

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2024,
AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOVELL TOWN HALL.

Present: Mayor Tom Newman; Council members Carol Miller, Bob Mangus, Ray Messamer and Dan Anderson. Others present: Town Administrator Jed Nebel, Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts, Public Works Director Adrin Mayes, Ed Allred, James Seckman – CPA with Seckman & Thomas CPAsPC, Gareth Robertson, and David Peck.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 13, 2024, the Work Meeting held August 28, 2024, and bills for payment were presented by consent agenda. Carol Miller inquired about some of the bills. Ray Messamer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

James Seckman, Certified Public Accountant, PC, of Seckman & Thomas presented audit results. He stated that the primary focus of an audit, in accordance with governmental auditing standards, is: 1) financial statements and related notes in accordance with accounting principles, 2) assess deficiencies in the Town's internal controls, 3) assess the Town's compliance with all laws, contracts, grant agreements, loan agreements, state statutes, and Internal Revenue Service requirements, 4) assess the reasonableness of the Town's cash reserves, and 5) assess the reasonableness of utility rates. He went over his findings on all the accounts. He reported the garbage fund reserves are falling short. He suggested increasing the garbage rate to build reserves.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with Payment request #3 from Midway Construction on Constitution Park Phase II. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Midway Construction's request and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Ray Messamer. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with the Local Government Annual Report Summary FYE 06/30/2024. Bob Mangus made a motion to authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Dan Anderson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented that he has been working on the MRG Grant to remodel Town Hall. Pryor Mountain Engineering has suggested that we put 1.3 million dollars on the grant with the Town of Lovell needing to come up with 50% match being from reserves and/or a low interest loan from a local provider. Ray Messamer made a motion to submit the grant application and resolution and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with Fall Cleanup. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the Fall Cleanup schedule for our citizens October 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts requested authorization to transfer money from reserves to checking. Dan Anderson made a motion authorizing the transfer of money from savings to checking up to \$100,000. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Council reviewed the Court Collections report,

Public Works Director Mayes talked to Council about SMP Monthly Production Summary that showed the Town of Lovell using 14.7% less water than a year ago. He reminded Council that they recently fixed a large water leak at 3rd and Jersey. He let them know that the ISO (Insurance Services Office) is coming to do a review, and they have had to do additional hydrant flushes.

Administrator Nebel gave an update on the Armory Park Project. He said Midway Construction is giving in kind donation to upgrade the cement at the Amphitheater. They are doing a stamping and staining process on the cement.

Administrator Nebel let Council know the Town of Lovell received an award from the Army National Guard for the help we gave through Covid and helping in the recruitment retention.

Administrator Nebel let Council know that he really appreciates them moving forward for the good of the citizens.

Ray Messamer made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

PENDING APPROVAL: _____

Mayor Thomas M. Newman

ATTEST: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts