Town Council Meeting

September 14, 2021

7:00p.m.

In Attendance: Mayor Rose Arndt, Council – Colby Peck, Shane Viehweg, DeMont Grandy, Theresa Lewis, Public Works – Justin Pope, Shane Pope, Mike Duran, Attorney Dean Stout, Clerk Jody Harmon

Carl Lindberg, Sherry Vandermous, Ron Wild with Pacific Power, Larry LaFave, BranDee Prows, Savannah Hansel, Larry Lewis, Doug & Janet Prows, Hal Cornia, Landon Cornia, Deputy Hibbert, Laura Pope, Principal Kenneth Dietz, Jan Moody, Erik Esterholt, Robbie Arndt, Charles Dayton, Wayne Harmon

Mayor Arndt called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Motion made by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilwoman Lewis to adopt the agenda with the amendment to have an executive session at the end of the agenda.

Prayer by Councilman Viehweg

Pledge by Councilman Grandy

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Peck with an amendment to remove the $75 bill payable to the City of Kemmerer. Passed

The bills are as follows:

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| All West Communications | 817.35 | Caselle | 475 |
| Chemtech Ford | 562 | Coca Cola | 67.5 |
| Deere Credit | 9819.54 | E Dean Stout | 2550 |
| Energy Laboratories | 27 | Executech | 34.64 |
| First Bankcard | 1365.7 | Forsgren Associates | 1767.5 |
| Gundersen Ace Hardware | 54.84 | IDAWY Solid Waste District | 177 |
| Justin Pope | 2000 | Lincoln County  | 842 |
| Mcpherson Tire Point | 15 | Nanco LLC | 750 |
| Napa Auto Parts | 383.57 | Office of State Lands | 81403.48 |
| RelaDyne West | 1598.74 | Rocky Mountain Comp Sol. | 47 |
| Rocky Mountain Power | 4749.88 | Sam Bennion | 1100 |
| Silver Star Communications | 183.49 | Staples Advantage | 35.48 |
| SVI Media | 162 | Twin D Inc | 7425.5 |
| Valley Wide Co-op  | 3193.78 | Verizon | 484.06 |
| Waxie Sanitary Supply | 443.49 | Windy Sage Kennel | 744.47 |
| Dept of Workforce Service | 454.72 | WEBT | 27 |
| Payroll | 9847.54 | WY Retirement | 2029.56 |
| EFTPS | 3305.97 |   |   |

The Business Licenses are as follows:

Megan & Paul Reid Hideout Motel

Jenni Wayment Storage Units

Recognitions

Councilman Peck remembering 911, wanted to thank all Service men and woman and First responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Mayor recognized the 13 military members who lost their lives in Afghanistan recently.

Braelyn Diers Junior class president for CHS addressed the Mayor and Council, asked for permission to have the bonfire on city property at the city shop, requested police presence to block the highway at the tailgate party on Sept 30, 2021 on main street. She said the BLM had given permission to light the C on big hill. Motion to approve by Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Veihweg.

Charles Dayton addressed the council with an idea to develop working group to develop a 2022-2023 strategic plan to be reviewed and approved by the Town Council by the November 9th council meeting.

Council. Motion by Councilman Viehweg seconded by Demont to accept the proposal and have Charles for a committee to develop this plan to be presented on Nov 9, 2021. Councilman Grandy would like to look at the plan when finalized.

Ron Wild with Rocky Mountain Power along with Rod Fisher principal project man for the Gateway project updated Council and Audience of the plan on the Gateway West Project. The BLM granted a route through east of the Town of Cokeville, but wasn’t able to meet the other transmission lines. Latest IRP of Gateway is set through the end of 2027. RMP is working with local land owners in to find the best place east and north of Cokeville, but this route can change Shawn Graff with RMP was also in attendance. There were a few questions asked from the audience.

Q1 – Mayor asked if RMP was aware that Rocky Peak and Big Hill were land marks? Answer – Yes there had been an analysis of the impacts and they are aware of the land uses.

Q2 – Councilman Grandy commented that Tim Tiechert has a conservation easement corridor. Tim is willing to work with RMP to go through Tim’s easement to remain in the corridor.

Q3 – BLM & Environmental Impact Statement needs to be undated every 10 years. Answer – Corridor has been explored which is now a wet land corridor. Logic and common sense doesn’t carry the day, after exploring all easements but they didn’t work, trying to find another route. Answer All Environmental impact statement will be considered as they go along, are confident that all is still valid.

Hal Cornia asked about condemning private property. Answer- Over years they have but have not in Wyoming so far. Did file a condemnation on 1 land owner and it worked out a good negotiation.

Erik Esterholdt spoke for the landowners. RMP will meet with resistance from land owners. He feels that RMP has not done their due diligence with the Teichert Brothers corridor.

At this time there was a 5-minute recess

Meeting reconvened at 8:19.

Motion by Councilman Peck to approve the ORD 21-06 on the 3rd Reading seconded by Councilwoman Lewis. Passed

ORDINANCE 21-06

TITLE V

HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION

Chapter 2

Animals

5-210. DOG AND CAT TAX AND FEES

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1. Any person living within the Town of Cokeville who shall own a dog and or cat, a dog and or cat shall be deemed to include both sexes of dogs and or cats of the age of four months or over, or keep the same shall, on or before the first day of July of each year hereafter, pay an annual license fee of $5.00 for each female or male dog and or cat. Said dog and or cat must be vaccinated for rabies and show proof thereof in order to obtain a license.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor more than three (3) dogs and/or three (3) cats more than four (4) months old.

5-211. DOG AND CAT LICENSE. The Town Clerk shall issue a license to any person desiring to keep a dog and/or cat, upon the payment in advance of the appro­priate license fee. Such license shall be numbered in the order of issuance.

5-212. COLLAR TAG. The Town Clerk shall issue a metal plate or tag with each dog and cat license. The tag shall bear the number of the license and the date and year of the issuance of the same. The owner of the dog or cat shall attach the metal tag to a collar which shall be worn by the licensed dog or cat.

5-213. IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND CATS. Any dog or cat found within the Town limits of the Town of Cokeville without a current license tag shall be impounded at owner’s expense and maybe disposed of after 5 days.

Motion by Councilman Grandy to approve ORD 21-07 seconded by Councilman Peck. Passed

ORDINANCE 21-07

TITLE X

ZONING

Chapter 3

Definitions

10-301. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain words, terms, and phrases shall be defined to have the same meaning as setforth in this Section. Where apparently inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the singular number include the plural and the plural the singular. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not directory. The word “may” is permissive.

DEFINITIONS

 25. Household Pets: Animals ordinarily permitted in the house and kept for company or pleasure, such as dogs, cats and **song birds (e.g., finches, parakeets, canaries, cockatiels, etc.).**

 31. Repealed 2021

Departments

Councilman Viehweg informed the 3 building permits approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

1st permit – chain-link fence for Wayment storage units

2nd permit – Steve Christensen building a garage

3rd permit – Stand Thompson storage shed

Councilman Grandy informed the council that the County has rolled the runway of the airport. Ben Jorden from Forsgren engineering is writing a letter to WWDC requested for more assistance for the well. Ben will also write a formal letter to the EPA.

Justin Pope informed the Council that an upgrade to the old telemetry system would be needed so that the old system would be compatible with the new telemetry system.

Councilman Peck informed the Council of the janitorial position resignation. He posted a job in the paper for a part time position with potential of a full time. Councilwoman Lewis cleaned the building to judge how long it would take. She spent approximately 6 hrs. Councilman Grandy suggested to have Rita Whitehorse to come and talk to the council about the apprentice program for water and sewer.

Councilwoman Lewis updated the council on the progress of hiring a Chief of Police. Deputy Ellis is doing the background checks.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation by Councilman Grandy at 9:25 seconded by Councilwoman Lewis.

Motion to reconvene at 9:30 by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Peck.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Grandy at 9:31p.m.

Mayor Rose Arndt

Clerk Jody Harmon