STATE OF WYOMING

COUNTY OF SWEETWATER

TOWN OF SUPERIOR September 8, 2022

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, Councilor J. Pasborg, Mayor D. Wolf. Council members J. Ruby and R. Niemiec were both absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor D. Wolf announced that they would need to amend the agenda adding an item--the public hearing for the off-road ordinance.

Moved by Councilor N. Root to amend the agenda adding the off-road recreational vehicle statute ordinance number 2022-1083; seconded by Councilor J. Pasborg. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor J. Pasborg 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 J. Pasborg to approve the bills against the town of Superior for September 8th, 2022, and payroll for August 15th and 29th and September 1st of 2022; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Chris Sutton and were present. Mr. Sutton stated that he was there to talk about helping troubled youth as well as mental health for Deputies and also for people within the community. Mr. Sutton stated that these would be big things that he wants to focus on. He also stated that the last time they were here they didn’t have as much detail and now they do so they wanted to come out and share. Mr. Sutton stated that he and Jon plan on coming out on a regular basis because that’s who they want to be and what they are about is getting out in the community. Mr. Sutton asked if there were any questions that they could answer since they were there. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that she didn’t have any questions pertaining to the last time they were out but that the statement Mr. Sutton had just made interested her because the suicide rate in Wyoming is so high it’s number one in the nation. Mr. Sutton stated that there is a major issue, and his main priority is getting back out into the community because he doesn’t believe that they will be able to lower crime without getting to know people on a personal level. He also stated that the suicide rate is just unacceptable, and they are not only seeing it with troubled youth but with adults there is a mental health problem that we have that is very alive and well and every time that we approach someone everything that we do they see it and if one thing can trigger something and we wouldn’t even know it. Mr. Sutton stated that they were planning on speaking with Sweetwater school district 1 and implementing some programs because they will start on day one and for the entire four years. He stated that he doesn’t just say these things to get votes and stated that he is passionate about these things. Mr. Sutton stated that not just one person can fix this problem and that if they say they can they’re lying. He stated that he wants to get people involved who are going through struggles with mental health. Mr. Sutton stated that just like the Mayor not just one person can run a town they need help from everyone else. Mr. Sutton stated that he will be there for guidance and leadership, but he can’t fix the problem alone. Mr. Sutton stated that there will be debates soon and people will see the differences between himself and Jon and be able to make their own educated decisions, but he would like for everyone to know that he is passionate about these two things, and he wants to jump in and start doing things right away. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he has heard rumors that the sheriff goes out to Wamsutter quite a bit and asked why that is. Mr. Sutton stated that there is an overtime pay for going to Wamsutter and when he is Sheriff, he wants to change that he wants law enforcement there because they care, and they want to be there not because there is overtime pay. He stated that when he sends people out, he doesn’t want them to just drive through he will have specific priorities for them, and he wants them to actually stop through and spend time with people because you can’t affectively make change when you don’t know the people that live in these communities. Mr. Sutton stated that he already has an agenda it’s ready to go. He stated that he isn’t in this for the title or the pay he is in it because he is passionate about serving people. Councilor N. Root asked if there was anything that Mr. Sutton would have done differently during the Covid lockdown. Mr. Sutton answered that he agreed with Jon’s letter the CDC was recommending that we wear a mask that’s not a mandate not a law. He also stated that if he were to go to someone’s residence and they said he needed to wear a mask if he wanted to come in, he would because that’s their right it’s their residence and they can ask him to do that same thing with a business nobody forces you and takes away you’re rights as a citizen and to do that is unconstitutional. The CDC and the Government doesn’t dictate what we do, and we are free to make those choices. Mr. Sutton stated that he would have sent out the same letter and there is no Sheriff in the conservative state of Wyoming that would not have sent out the exact same things. Mr. Sutton stated that Jon gave himself a 45,000 dollar raise and is now one of the highest paid heads and also gave 3% raises to the patrol deputies but not the detention deputies. Clerk A. Vaughn asked why that is. Mr. Sutton stated that it’s because Jon is a patrol guy and doesn’t think that all deputies should be on the same playing field. Mr. Sutton stated that when he is Sheriff all deputies will be paid the same because it can be just as dangerous inside four walls as it is on the streets. Mr. Sutton stated that there are inmates fighting deputies in the detention center and for Jon to say that the patrol deputies deserve a raise, and the detention folks isn’t ok. Mr. Sutton also stated that other than the person who was just promoted to lieutenant nobody is very happy with Jon right now. There was a question about the budget for the Sheriff’s office right now and Mr. Sutton stated that he believes it’s somewhere around 29 million. Mr. Sutton stated that Jon has talked about reducing this by 7.5 million and admitted it in an interview. To do this he laid off 14 positions. Mr. Sutton stated that those positions should have been some of the last cuts because they are essential personnel, and it has caused issues with having enough deputies in the detention center and is causing deputies to miss out on spending time with their families because they have to shift adjust to make up for the fact that there aren’t enough deputies. Community Resource Officer Sheely asked what the requirements for a sheriff’s deputy are right now. Mr. Sutton stated that a high school diploma is the requirement. Mr. Sheely asked if this would change under his command and Mr. Sutton answered that no it wouldn’t because he doesn’t feel you need more education than that because the Sheriff’s office with give the training that they need. Mr. Sutton stated that there have been deputies that ask for training and get denied and then there are friends of Jon’s that get training all the time and this is the kind of thing that he would like to stop. Mr. Sutton stated that he isn’t trying to slam anyone this is just all facts, and he is trying to share the facts. There was some more discussion about training.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councilor N. Root on the third and final reading of ORDINANCE 2022-1083: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, WYOMING ENACTING REGULATIONS ALLOWING OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATION VEHICLES ON TOWN STREETS; seconded by Councilor J. Pasborg. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor D. Wolf announced that he received per state statute 6-5-118 disclosure statements from Councilor James Pasborg, Councilor Nikki Root, Clerk Anita Vaughn and himself Mayor Dominic Wolf and these statements will be part of the permanent minutes. Council members Jeremy Ruby and Rick Niemiec will sign on as soon as possible and this will be mentioned at the next council meeting following his doing so.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land out North. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he has been talking with the county here and there and every time he talks to them, they talk about how the town is going to have to re zone it and do like rural agriculture. Councilor N. Root asked what it is zoned as now. Mayor D. Wolf stated that right now it’s just county there isn’t a zone yet. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they are looking at costs for the surveys and water and septic and how they will split it. Councilor N. Root asked if that was the land the Knezovich asked about. Mayor D. Wolf stated that her Dad wanted that land further out and he thinks it would be good if the town had the time and the money to do it and the grant writer could probably help out with that but she’s busy. Mayor D. Wolf stated that one thing they came up with that would help out is if they can come to a fair market between the town and the Knezovich’s. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they got that land for ten dollars and whatever is going to come out he wants the town to come out ahead and he also wants to see some of that money say they offered a thousand dollars an acre it would be forty thousand for the piece out north. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he feels they should start higher like twenty-five hundred an acre and start negotiating. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the cash from that could be something in the future with the grant writer if she gets them something where they want a 25% match, they will have that money to do it with. There was some discussion about where this property is and where it ends. Mayor D. Wolf stated that all he wants to propose is that they sell it. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the other council members needed to be involved in the discussion also. Councilor N. Root stated that Councilor J. Ruby had mentioned not wanting to sell all of it to just one family and wanting to bring several people. Councilor J. Pasborg stated that you can go out north of town in Rock Springs and buy a chunk of sage brush and you’re responsible for everything and that’s what he would like to happen with this land because he can’t see spending 80 or 90 thousand dollars to turn it into a subdivision. Councilor J. Pasborg stated that there could be other people interested in that land and in that case, they would have to let them haggle it out. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he wanted the best for Superior. There was some more discussion about what the best thing to do is. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the town just went from 310 to 175 people. Clerk A. Vaughn mentioned that their census numbers were inaccurate and the problem with that is it affects how much money the town gets from the state.
2. Mayor D. Wolf asked if anyone had time to think about the water rates or if they had any questions. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that people have been calling and wanting to know when their senior rates are going to be going up. She also stated that no one has had complaints about it and not being able to pay it. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that there was one person that complained about them doing away with the senior rate and A. Vaughn told her that it’s almost illegal to offer water at a lower rate because it’s now considered a commodity. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it just has to happen, and he does think that it will help the water infrastructure to the way it should be and the way it should have been. Councilor J. Pasborg stated that they will never make money on the water but that it will at least give them the money they need to keep it where it’s self-sufficient. Councilor N. Root asked how the metering is going. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that it’s going well and that she had called twice, and the woman hadn’t returned her call. She also stated that she went online to Caselle and was able to change and load a route which is what she was having problems with and there were also directions on how to get it from the handheld back onto the computer which is the big problem right now and they have not attempted to do that yet. There was some more discussion about this. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he has A single cousin with a kid, and they have 2,500 extra gallons or something a month in Rock Springs. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the cousin can water all kinds of stuff and he never goes over the base rate. There was some more discussion about this. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that she has seen something on there that will alert them if there is anything alarming like a huge change in someone’s water usage.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor J. Pasborg made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Councilor N. Root. Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

**CLAIMANT Amount Approved Goods/Services Provided & Purpose**

HILARY BREWSTER $800.00 MONTHLY RETAINER

AMBER GEORGE $800.00 C & P SERVICES

RICK NIEMIEC $100.00 COUNCIL PAY

ANGELIQUE ROOT $100.00 COUNCIL PAY

DOMINIC WOLF $400.00 MAYOR PAY

CANDACE SMITH $400.00 C & P SERVICES

ROSS SHEELY $19.98 REIMBURSEMENT

VERIZON $80.55 UTILITY; CELL PHONE FOR CRO

TOS / EMPDED $693.95 MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS

TOS / RESERVE $1,267.86 MONTHLY DEPOSIT

TOS / PETTY CASH $426.22 REPLENISH PETTY CASH

TOS / W / S $1,990.50 MONTHLY W/S UTILITY

WYOMING WORKERS’ COMP. $746.75 MONTHLY PAYMENT

IRS $2,319.46 SEMI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

IRS $1,969.80 SEMI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

AMAZON $220.37 P & S

ACE HARDWARE $165.92 P & S

BRIDGER VALLEY PROPANE $683.20 UTILITY

BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD $3,276.92 INSURANCE PREMIUM

CASELLE $160.00 C & P SERVICES

CASH $3,200.00 PURCHASE USED ATV

COPIER & SUPPLY $531.27 C & P SERVICES

DOI / BLM $904.00 LICENSING FEE

HOMAX $704.99 UTILITY

LANTIS PRODUCTIONS, INC. $5,000.00 FIREWORKS 4TH OF JULY & NEW YEARS

MAP $350.00 LICENSING FEE

MURDOCH’S $138.95 P & S

NAPA $146.71 P & S

NORCO $83.98 P & S

ROCK SPRINGS WINNELSON $266.60 P & S

ROCKY MTN. AIR SOLUTIONS $1,464.70 P & S

RON’S ACE RENTAL $26.25 P & S

SHADOW MTN. WATER $7.50 P & S

SUMMIT WEST CPA GROUP $394.20 C & P SERVICES

SWEETWATER CO. ASSESSOR $10.48 TITLE SERVICES

SWEETWATER CO. HEALTH DEPT. $75.00 WATER TESTS

SWTS $1,129.38 C & P SERVICES

TEGELER’S $438.00 INSURANCE

THE TIRE DEN $26.90 P & S

UNITED SITE SERVICES $313.65 C & P SERVICES

U.S. BANK $117.54 P & S

WY FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY $147.64 P & S

WYDOT $5.00 PLATES FOR (USED) UTILITY TRAILER

WYOMING WASTE SERVICES $421.38 C & P SERVICES

WYOMING DEPT OF AGRICULTURE $100.00 LICENSE FEE NEW KITCHEN

CENTURYLINK $389.74 UTILITY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER $4,219.13 UTILITY

UMB CARD SERVICES $1,643.28 P & S

PAYROLL: SEPTEMBER 12 & 26, 2022

Sheri Niemiec $2,004.66 Donna O’Banion-Taebel $649.04

Ross Sheely $2,544.76 Amanda Souther $556.00

Teresa Stolt $1,794.70 Anita Vaughn $2,837.68

Travis Wagner $3,460.80 LeRoy Winters $3,625.60

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk Mayor