Town Council Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022

 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Mayor Rose Arndt, Council – Colby Peck, Shane Viehweg, Demont Grandy, Theresa Lewis, Chief Eric Whitehead, PW – Mike Duran, Marcus Fleming, Clerk Jody Harmon (Attorney Stout/ill). Also in attendance: Todd Hurd, Kyle Roberts, Rebecca Fleming, Brad Nate, BranDee Prows, Jamie Custer, Carl Lindberg, Kathy & Steve Christensen, Lois Garlitz, Robbie Arndt, Cameron Bird, Sharon Shimmin, Randi Shimmin

1. Call to Order at 7:00 by Mayor Arndt
2. Councilman Grandy made a motion to adopt the agenda with one change to move DeMont to first report in Departments, seconded by Theresa. Motion passed
3. Prayer by Councilwoman Lewis
4. Pledge led by Councilman Grandy

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve June 14, 2022 Amended Town Council Meeting minutes by Councilman Peck, seconded by Councilman Grandy. Motion passed

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| Ace Hardware | 71.53 | All West Communications  | 809.69 |
| Caselle, Inc. | 490.00 | Coca-Cola Bottling Co | 30.00 |
| Cokeville Stock & Saddle | 900.00 | Colonial Specialty Co. | 262.50 |
| Creative Product Source Inc. | 278.55 | Attorney E. Dean Stout | 2,550.00 |
| Factory Flooring Direct | 224.77 | First Bankcard | 3,412.36 |
| Hastings, Inc | 62.99 | IDAWY Solid Waste District | 73.50 |
| John Deere Financial | 70,084.37 | Kemmerer Gazette | 42.40 |
| Lincoln County | 842.00 | Mid-American Research Chemical | 1,730.90 |
| Mountainland Supply Co | 2,315.85 | One Call of WY | 18.75 |
| RelaDyne West LLC | 3.155.46 | Rocky Mountain Power | 4,450.88 |
| Skaggs Companies Inc | 85.98 | Staples | 80.76 |
| SVI Media | 38.10 | Thatcher Chemical | 1,025.31 |
| The Bancorp | 10,000.00 | Todd Brown | 1,400.00 |
| Valley Wide Co-Op | 1,562.11 | Verizon | 543.18 |
| Wamcat Treasurer | 75.00 | Waxie Sanitary Supply | 84.25 |
| WAM | 701.00 | WY Dept of Workforce Services | 798.54 |
| WY Educators’Benefit Trust | 4,885.05 | Wyoming West Fire | 144.00 |
| WY Retirement |  | Xerox  | 131.31 |
| Payroll |  | Payroll Tax |  |
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1. Recognitions – Mayor Arndt recognized Public Works for fixing water leaks and appreciated all effort and time.

Marcus Fleming passed the wells test. Councilman Grandy made a motion to give Marcus a $1.00 an hour raise for passing test, seconded by Councilman Peck.

Councilman Grandy recognized the Planning & Zoning Committee for their hard work.

Councilman Viehweg made a motion to add Mr. Steve Christensen to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Councilman Peck recognized everyone that made the 4th of July a success.

Rebecca Fleming recognized Councilwoman Lewis for soccer and T-ball events.

1. Public Comment – Jamie Custer addressed council (435 E Main) about her basement flooding. Felt like it needed a rapid response. Chief commented he is trying to find options for Cokeville. He feels neighborhood watch is great, but maybe looking into Cert Team.

Becky Fleming (720 E Main) addressed council regarding wanting a FB page. She would volunteer administrator for the FB page.

Motion for Becky Fleming to be Administrator for Social Electronic Media made by Councilwoman Lewis, Public Affairs, and seconded by Councilman Grandy.

Carl Lindberg (105 Canyon Rd.) asked about those that don’t social media. Councilman Grandy commented that everyone needs to have a shut-off in their house.

Old Business: Kyle Roberts (230 S Collet) asked about hooking onto outside city limits sewer. Town does need schematic for water hookups. Currently there are no specs in the ORD’s for sewer. Mayor stated did not want to be held up approval then put Kyle behind schedule. Mayor suggested to have town look at DEQ regulations for a month and meet back on August 9, 2022. Councilman Grandy asked Todd to check into the Specs first. Todd will help Kyle with Specs. Todd will help find rate schedules too.

Robbie Arndt stated his credentials and will answer any plumbing questions.

Councilman Grandy asked to have put on sign “Please Conserve Water” on water hours screen. Todd discussed opening bids on well. Council reviewed the bids and encouraged council to sign the Bid Awards and to pass Resolution 22-03, when you use Federal money, you have to buy American made. Todd encouraged the council to award the bid to the lowest bid. Councilman Grandy made a motion to approve Resolution 22-03 so we can move forward on the project, seconded by Councilman Peck. Motion Passed.

Councilman Peck made a motion to sign the Notice of Award, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis.

Councilman Grandy mentioned that the test well could be converted to regular well. Water wells are keeping up with keeping the tanks full.

Councilman Grandy made a motion to bid for ten hydrants, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis. Motion passed.

Councilman Grandy made a motion to take bids on 10 fire hydrant installations seconded by councilman Lewis. Motion passed

Councilman Viehweg reported that on July 29th at 1:00 p.m. WYDOT has their annual SLIB Meeting Room meeting. Town can put in for Roto milling that they can use to fix holes. The meeting is once a year. Fred Roberts will let city plant trees on his property.

Councilman Peck asked about patching streets. Councilman Peck made a motion to have Mike get a bid for road patch, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis. Motion passed.

Councilman Peck discussed about Mike and Marcus being overloaded with work. Can’t keep up with parks, watering, cleaning bathrooms, etc. He would like to hire a 3rd person, plus 2 part-time workers for parks & bathrooms.

Mosquito fogger is down. Mike has rewired it and can’t get it to work. They will keep working on it, a new one is $7500.

Councilman Lewis reported a pine tree in the park is rotting and dying and should be taken out. Also, a maple tree is dead in the park. Councilman Grandy had a meeting with Wyoming District Forrester from the state. The Arborist looked some of the dying and diseased trees. Councilman Grandy gave his report on those trees in Cokeville.

Jody will order two cases of candy for the parade. Mayor Arndt will pick up the candy.

The Grand Marshall’s are Stan & Betty Thompson.

Councilman Peck commented that market research shows that posters in buildings gives zero results, advertising on social media is the best results.

 School starts the 22nd of August.

Mayor Arndt suggested to give a $500.00 bonus to each employee.

Randi Shimmon asked the question if it would be better to hire someone than an appreciation check, and give Public Works a break?

Mayor Arndt stated she had met with Todd Brown to advertise the job again. Councilman Grandy made a recommendation to talk with Sharon Shimmin. Cameron Bird commented, “Why would you offend someone, then offer a month-to-month basis?” Becky Fleming commented that Sharon could sue.

Motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. until August 9, 2022 by Councilman Grandy, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis. Motion Passed

Mayor Rose Arndt Clerk Jody Harmon