

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2024,
AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOVELL TOWN HALL.

Present: Mayor Tom Newman, Council Members: Bob Mangus, Carol Miller, Dan Anderson and Ray Messamer. Others present: Town Administrator Jed Nebel, Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts, Ed Allred, Adrin Mayes, Bob McConnell, Chris Bryson, Gareth Robertson, Tom “Buck” Klindt, Kobe Thompson, Kristie Thompson, and David Peck.

With a quorum present, Mayor Tom Newman called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom “Buck” Klindt talked to Council about the possibility of Iron Cowboy Days. It would be a rodeo for motorcycles. He mentioned it would be the new west meets the old west. Council thanked Buck for coming and gave him Western Sports Arena President Wayne Brost’s phone number.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 19, 2024, Special Meeting January 30, 2024, Work Meeting February 6, 2024, and bills for payment were presented by consent agenda. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jed Nebel read Ordinance 1009-2024 by title on its second reading. Ordinance 1009-2024 is for a water rate increase. The ordinance would increase the base rate for most residential customers by \$1 and the per gallon rate by \$1.50 per 1000 gallons. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1009-2024 on second reading. Second by Ray Messamer. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel presented new job descriptions. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the new job descriptions. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel let Council know that Phase 2 of Armory Park (formerly Constitution Park) is underway. Bob Mangus made a motion to authorize the mayor and the town administrator’s signatures on Phase 2 documents within the scope of the project. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jed Nebel presented a Pay and Performance Policy for employees. Jed said that there is also an addendum that Legal Counsel is working on. The policy will have performance evaluations done two times a year. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve the Performance Evaluation and to approve the addendum pending Legal Counsel’s approval. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel let Council know that department heads are meeting at the end of February to discuss the 2024-2025 budget.

Jed Nebel let Council know that the Town Attorney is still looking at the MOU with Big Horn County concerning septic systems.

Colleen Tippetts presented Council with the Open Burning setback waiver and the Spring Cleanup. If the Department of Environmental Quality approves the setback waiver request, it will run from March 1, 2024, to May 31, 2024, and from September 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024. Colleen let Council know that the Spring Cleanup would run from April 15, 2024, to May 31, 2024. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the Spring Cleanup and the Open Burn setback waiver request and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Ray Messamer. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel let Council know that TCT West would like to rent the Town's lot at the corner of Oregon Ave and 5th St. They have proposed \$3,000 for 6 months starting March 1, 2024, to September 1, 2024, and \$500 per month after that to the end of their project. Jed let Council know that Legal Counsel is drafting a lease. Bob Mangus made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with TCT West contingent upon Legal Counsel's recommendation, and approve the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Colleen Tippetts presented Council with the Operation and Maintenance Agreement including First Amendment for Foster Gulch Golf Association, Inc. The agreement will be from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2029. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve the Agreement and First Amendment. with Foster Gulch Golf Association, Inc, and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Council looked at Court Collection report.

Jed Nebel let Council know that there is going to be an Outdoor Rec Meeting on March 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the community center. He mentioned that we are going to send out some invitations. The community is invited to attend.

Jed Nebel let Council know that Sheridan, Wyoming, lost a police officer that was trying to serve a trespass order. Our hearts go out to that community.

Ray Messamer made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.