Town Council Meeting

May 11, 2021

In Attendance: Mayor Rose Arndt, Councilmen – Colby Peck, DeMont Grandy, Shane Viehweg, Council woman – Theresa Lewis, Police Chief Jeremi Kirkland, Public Works – Justin Pope, Shane Pope, Attorney Dean Stout, Clerk Jody Harmon

Also in Attendance: Wayne Harmon, Neil Hymas, Laura Pope, Todd Hurd, Elbert Lee Harmon, Larry Lewis, Jan Moody, Gary & Carolyn Alder, Amy Alder, Brad & Stephanie Nate, Robbie Arndt

1. Call to Order by Mayor Arndt.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda with an amendment to add an executive session for about 30 minutes after Item #12 by Councilman Veihweg 2nd by Councilman Grandy. Motion carried
3. Prayer by Council woman Lewis
4. Pledge by Councilman Peck
5. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councilman Grandy, 2nd by Councilman Peck to approve the following items a, b, and c. Motion carried

a). Approve of April 13, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes.

b). Approve Accounts payable and payroll for April, 2021.

c). Approve the Business Licenses for May, 2021

Accounts payable are as follows.

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| All West Communications | $827.37 | Caselle Inc. | $475.00 |
| Chemtech-Ford | $172.00 | Coca Cola | $40.50 |
| Delta Dental | $252.00 | E&L Motor | $204.70 |
| Executech | $36.32 | First Bankcard | $3,535.70 |
| Cokeville Rodeo Club | $1,500.00 | Gundersen Ace Hardware | $140.26 |
| Hub Intl Mountain States | $11,532.00 | IDAWY | $240.00 |
| Justin Pope | $2,000.00 | Kemmerer Gazette | $42.53 |
| Lincoln County | $842.00 | LGLP | $2,234.00 |
| Mountainland Supply | $677.17 | Napa Auto Parts | $279.88 |
| Nanco LLC | $750.00 | RelaDyne | $1,264.22 |
| Ricks Repair | $160.33 | Rocky Mountain Comp Sol | $17.98 |
| Rocky Mountain Power | $4,734.34 | Silver Star Communications | $176.85 |
| Staples | $427.94 | SVI Media  | $57.00 |
| Valley Wide  | $2,300.86 | Verizon  | $322.76 |
| VSP of Wyoming | $39.55 | Waxie  | $96.54 |
| WEBT  | $18.00 | Xerox Financial | $106.17 |
| Payroll | $15,286.96 | Retirement | $2,819.02 |
| EFTPS | $4,315.87 |   |   |

1. Councilman Peck recognized Kiana Gilmore for changing the clock to the correct time. Council woman Lewis recognized Clerk Jody Harmon for help with the insurance quotes for the summer recreation events. Mayor Arndt recognized all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, i.e., woman for their sacrifices in the Town of Cokeville.
2. Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Viehweg to approve the 2nd Reading of ORD 21-03 – Backflow. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Councilman Grandy 2nd by Council woman Lewis to pass the 2nd Reading of ORD 21-04 – Zoning Change with a contingency of having the ordnance written for the council to review. Councilman Veihweg will write Ordinance 21-04 and Ordinance 21-05.
4. Motion by Councilman Grandy 2nd by Council woman Lewis to pass the 2nd Reading of ORD 21-05 – Zoning Change with a contingency of having the ordnance written for the council to review. Councilman Veihweg will write Ordinance 21-04 and Ordinance 21-05.
5. Councilman Veihweg will also call the tax assessor Debbie Larson to ask how this zoning change will affect the property tax revenue for the Town.

New Business

1. Neil Hymas addressed the Town Council regarding the gun range drive in gate being locked. He thanked Chief Kirkland for cleaning up the range. He gave a history of the origin of the gun range and listed the positives and negatives of having the public in a public gun range. Neil made some suggestions on how to keep the gun range open. Councilman Peck asked if Neil would be willing to organize a gun club or group of volunteers. It was also suggested to have a clean up day at the gun range.
2. Laura Pope introduced Jack Walkenhorst and Marty Corollo with All West Communications. Jack informed the council that All West had applied for a grant for broadband and fiber. They received the grant and had used ½ of the money when winter came and they were no longer able to work, so the other ½ of the money had to be returned. They did not get all of the fiber buried but are currently working with the governor for monies to try and finish what was started last fall. It will probably take 2-3 weeks to connect all of the drops where the fiber has been buried.
3. Amy Peck reviewed last year’s rodeo and the successes they had. She asked the Town Council for there support for this year. Motion by Councilwoman Lewis 2nd by Councilman Viehweg to release the funds of $1500 to the Rodeo committee.
4. Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Viehweg to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:15p.m.
5. Motion by Council woman Lewis seconded by Councilman Peck to reconvene at 8:40.

Departments

Councilman Viehweg informed the council that all Main street items will be under the Chamber of Commerce, since they are a 501C3, per Linda Clinck, Main street Director.

At the Ec Development meeting the commissioners commented on the influx of people coming into North Lincoln county. They are not able to provide housing for all those moving in. They are going to encourage those moving in to seek housing in South Lincoln County.

The County is building a gravel pit on the west side of Cokeville and will allow the Town to have gravel.

Councilman Viehweg had three building permits to pass through the council since the P&Z didn’t have a quorum.

First permit for Jenni Wayment to build a storage shed by the WY DOT building and Pilot Travel Center. This permit was tabled until more information could be obtained from Wayments.

Seconded permit for Craig Chadwick to build a fence. Motion to approve by Councilman Lewis seconded by Councilman Peck.

Third permit for Shane Viehweg to build a deck, shed, fence with planter boxes. Motion to approve by Councilman Peck seconded by Council woman Lewis.

Todd Hurd talked to the council about the options of drilling a well for the Town. Possibly sites are down by the Town shop or by the Cokeville Elementary School. The Town has qualified for WWDC money to drill a well. He also talked about a GIS system. It would benefit the town by having maps of the water and sewer lines. Todd has 2 hand held units to collect the data and then Ryan with Forsgren with compile the data. Collecting the data is the most cost, the license for the system is about $500.00. Ryan’s time, training of hand-held devices, and putting in the date would cost approximately $2500.00.

Lead and copper sampling needs to be done by June 30, 2021

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Council woman Lewis to increase Shane’s Popes wage by $1.00 per hour for completing his Water Level 1 distribution license. Motion Carried

Justin Pope asked about the GIS System.

Justin Pope will provide an invoice for billable hours and the cost for the water line repair.

Shane asked about water usage, He would like to set up a time to discuss streets, parks, and installation of fire hydrants.

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Peck to utilize the funds already set aside in the budget to install fire hydrants and patch and seal streets. Motion Carried

Shane asked to have a surplus sale, to sell generator, boiler, mosquito fogger. Motion to approve surplus action by Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Viehweg.

Councilman Peck asked about the elevator repair and lighting for the Town Hall.

Jody will share Ron Wild’s email address with Councilman Peck.

Councilwoman Lewis read a letter for WAM Training from David Fraser and Bob McClurin. A motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Peck to have the training. Motion Carried

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilman Viehweg to approve the liability insurance with Farmers Group for the Day Camp to be held in June. Motion Carried

Chief Kirkland informed the Council that he has completed his canine protection and handler certification.

Chief, Colby and Shane will work together for signs for the gun range.

Mayor Arndt informed everyone that a few cases of Covid have flared up in the last few weeks.

Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Council woman Lewis to hold a budget meeting on May 25 at 2:00. Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn at 10:17p.m. by Councilman Grandy.

Mayor Rose Arndt

Clerk Jody Harmon