

Mayor D. Wolf called the Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present were Councilor N. Root, Mayor D. Wolf, and Councilor R. Niemiec. Councilor J. Pasborg and Councilor J. Ruby are absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor D. Wolf announced that we needed to amend the agenda, removing the Disclosure Statements under New Business because not everyone was present, and adding an Executive Session for Potential Litigation. Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to amend the agenda; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to approve the agenda; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to approve the minutes for the August 11th, 2022, council meeting; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to approve the bills against the town for September 8th, 2022 and recused himself from payroll for the July 18th and August 1st.; seconded by Councilor N. Root seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Mayor D. Wolf acknowledged the visitors and asked if they had anything to say. Theresa Wolf said she did; she wasn't sure if it should go to planning and zoning but thought she would bring it here first. She asked Mayor D. Wolf if he would pull his stuff away from their fence, the fence is starting to lean; Mayor Wolf said it is starting to lean against his stuff, she then said no, his stuff is leaning against theirs. She further stated that they had put their 4x4 posts inside their property line, so that when they put the slats, they would be on the other side of the 4x4 posts, so his property is leaning against their fence, and she would appreciate it if he would. Mayor D. Wolf asked if there was anything else? Theresa Wolf said yes, she had been looking at the budget and asked what is cyber security? Mayor Wolf said it's for the water treatment plant, all our computers, with cyber security on it. Theresa Wolf asked if we had a computer at the fire department? Or at the transfer station? Mayor Wolf said no. Theresa Wolf asked then why do we have \$1,300.00 in the budget allocated to these departments that don't have a computer? Mayor Wolf said that it all comes together eventually in our computer system as far as all of Anita's bills that she has that is covered. Theresa Wolf said so we're paying \$12,800.00 a year, and you guys break it down into \$1,300 and \$1,500 dollar increments for transfer station and maintenance when most of it is done here in admin? Mayor Wolf added it's also the water treatment plant, that's a

big one. Theresa Wolf again asked how it was broken down? Mayor Wolf said Anita would have to explain that. Town Clerk A. Vaughn said it was like Mayor Wolf said, everything comes out of this department and my computer, so yeah, I thought that there's no reason why I shouldn't break it down into every department because every department is being protected by it; Mayor Wolf added that way we don't get hit in one department and have to adjust the budget and add more to that. Our cyber security is very important to this town. Theresa Wolf said she couldn't see paying \$12,800.00 a year for the little bit that we have. Mayor Wolf said security is a major thing these days, especially our cyber security, if hackers got into our water we'd be in trouble. He then asked what other questions did she have? Theresa Wolf said he cut her short, but okay- the cleanup and abatement, you have allocated \$10,000.00. Where do you propose to use this money at? Mayor Wolf stated there's some litigation coming up, other property, the Berta Street cleanup... Theresa Wolf asked if we had recovered any of the money yet? Mayor Wolf stated that it's all at the courthouse right now, and we won't get anything until they sell the property? Theresa Wolf asked if it was in probate right now? Mayor Wolf said there's liens against it, and a few of them are in probate-their property, not us. Theresa Wolf asked what the dollar amount is that's out there that we haven't recovered? Mayor Wolf answered it was approximately \$5,000.00. He asked if it doesn't look better? Theresa Wolf agreed that it does look better, but that's not all, we need to recover money, because as she sees the budget, holy crap, we're in trouble. Mayor Wolf said no, we're not in trouble. We had to fix a lot of stuff; you don't understand. She said she did know that, but there's a lot of money being spent all over the place too. Mayor Wolf said there was negligence all over this town, and she said she did know that. She then asked if people out of town had been notified to clean up their properties? Mayor Wolf said yes. Theresa Wolf went on to say that her neighbor....he said she was part of it, too. Theresa Wolf said she had asked our Community Resource Officer about that too, but he never got back to her. She then asked if there was ever a Cemetery Committee formed? Mayor Wolf said there was one formed, but it's not active right now. Theresa Wolf said that at the recent all-school reunion, there were some people wondering why some of the old fencing and stuff had been pulled out of there. Mayor Wolf said nothing was pulled out of there but sagebrush, and he did that personally, himself. She then asked how many employees drive their vehicles home? Mayor Wolf said 1. She asked if he got charged as a fringe benefit. Mayor Wolf said it's part of the whole idea of trying to keep employees here. She said she thought it was something the IRS would be interested in because it's a fringe benefit and it should be reflected on his paycheck. He said part of his increase was that. She asked his increase for what? He doesn't do anything, and he gets paid \$36,000.00 a year. Mayor Wolf said he was just going to hold her up: our employees do a lot around this town. We only have a group of people who bitch about our people, nobody else does. Everybody sees this town getting cleaned up - he hears it all the time, so don't come here and say that we're messing anything up, because we've made this town better and we're trying to work with every citizen in this town. Theresa Wolf said except me. Mayor Wolf said, we're working with everybody and we're working way better than what the council used to do. Bert McCune said you were on the council. Mayor Wolf said he can't make up anything...you know why all those sinkholes that they spent \$140,000.00 that they didn't have to spend on Berta Street? He was fighting like hell to get them to do it before it all caved in, when the money could've gone to Sage Street, and made more room for people to park, but they didn't. Theresa Wolf said on Berta Street when water was running down the street, he didn't say anything. He said he and her nephew did.... She said he didn't. He said he did and has pictures. She said it's in the minutes. He said let's look at them. Then Theresa Wolf said back in 2018, when the previous administration left here, there was \$1,465,000.00 in the savings funds, now there's \$462,244.62, that's a difference of \$553,580.49 and that's a lot. Mayor Wolf asked Clerk A. Vaughn if that was to do with the gym and stuff? Clerk A.

Vaughn said 20% of that savings went to that new building. Some discussion about removing money to pay for everything and then getting reimbursed from the grants, so maybe the numbers were off a little bit. She asked if it got put back once we were reimbursed? Clerk A. Vaughn stated that it went into the general fund. Theresa Wolf said also since we seem to have a problem with the dogs and stuff, isn't there anything that can be done with the dog issue? Since our dog catcher can't go into county and we can't kill them... Councilor N. Root asked what dogs she was talking about? Mayor Wolf said she just blames her neighbor all the time, but they don't know which dogs it is. Theresa Wolf said they're Alejandro's dogs, but he can't do anything because he lives in the county, and for the last week and a half they've been running loose. Councilor N. Root asked if that was the...Theresa said he has like 8 dogs, and she doesn't have any, and doesn't want the dog feces all over her yard. Mayor Wolf said this is what he's going to do, which he was going to mention in the meeting anyway, but he has a meeting with Sheriff Grossnickle in the morning, and he's going to ask him and Erramouspe, to help us to do court again, with the different stuff that's been happening the last couple of weeks here, he wants to get the county involved and see if they'll help us, he knows they give us the used vehicles and he had a meeting with the county commissioners and asked how they could help us, and he wants to set up a couple dates a year for us to have court over there. He has retained Eric Phillips as our judge. Someone mentioned speeders, and Mayor Wolf said that is our jurisdiction and Ross is going to start taking care of that next week. They asked if he was certified to do that? Mayor Wolf said he can do it. Some discussion about a kid that's riding some kind of cart, which they say shouldn't even be on the streets. Ross is going to take care of that, too. Mayor Wolf assures that things are going to be enforced around here. More discussion about this subject; speedbumps were mentioned, also maybe getting the speed limit lowered. Theresa Wolf asked how soon we would be getting a certified water operator? Mayor Wolf said we have one, LeRoy is our water operator. She asked what we were going to do with our other 2 water operators. Mayor Wolf said he can speak for 1, and they are an asset to our town, that they both have held water licenses for years, and our consultants well worth their salary, and that's how he feels but council can speak for themselves. Councilor R. Niemiec and N. Root both said they agree that they are well worth it and feel they should be kept on for at least LeRoy's first year. Theresa Wolf said she is only concerned about our budget; a lot is going out but not much coming in. Mayor Wolf stated our revenues are the same as always. She says the town used to get a lot of money from oil, but we don't now. He again stated that a lot of things needed to be fixed, and that half a million dollars that's gone, was to fix things so everyone has water and sewer and an operator to maintain it. Theresa Wolf said another thing, her water over the last several weeks, in the mornings, has smelled like sulfur, and why is that? And other people have told her that. He says it shouldn't smell like that unless you have an electric water heater, and if she wants to take a sample to the laboratory to have it tested the town will pay for it, if it will satisfy the people. Some further discussion about this topic. No further questions. Burt McCune brought up that the cleaning up of sage brush was great, but what about the people with trash in their yards. This caused a discussion about how to go about getting people to clean up, the old way or the politically correct way? This led to a discussion about plowing the streets and causing damage to a storm drain that's now full of road base...more discussion about what our employees do and how much they're paid. This brought up how a hard rain would cause the storm drains to flood. Theresa Wolf said that was all she had and again she would appreciate him moving his stuff off her fence. Mayor Wolf said they already had a lawsuit about this so take it up with the attorneys.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wolf said that we had sent a letter to everyone letting them know that the water rates were going to be going up, asked Clerk A. Vaughn if that was right and if Council had seen that? Clerk A. Vaughn stated that it wasn't really a letter, but it was on both the invoice and the water calendar she sent out to every customer. Mayor Wolf said he had mentioned having a special meeting about it, but then the Monday following the meeting, he spoke to Anita and LeRoy and there's some issues with getting the information from the handheld to the computer, so we're going to have to push that back, and we'll keep reading meters in the meantime. Question from Bert McCune - did every residence in town have a meter now? Yes. Some discussion regarding getting the information out to every senior citizen that there's help available, this is very important to Councilor R. Niemiec. Clerk A. Vaughn stated she wasn't aware of help being available, but Mayor Wolf said he had it and would give it to her Monday, she will definitely make sure it gets sent out.

Mayor Wolf asked Clerk A. Vaughn if he needed a motion for this next item. She said no, he just needs to read it out loud.

1. Mayor D. Wolf then said that the Town of Superior accepts First Bank as their bank.
2. The town has \$400.00 petty cash to be used on postage, other fees, etc., and has receipts for all transactions.
3. Disclosure statements, since not everybody is here, we'll just table that and hopefully, if we do have a special meeting between now and then, we'll try to get everybody together and get that done, because there are issues, we all need to discuss, so we'll probably have one. I know I said that last time, but I'm pretty serious about it this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on property in county. Mayor Wolf said he spoke to the county about this, and they said they would help with the engineering costs and all that stuff, but we have to work around them, so we may have to wait until their schedule eases up, and they're understaffed, and said they'll do it on their own time. We would be responsible for water, sewer, and fire lanes, hydrants, getting it all signed and engineered, and he feels this is going to deplete our funds. They said there's other ways we can do it, bidding processes and all. He showed them one map and kind of told them what we were thinking, and they said it would cost the town a lot of money with engineering costs, etc. they said with the design, because of the hill, but if we could get our grant writer to find us a grant to pay for our subdivision it would be great, but she's got other more important projects, but it would take longer than selling it as a whole. Councilor R. Niemiec said he didn't think we were in a hurry; we could approach the grant writer. Councilor N. Root said she felt we could at least talk to her and see what she thinks she could do for us in regard to a grant to help subdivide it. Theresa Wolf asks what we're engineering. Mayor D. Wolf said land out north, way out by Ozzy Knezovich's, there's like 50 acres, into 2.5-acre plots, and another 40 acres we also want to develop.

Visitor Bert McCune asks if she can back up here; about the Community Resource Officer patrolling, is Mayor Wolf going to send a letter to everybody or just kind of surprise them? Mayor Wolf says he'd like to surprise them, but no, he'll send a letter. Some discussion about how he pulled over their brother and then everything stopped for 3 months while we looked into what he could and couldn't do. She asked how often he would be out here? Mayor Wolf said he is the town's guy; he'll be out here as often as they want him out here. He's here for the community. Some discussion about this subject. Mayor Wolf said he would like to have him deputized, too.

Back to the county stuff; Mayor Wolf would like to just sell the property outright as he feels it's going to cost the town too much money, he wants to sell it undeveloped and walk away from it and move onto more important projects. Some discussion about this subject; Councilor R.

Niemiec feel it will bring in money for the water we provide. Mayor Wolf feels that we need to move forward with other projects. Some more discussion about this and what the grant writer is working on; she's very busy. What she is doing for the downtown park to make it ADA compliant, and she's working on the water transmission line, too. Councilor R. Niemiec feels it should be tabled until everyone is present, Councilor N. Root and Mayor D. Wolf agree.

2. Discussion on pay raise for elected officials is next; Mayor D. Wolf feels we should table this too, until everyone is here. He isn't sure if this is for council or mayor and wants Council to discuss it. This subject was brought up some time ago by Council and Town Attorney H. Brewster advised what we should do. He is going to recuse himself if it pertains to him; Councilor R. Niemiec says we should table it. Clerk A. Vaughn stated this has been brought up several times over the last 4 years, and it's her understanding that it was just Dominic, but that doesn't mean it can't include council, and she needs to know a figure, a dollar amount that they all agree on, to raise him to. Councilor N. Root agrees we should table it. That is fine with her, but if everyone could just start thinking about the figures. Some discussion about this; apparently, they all talked about raising 3% in a budget workshop, but Clerk A. Vaughn doesn't recall this, but agrees everyone needs to be present. Mayor Wolf states we will table that until all council members are present.

3. The new pumps that were in the budget are all in and working good. Some discussion about flow meters and getting one that can be moved from pump to pump to be able to keep an eye on them all.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolf wants to make sure it's stated that this is the second reading to be on board with the offroad recreation vehicles on town streets. Moved by Councilor N. Root to accept ORDINANCE 2202-1083: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, WYOMING ENACTING REGULATIONS ALLOWING OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON TOWN STREETS; seconded by Councilor R. Niemiec. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor D. Wolf says we had something come up on Planning & Zoning. We're going to have some resignations. Tonya, the chairperson on the board, has resigned. He's going to try to meet with them next week to go over everything. How there's procedures and what to do. We need to do carbon copies and then getting the actual permit, so we'll have everything in case the assessor comes, and we'll have all we need. Try to have this all-ready next week, and whoever's left on the board, and however we need to fill the chairs, I think we need to just put it out there and see if we can't get some people interested. He doesn't want to scare anybody with it. He wants to have basic procedures, and let people know what they'll most likely be dealing with, such as fences, setbacks, etc. The meeting is next Tuesday, at 7, and if both councilors, who have been on the P & Z board, would be there, he would appreciate it, to help make sure he doesn't miss anything, it's been his experience that the same things get missed and wants to eliminate the issues. Theresa Wolf asks if they're going to go back to permits that were issued in the past where people never finished their projects? Mayor Wolf said he thought they had 3 months to come back and ask for an extension. Councilor N. Root asks if she wants to know there are consequences for unfinished projects? Theresa Wolf says no, but just to tell them to get it done. Some discussion about this ending with Mayor Wolf saying he can't speak for the board, so whatever they decide to do is what will be done. She says that's not fair to those people who have finished their projects. More discussion about this subject, and how far back

it should go. Councilor R. Niemiec agreed the rules say it's 3 months, or they have to come back and ask for an extension. More discussion. Bert McCune mentioned when the contractor finished building her deck, he asked when P & Z would be inspecting it and she said they don't do that, he said it should be done for insurance purposes and he was surprised but what do you do? Mayor Wolf said he thought it worked pretty well for her getting her fence up without having P & Z signing off on it yet...Theresa Wolf said she was talking about the deck and Mayor Wolf replied all of it.

Mayor Wolf asked Council if they had anything else to discuss. Councilor R. Niemiec said he thinks we need to revisit some of our laws in P & Z, because he believes the completion comments brought up something good, and he specified that it's just volunteers on that board, it's not like Sweetwater County, they have certified building inspectors, but here, as long as you have your paperwork in, there's nothing that says they have to go back and check the work. Bert McCune says she understands that, and it happens everywhere else, and she was just bringing it up. Councilor R. Niemiec stated that the board can certainly go back and add or remove some stuff, take it through the council. Some further discussion about this. Mayor Wolf agreed that it should be revisited by P & Z. Councilor N. Root said she'll be there. Mayor Wolf thinks we need to simplify the language. Councilor R. Niemiec thinks we need to advertise for open positions. They discussed how many open positions there are now - it was decided that it was 3. The subject of the Covenants on Horse Thief came up, with Councilor R. Niemiec clarifying that it differs according to the situation. It basically falls back on the stricter rules. Theresa Wolf said that not all of the Covenants have been followed by the people who live on that street, and what can be done about that? If one person has built a fence too high, and then another person wants to build their fence to the same height he did, even though it goes against the covenants, which one is right? Councilor N. Root thinks the answer would be no, they have to follow the covenants regardless of what someone else did. The question of who wrote the covenants came up, with Theresa Wolf saying it was Rochelle Johnson, who was Mayor of Superior at that time. Mayor Wolf said it wasn't only Rochelle, there was a committee that did it. Councilor R. Niemiec believes that if everyone who lives there wants to throw them out and follow the P & Z rules, they could do that, but it would have to be agreed upon by all and they would form a committee. Some discussion. Councilor R. Niemiec said if Bert wanted to be on P & Z, he would welcome anybody, and she thanked him.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Moved by Councilor N. Root to approve the department reports; seconded by Councilor R. Niemiec. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to go into executive session at 8:03 p.m.; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Councilor N. Root to go back into regular session at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Councilor R. Niemiec. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>	<u>Goods/Services Provided & Purpose</u>
HILARY BREWSTER	\$800.00	MONTHLY RETAINER
AMBER GEORGE	\$800.00	C & P SERVICES
RICK NIEMIEC	\$100.00	COUNCIL PAY
JAMES PASBORG	\$100.00	COUNCIL PAY
ANGELIQUE ROOT	\$100.00	COUNCIL PAY
DOMINIC WOLF	\$400.00	MAYOR PAY
CANDACE SMITH	\$400.00	C & P SERVICES
VERIZON	\$80.54	UTILITY; CELL PHONE FOR CRO
TOS / RESERVE	\$1,183.81	MONTHLY DEPOSIT
TOS / W / S	\$1,990.50	MONTHLY W/S UTILITY
WYOMING WORKERS' COMP.	\$511.11	MONTHLY PAYMENT
IRS	\$2,778.04	SEMI-WEEKLY PAYMENT
IRS	\$1,875.21	SEMI-WEEKLY PAYMENT
AMAZON	\$129.75	P & S
BATTERY SYSTEMS	\$65.50	P & S
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD	\$2,546.92	INSURANCE PREMIUM
CAPITAL ONE	\$116.64	P & S
CASELLE	\$160.00	C & P SERVICES
COPIER & SUPPLY	\$2.86	C & P SERVICES
CENTURY EQUIPMENT	\$1,348.46	P & S
HOMAX	\$1,266.28	UTILITY
HOME DEPOT	\$1,996.84	P & S
KAYLA MANNIKKO	\$140.00	C & P SERVICES (GRANT WRITER)
MOUNTAINLAND SUPPLY CO.	\$1,584.49	P & S
MURDOCH'S	\$159.90	P & S
NAPA	\$71.87	P & S
NORCO	\$83.98	P & S
PREMIER POWERPLANTS & PUMPS	\$9,114.51	C & P SERVICES
ROCK SPRINGS WINNELSON	\$1,425.15	P & S
ROCKY MTN. AIR SOLUTIONS	\$132.00	P & S
RON'S ACE RENTAL	\$2,082.11	P & S
SAGE ELECTRIC SOLUTIONS	\$9,092.00	C & P SERVICES
SHADOW MTN. WATER	\$38.00	P & S
STANDARD PLUMBING SUPPLY	\$20.37	P & S
SUNROC	\$156.13	P & S

SWTS	\$1,391.18
UNITED RENTALS	\$4,261.13
UNITED SITE SERVICES	\$313.65
USA BLUEBOOK	\$1,941.98
U.S. BANK	\$117.54
WINSUPPLY	\$158.20
WYDOT	\$10.00
WYOMING WASTE SERVICES	\$421.38
WYOMING RENTS	\$5,414.00
WYOMING DEPT OF REVENUE	\$2,021.59
SUMMIT WEST CPA GROUP, P.C.	\$1,232.00
CENTURYLINK	\$388.72
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$3,841.11
UMB CARD SERVICES	\$787.34
REBEKAH HOLT	\$200.00

C & P SERVICES
P & S
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P & S
PLATES FOR 2 NEW (USED) VEHICLES
C & P SERVICES
P & S
YEARLY SALES & USE TAXES
HELP W/ QUICK BOOKS ERRORS
UTILITY
UTILITY
P & S
DEPOSIT RETURNED ON RENTAL OF NEW BUILDING

PAYROLL: AUGUST 15 & 29, 2022

Sheri Niemiec	\$1,864.80
Ross Sheely	\$2,544.76
Teresa Stolt	\$1,814.35
Travis Wagner	\$3,460.80

Donna O'Banion-Taebel	\$463.60
Amanda Souther	\$187.65
Anita Vaughn	\$2,640.12
LeRoy Winters	\$3,625.60

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Mayor