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Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Clawson called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members present were Alan Thornton, Butch McFall and Audra Thornton.

Others present were Clerk Ashley Hopkin. Attorney was available by phone if needed (but not present). Employees present were Maintenance David and Jessica Grissom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: There was none.

The council approved the minutes for August 7, 2024, and they were posted according to law. With no changes necessary, the minutes stand as written.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to approve the agenda of August 21, 2024. Motion passed.

Monthly Reports:

Police: There was none.

Court: There was no court held on August 8, 2024. No citations were issued for the court docket. The next scheduled court date is September 5, 2024.

Water/Sewer: On August 6, 2024 the monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper, and the results came back fine. The tank has still been losing a lot of water. On Sunday August 18th, resident Shane Good found a big leak by Amplify Energy's warehouse. Bartlett Oilfield Service are getting started on repairing it. The chlorine level is averaging 0.3 and there have been no issues with the sewer lagoons.

Maintenance: The mowing has been done at the water tank, town shop yard and the trailer in the camper lots. Signs were installed up at the shooting range, put a new Bluebell Avenue sign up, put more concrete at the spring boxes and finished the water deficiencies. The main street was swept, burning was done, the trailer in the camper lots was cleaned up around it and tore down. A pad was built for the trailer lot, equipment was greased, a new drainpipe was put in at the wellhouse, and weeds were sprayed at Town Hall and the park. Prepping was done at the Healthcare Clinic, Library and weightroom for painting. The water was turned on in the park bathrooms, there is a leak in the maintenance room when you flush one of the toilets that will need to be fixed. A splash pad at the shooting range was built for a culvert, Jessica Grissom started painting at the Healthcare Clinic, built a new ramp for at the library and trees were trimmed in the park.

Fire: There was meeting held on July 8, 2024 where six volunteers were present. They pulled trucks out, cleaned the fire bay, discussed flushing culverts, fires around the state during the 4th of July weekend and having a firefighter and family cookout. The new hose rack came in and that was put together. On July 31st another meeting was held where they had six volunteers present. They filled up the tanker truck, ran the pump on T-4, ran the brush truck, discussed fires in the area and preparedness for heavy traffic on 287, talked about equipment for the brush truck and breaking out concrete ring around the indoor maintenance pit, so it can be removed. A meeting was held on August 5th where five volunteers were present. They did hydrant testing, ran the brush truck and discussed coverage.

Mayor's Report: Just a reminder that Bairoil Cleanup day is on Saturday August 24th. So far there are only two residents on the list. If you need to be put on, do it soon and call Sue at Solid Waste.

There has been vandalism in Atwill Park. Someone was throwing a sharp object at the welcome sign that had just been repainted and letters redone, and damaged it. There are slash marks and chunks of wood are out of it. There have also been reports of someone trespassing onto other people's corral area and nailing a sign that says "do not litter" to their fences. The most recent was spray painting letters on the new cement that was poured by the corner of Indian Paintbrush and Antelope. We ask that residents please keep an eye out for who is doing this so we can put a stop to it.

Atwill Park was done with a grant and a representative from that grant along with the town's insurance through the LGLP came out to inspect the park. They both gave their recommendations on things that need to be fixed or done to improve it.

Old Business: A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Butch McFall, to leave the council seat vacant until next years election. Motion passed.

New Business: A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to have the clerk do some research and find either the original company who made the Bairoil books or another company to have more made. The town is down to two books left. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Butch McFall, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to purchase a leak detector from Ferguson Waterworks. Michelle Christopher with Wyoming Rural Water gave us her recommendation for one that she uses and has good results with. For the Aqua test T10 leak detector, wind protection and delivery the total is \$3,923.30. With the leaks the town has been having it will come in good use to locate the leak better than having someone come out to locate it for us. Motion passed.

Alan Thornton made a motion and was seconded by Audra Thornton, to approve the new water/sewer application. It contains the updated water/sewer rates along with an agreement that if a person is renting the property and does not pay the bill, then the landlord can be held responsible. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pass ordinance#2024-01 on the first reading. This ordinance is to enforce water restrictions and fine residents who continue to waste water. Notices go out every year about conserving water and a few select residents still water all day and throughout the night. This is very wasteful, and with the leaks the town gets, we need to make sure the tank level stays up in case of an emergency. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Butch McFall, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pass ordinance#2024-02 on the first reading. This ordinance goes along with the new water/sewer application in making the landlord responsible for any unpaid bills by the renter. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pass on the first reading ordinance#2025-03. This ordinance is for stalking your neighbors or anyone in town, due to past and previous complaints. Motion passed.

Audra Thornton made a motion and was seconded by Alan Thornton, to pass on the first reading ordinance#2024-04. This is to amend the previous ordinance to pay the mayor's salary in equal installments the same frequency as the employees, and to pay the council members every quarter. Motion passed.

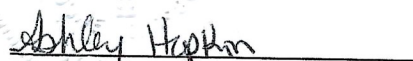
A motion was made by Butch McFall, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to go into executive session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss litigation under Wyoming Statutes §16-4-405(a)(iii). Motion passed. The council came back into regular session at 8:26 p.m. Mayor Clawson asked the council if anyone had any objection to what was discussed in executive session. No one objected.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pay check#16750 through check#16764 including all debit card charges and EFT's for a total amount in bills of \$9,058.36. Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. There was check#16760 in there for him. Motion passed.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Mayor Lowell Clawson

Date 9-4-2024


Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Hopkin