

March 2, 2020 Minutes

Town of Pine Bluffs, Laramie County, Wyoming

Present: Mayor Alan Curtis; Councilmember Thomas Mohren; Councilmember Donn Randall; Councilmember Janna Kestner; Councilmember Michael Ragsdale; Kimberly Patterson, Treasurer; Carleen Graves, Clerk; Alex Davison, Attorney; Victoria Smithey, Pine Bluffs Post; Linda Heath, Laramie County Commissioner; Carey Lanning, Jerry Sanders and Buzz Canady. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL Councilmember Randall made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second from Councilmember Ragsdale. Motion and it passed unanimously with 4 ayes.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA After reviewing the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Randall motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with a second from Councilmember Kestner and the motion passed with 4 ayes.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS Black Hills Energy – Natural Gas, \$2,121.01; Capital Business Systems – Copier Lease and Maintenance, \$290.58; Cintas - Supplies, \$183.43; Exxon – Fuel, \$1,288.98; ; Jericha Edgar – Employee Reimbursement, \$155.25; McKesson Medical – Ambulance Supplies, \$174.73; Mohren, Thomas – Council Reimbursement, \$51.75; Patterson, Kimberly – Employee Reimbursement, \$82.80; Power plan – Grader repair, \$491.92; Sheet Metal Products – Furnace Repairs, \$1,746.84; Texas Trail Market – Supplies, \$83.36; Timber Line Electric and Control – Scada System Repairs, \$1,546.70; Verizon Wireless – Data Plan, \$539.07; Wyoming Municipal Power Agency – Purchase of Power, \$77,981.08; Xerox Financial Services – Copier Lease, \$294.94.

NEW BUSINESS Resolution 2020-06: A Resolution Amending the Town of Pine Bluffs Electric Service Charges; Providing for Severability and Providing an Effective Date. Mayor Curtis read Resolution 2020-06 by Title and then asked Council for comment. Councilmember Kestner stated that she has citizens concerns and would like to hold off to educate the Public more. Councilmember Mohren reminded the Council that at the last Council meeting Kim had a Power Point Presentation and the Public was invited and no one showed. Discussion on the effective date was held and it was decided that April 1 would be the effective date with the new charges being on the May bill. Councilmember Randall made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 with a second from Councilmember Ragsdale. Mayor Read the Resolution by Title and asked Council to vote all in favor, 3 ayes were heard and 1 nay vote from Councilmember Kestner. Motion Passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS Buzz Canady posted a comment in the Pine Bluffs Garage Sale online and he wanted the Council to know that he meant nothing bad towards the Council. He just wanted people to know that he doesn't work for the Town he just plows snow because he wants to. County Commissioner Linda Heath was here to update the Council on what the County has been doing. Feeding regulations on Concentrated feedlot operations has been a topic of interest for Laramie County. Economic issues along with public health and safety issues are concerns that arrives with concentrated animal feeding operations. Commissioner Ash has resigned and today was her last day. They have started the process to replace her and it will be the Republican Central Committee that will select her replacement. Snow removal on Harriman Road has been a challenge and hard to keep open as the wind patterns have changed and they are trying to finish the snow fence replacement that was started last November completed. A lot of roads are being impacted by oil traffic and we are trying to find other routes for EOG to take to get into the oil fields. Nicole Watkins was hired to replace Jeff Ketchum and will take over April 1st. Attorney Davison asked Linda if she had heard rumbling of a committee looking to severing rural portions of Laramie County. She was unaware of any committee. Carey Lanning had question for the Council on the rate increase. How often does the Town hear from Tri-State passing along rate increases? Mayor Curtis stated that we get our power from WMPA not Tri State. We have had 2 increases in the last 5 years, but the Town's last increase to residents has been over 10 years ago. He also asked if we have High West Energy do infrastructure repairs and construction. We contract them every year with no specific length of time, we just review rates on a regular basis as projects come open. Jerry Sanders addressed the trucks parking in town again. Mayor Curtis informed him that the Town does have a permit available for those who need to park in town and the cost of that permit is \$100 for one year. Carey Lanning also asked how the recycle program is coming? Our truck is still being repaired and we are looking at 1 or 2 prime locations to set for recycling to avoid regular trash contaminating the recycle bins.

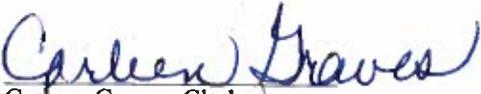
DEPARTMENT REPORTS Attorney Davison reported that deeds are back from WYDOT and the Legal description changed. We need to put in wording for easements for the water and sewer lines that run through the

property. The Supreme Court voted against us on the Daycare Taxes but scored a victory on not being taxed on the sidewalks or playground. Councilmember Mohren reported that he, Councilmember Kestner and Randall attended the conference in Cheyenne and the Liquor License Bill came up on the regulating of permits. We need to watch that one. Councilmember Randall enjoyed the Keynote speaker, Jim Mathis and he passed out a list of questions that he spoke about. He attended the Senior Citizens Board meeting and Leo Urbanek is still pursuing a digital sign. Concerns on the 5th, 6th and 7th penny municipal taxes. Linda Heath was able to answer question from the Council in reference to the taxes for clarification. Councilmember Randall also attended the Landfill Board Meeting and DEQ was impressed and kudos to the new management. Doing a great job! They are also trying to work with the Public for alternative hours if weather hinders hour of operation. Sonja informed Councilmember Randall that Game and Fish are to install new signs in the Rest Area to notify visitors of snakes and other wildlife. She is the treasure for the WPRA, and it is taking a lot of her time. They will have an adult movie night and soup supper in April and the pool lining is a concern, they left water in it over the winter after not for a couple of years. Councilmember Kestner thanked the Town for letting them go to the WAM Convention. Tesla will be putting in Electric charging stations along I-80 Corridor. Regarding the complete Count Committee, the Ladd's hung posters over Town last weekend for the Census. We will have a booth at the Spring fling March 21st and wondered if this should be for awareness only. Councilmember Ragsdale reported that hour at the Landfill will be changing for the summer, open 6 days a week. Kim Patterson stated that FY18 Audit has been finalized and FY19 is in the final stages to being complete. Thank the Council to allow her to attend the Grant Writing Class last week. Grants that we have been working on have all been submitted and we have 1.2 million dollars in grants pending. Working on securing \$900,000 in airport projects. Concerned that we were awarded approximately \$600,000 in Land and water conservation fund money for our pool patch, but the State Attorney doesn't agree with terminology in the Federal Contract. Some of that money is for our pool patch. Other projects for the funds include pool resurfacing, a playground, golf course updates and a splash pad. Mayor Curtis attended a WMPA Meeting and other than that nothing else to report. Carleen Graves received the Summer WAM packet and asked the Council to name a Voting Delegate for the Convention. It was unanimous that Thomas Mohren be named the Voting Delegate and Janna Kestner the Alternate Delegate. Pine Bowl is requesting to serve alcohol at 10 AM on Sunday. It was unanimous decision that Pine Bowl be allowed to open early on the 8th of March. Val Terry was the winner of the CCC Raffle held February 22 at the Basketball game.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS The next Council meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT Councilman Mohren made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Randall and motion the passed with 4 ayes.

ATTEST:


Carleen Graves, Clerk


Alan Curtis, Mayor