that the state has not told the town they cannot pay the sewer loan out of general funds.

Taylor commented that he doesn’t agree with having residents pay the full water and sewer bill if they are not using water and sewer.

Pam Grandy asked what a connection? Answer: has to connect to the main line to T off.

Elbert Harmon addressed the Council with his concerns regarding the 3 month report. Why was the 3 month report sent out without the governing body’s approval? Instead of sending out information to make people angry it would be better to decide what would help the citizens of Cokeville. He also commented that auditing the books are for protection to the town because the Town spends public money. He feels the proper tools should be purchased to help the employees do their job and if overtime is needed the town should allow overtime not have volunteers to take away paying jobs.

Carl Lindberg addressed the Council, he is a snowbird. He is not willing to pay for water and sewer that he is not using. He also commented the he pays higher water and sewer bills in Cokeville than where he lives in his other home.

Steve Swenson addressed the Council. The 3 month report did stir his emotions. He is not in favor of raising the water/sewer bills. He suggested that the whole governing body agree on what is sent out. He feels if people own multiple lots and the water/sewer is shut off there should be no charge.

Motion to table the 2nd reading of the ORD 20-03 by DeMont seconded by Taylor. Motion Carried

Motion to Table the 2nd reading ORD 20-04 and start over by reviewing just Chapters 11 & 12 by Taylor seconded by Stan. Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Taylor seconded by Stan at 9:56p.m.

Mayor Rose Arndt

Attest: Jody Harmon Clerk