

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 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, Chris Bryson, Tom “Buck” Klindt, 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 gave Council an update on the Iron Cowboy Days which he wants to schedule in June. He let Council know that someone else has the Lovell Rodeo grounds reserved at that time for a different event. He reported that he might have a property outside Cody, WY, for the event.

Public Works director Adrin Mayes gave Council some updates on what his Public Works crew has been up to. He said Rocky Mountain Power has installed a new streetlight on Railroad Ave. The Public Works crew has been replacing streetlights on Main Street with LED lights as they burn out. Adrin let Council know that on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jersey there is a big water leak in the intersection.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 13, 2024, and bills for payment were presented by consent agenda. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Ray Messamer. All in favor. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jed Nebel read Ordinance 1009, 2024, by title on its third and final reading. Ordinance 1009, 2024, is for a water rate increase. The ordinance increases the base rate for most residential customers by \$1 and the per gallon rate by \$1.50 per 1000 gallons for all customers. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1009, 2024, on third and final reading. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jed Nebel read Ordinance 1010, 2024, Annual Appropriation on the first reading. Ordinance 1010, 2024, is the budget for July, 2024, to June 2025. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1010, 2024, on its first reading. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel read Ordinance 1011, 2024, on its first reading. Ordinance 1011, 2024, amends section 6-01-020 of the Town of Lovell Code to add a subsequent section related to franchise telecommunication systems. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1011, 2024, on its first reading. Second by Carol Miller. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel presented a franchise agreement between the Town of Lovell and TCT. Council is going to wait to approve the agreement until Ordinance 1011, 2024, has been approved.

Colleen Tippetts presented Council with Resolution No. 2024-1 for the Re-Allocation of Budgeted Funds within the General Fund for the fiscal year July 2023 to June 2024. The resolution is to move the remaining funds in the Annex Expenses and Annex Maintenance Agreement line items to Police Equipment Purchase to purchase new duty equipment for the police officers. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-1. Second by Ray Messamer. All in favor. Motion passed.

Colleen Tippetts presented a letter from the Town of Lovell to Big Horn County Clerk requesting the County to conduct this year's 2024 election, and to handle the necessary items. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the request to Big Horn County Clerk to conduct this year's election and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel reminded Council that the Town's attorney is still looking at the Memorandum of Understanding with Big Horn County pertaining to Septic Systems.

Colleen Tippetts presented Council with two requests from Aud's Four Corners for beverage catering permits. The two events are NBHH Foundation fundraiser on April 27, 2024, and Ali Wagner wedding on May 4, 2024. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve the two catering permits and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jed Nebel presented a request from Foster Gulch Golf Course requesting \$40,000 annual appropriation from the Town of Lovell. The request is \$10,000 more than the current year. They plan to use the extra money to update the clubhouse deck and fix the cart paths.

Colleen Tippetts let Council know that WYDOT is requesting support for Wyoming Wind River Corridor Resilience Study for FY 2024. Dan Anderson made a motion to send a support letter and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Ray Messamer. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Council reviewed the Court Collections report.

#### ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Jed Nebel let Council know that we are sponsoring an Outdoor Recreation Meeting on March 14, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Jed also talked to them about the TCT lease agreement. Jed let Council know that we need to schedule a work meeting to discuss Lodging Tax update, police department proposal, and public works proposal. A work meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2024, at Town Hall at noon.

Ray Messamer made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Thomas M. Newman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts