STATE OF WYOMING

COUNTY OF SWEETWATER

TOWN OF SUPERIOR FEBRUARY 9TH, 2023

Mayor D. Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilor J. Ruby to approve the agenda for February 9th, 2023; seconded by Councilor N. Root the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor R. Niemiec to approve the minutes for the January 26th, 2023, council meeting; seconded by Councilor N. Root the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Councilor J. Ruby to approve the bills against the town for February 9th, 2023, and payroll for January 30th and February 2nd 2023; seconded by Councilor N. Root the motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

1. Diego Covell stated that he was coming on behalf of the Superior fire department and wanted to tell council what they are needing. Mayor D. Wolf asked if this was pertaining to the last fire they had. Diego stated that it was. Diego stated that he thought things would work better if they could get some flashlights and the ones, they had found were pretty spendy, but he thought that they would be worth it because it’s all fireproof, and waterproof and would go on the hardhats as well. He also stated that they have a chainsaw Councilor J. Ruby said that they needed a chain that could cut through roofing and stuff like that. Mayor D. Wolf asked if as far as rope they would need anything special, and Councilor J. Ruby stated that it needed to be fire retardant. Mayor D. Wolf asked if they could get some costs on different ones or something and then present it to the council and as long as they have quotes. Diego stated that they also need a Skil saw in case the chain saw isn’t working. Councilor N. Root asked if they would need a generator or something battery powered. Councilor J. Ruby stated that the generator would be better so that they wouldn’t have to worry about batteries being charged. Clerk A. Vaughn asked if that was it. Diego stated that they also needed some hanging tools but that was all he had. Councilor J. Ruby stated that possibly radios would be needed as well and stated that he went through all the radios, and it seems like about half of the batteries are no good. Mayor D. Wolf stated that if they could get everyone together and go through all of it so that they could get a better estimate of everything they need. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he would also like to see a little more training working with the county like CPR and some basic classes would go a long way. Councilor R. Niemiec stated that they had 6,000 in the budget for training. Mayor D. Wolf stated that if they wanted to look into classes even on the weekends or something. Councilor J. Ruby stated that he and James had talked about going to the Cody fire school and he couldn’t remember how much it was.
2. Tom McCune stated that he was interested in joining planning and zoning and asked what kind of training they get for that. Mayor D. Wolf stated that right now they are just going through all the ordinances and then some stuff that they’re pertaining now that has come to their attention over the last couple of years. Mayor D. Wolf thanked him for his consideration. Clerk A. Vaughn asked him to put it in writing that he is interested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor D. Wolf stated that before he got into planning and zoning issues, he would like to go over the last meeting because there were some things that he wasn’t happy with. Mayor D. Wolf said “Joe came up here we’re going to talk about his planning and zoning, he talked about our employees every single one of them, he ran my name through the mud and back a couple times and he cussed a bunch should have been shut down I ain’t gonna take that in no meetings everything is going to be cordial and I want everybody to start getting along like we have to come together we can’t have somebody up here shooting off a bunch of bogus because now that we all know what’s happened with this utility you know he made a mockery of our community of our council chambers and us and I don’t think it was handled right at all and I wanted to rebut that ya know him saying that I’m not man enough to go to his house, it’s not my job to go to his house that’s planning and zoning I’m the Mayor can you imagine if I would have went to Joe’s house and asked ya know hey Joe take down the fence can’t do it with utility and I started throwing this stuff out you guys know him that could have been bad. I ain’t gonna do that to the town no matter how bad he wants me to go up there and pick a fight with him it’s not going to happen I’m here for the town and the town only. I have nothing personal to gain I have no personal anything with anybody. I ran for Mayor to help this town out, to be here for the town and for the town’s people and to make things right so we can all come together. Opinions if we have issues we can talk it out and come to an agreement on something nobody right or wrong I mean they are but I’m here and I hope we’re all here to help our town sort through some of this stuff and to the people ruining this we need to move on we need to finish going down this road and make it a better community not sitting back and letting someone come in here and tell us how they’re going to run the town other than that Tonya Ruby was our planning and zoning lady it all should have went through here all my messages went through her she had everything message that Joe read and said that I compared him to Baldwin that was me saying he was taking up a utility just like Baldwin was, and those were our issues on hand ya know two utilities are getting taken up a sewer and our power and he was talking about in case of an emergency all this snow that was piled up for one day not four we can’t get up that alleyway either he’s talking about all this being professional like I said I’m willing to work with everybody but I can’t have them coming up here making a mockery of my council chambers and us as elected officials. We got elected by the people to do this and I think that we’re working really dang good with everybody compared to last administrations. I’ve lived here for a long time, and I’ve seen some crazy stuff and being older now and being in my mid 40’s this can’t go on like this no more. Our town is getting nowhere and when Joe comes we want to make our fire department stuff better we want to make things better we want people to join planning and zoning we don’t want to be like yeah we know everything you’re obeying by this we’re gonna work together that’s it that’s why I’m here and the last meeting got out of control with the cussing and everything my council chambers aren’t going to be disrespected like that at all and you guys can rebuttal but this is how I make this stand and I don’t want that to happen again. They put us all in a bind they put us all in a mess. When I went to the courthouse land records twice and tried to come up with stuff and then we got this guy coming up saying I’m not gonna supply you with this no I’m not gonna supply the Mayor with this, I’m not gonna supply the Mayor with that you guys are with me I mean it’s not just the Mayor we’re a board so things should have got shut down and ya know if we wanted to table this whole thing it should have been tabled right from the beginning when you guys got handed them papers I’m not blaming nobody we just can’t have this again I don’t want to have to come back and rebuttal all of this stuff that all these lies that he came up here and told you guys because they are lies.” Councilor J. Ruby stated that the big take away from it is he stated that there was the quick deed was done on the land as it stated on that paper the town did fully intend to do quick deeds divide the 14 foot up between the landowners and that’s as far as it ever went so as of right now there was never a quick deed done as per the county and so right now he doesn’t even actually own that land according to the county, so him stating that he has all this proof if he does somehow have this proof he’s gonna have to bring it in because according to the county land office there is no proof that went through. Councilor J. Ruby asked Theresa Wolf if she had something to add and Theresa said “yeah so um Dominic talks about not calling names and such so is this a two way thing or is it just one way?” Councilor J. Ruby stated that it is a two way. Theresa said “ok because several meetings ago I got called a land grabber or a property grabber and then with the respecting everybody in town I asked twice I think if Dominic would pull his stuff away from my fence.” Mayor D. Wolf said, “you can’t talk about that that’s personal issues it’s in our litigation agreement.” Theresa said, “well you’re talking about respect and listening and you also said that.” Mayor D. Wolf said “I have no respect for you as a Mother ok as a person here as a Mayor I respect you.” Theresa said “ok well your property and you moving your stuff off my fence has to do with the town that’s planning and zoning I need things pulled away from my fence so that it doesn’t start pushing my fence over.” Mayor D. Wolf called point of order and stated that they would move on. Theresa said “council?” Mayor D. Wolf stated that he has an agreement with his attorney’s that she can’t come up here bringing their business to these records and he will bring it in. Mayor D. Wolf again called point of order and stated that they were getting back to it. Theresa said “and council has nothing to say.” Mayor D. Wolf stated that the alleyway he had Leroy look and showed where the sewer runs and also stated that as a Mayor he has not given up any land with the utilities and he is not giving it up. He does recommend to council that he put two gates up to give them access and he is getting rid of his dog run Mayor D. Wolf stated that he knows Joe said he wouldn’t be getting rid of his dog run but he is and he wants a recommend that he give them two access gates. Councilor N. Root asked about the sewer line and where it was coming down and there was some discussion there. Councilor J. Ruby stated that it hits directly down that alleyway. There was some more discussion on this. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it I the main sewer line. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he had done a lot of homework on this and this is time that he will never get back and it was a waste. Councilor R. Niemiec asked if it would be out of line if they send Joe a letter asking him to issue them a copy of his letter from the town that states that it was given to him. Councilor J. Ruby stated that he said he wasn’t giving any information to anybody so it’s our job to prove otherwise. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he thinks they should give him a citation for building the fence he never got the permit and also stated that he should be given his 25 dollars back for the permit application and we cite him. Mayor D. Wolf stated that Joe doesn’t even know the community resource officer he calls him a mall cop. Councilor R. Niemiec stated that he’s just curious if they sent him a letter asking for a copy of the letter. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the attorney could do it. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he didn’t have anymore paperwork because there is nothing at the land office. Councilor R. Niemiec stated that he was just curious if he got the letter from the town but then it was never finished. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it wasn’t ever finished, but we could try to get the letter that he has. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he recommends to council that Ross writes him a citation and we move on. Mayor D. Wolf also stated that the judge would be in to make the judgement on that utility if Joe doesn’t want to comply. Councilor J. Ruby asked when the judge would happen, and Mayor D. Wolf stated that as soon as they get citations, but they have everything ready to roll. Councilor N. Root asked about the two gates Mayor D. Wolf stated that it would be up to council if they want to write a letter, but Mayor D. Wolf stated that he doesn’t want to waste any more of their time on it. Councilor N. Root stated that she would think since he already has the fence built if he just adds the access to the utility he isn’t building anything heavy on it it’s just a fence as long as they have access to that it seems reasonable. Councilor J. Ruby stated that what happens ten years down the line when they need to dig that sewer line up is he going to let them dig it up. Councilor R. Niemiec stated that there are other properties in town that the sewer line runs through their property and stated that if repairs have to be done on that sewer line and there is a fence on it the homeowner will have to take it down. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he wasn’t giving up the town’s alleyway. Councilor N. Root stated that technically that had been vacated the utility easement it says on that paperwork. Councilor J. Ruby stated asked about if the utility easement reserve granted them access to it. Councilor N. Root stated that it would. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they could ponder that and stated he thinks they should move forward but he is willing to work with him if he builds the two gates. Mayor D. Wolf also stated that Joe had said Mayor D. Wolf wasn’t worried about that fence until he knew it was on an easement and Mayor D. Wolf stated that he wasn’t. Councilor J. Ruby stated that he needed to pay his quick claim deed that never went through. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he would also need to pay his permit and his citation. Councilor J. Ruby stated that technically right now he built a fence on land that isn’t his that’s the big problem. Councilor N. Root agreed and stated that unless they could come in and show them the deed. Mayor D. Wolf stated that there was nothing at the land office and the lady that he spoke to said it would need to be surveyed first. There was some more discussion on this. Councilor R. Niemiec stated that the ordinance says they have to issue a cause to the homeowner there are steps before it can be thrown out, and also stated that because there was no deed planning and zoning would need to issue a statement to Joe asking him to come down and explain himself and show documentation and would have 30 days to reply to that and then it would go to the next step. Councilor N. Root asked what had been sent by the town to Joe. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they got with the town attorney and sent everything to her to make sure everything is done the way it’s supposed to be and she has been sent all the information on Carl Baldwin and Joe Maes. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the town attorney told him the next step would be for Ross to write a citation and then send everything to her and she would walk him through the next steps. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they could do all the procedures and basically it would give 90 days to rectify the situation and if not it would go to court. Councilor J. Ruby stated that he was 100% for that. Councilor N. Root stated that she thought that they should move ahead with that Councilor R. Niemiec also agreed. Clerk A. Vaughn asked for steps. Councilor N. Ruby stated that Ross would have to contact the attorney with the paperwork is step one, he would have to issue a citation and then he has 90 days to prove his case and if not, it will go before the judge. Mayor D. Wolf stated that when he got a hold of the attorney, he would let her know what’s going on with it. Mayor D. Wolf asked if there were any questions for him because the last minutes he knew there were some questions about the snow plowing. Mayor D. Wolf stated that Joe had thrown out there screw Sherri we’re not going to plow that road because we don’t like her. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he didn’t know where that came from but they don’t talk about personal issues and he does not treat his employees like crap. Mayor D. Wolf also stated that he goes out and plows even though it’s not his job to do it and he does it because he’s here to help. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the road Joe claimed did not get plowed for days only went one day. He stated that Bryan Baldwin had gotten stuck and he came in and said he had gotten stuck and asked if they could plow the road because it was drifted really bad. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it took him ten minutes to get up there with the plow and forty five minutes to get it plowed wide open so Joe was making false allegations. Mayor D. Wolf did say that it did go one day without being plowed because they had lost communications with the water towers and he was up there trying to help with that. Mayor D. Wolf asked if Council had anything for him. Councilor J. Ruby stated that his biggest thing is the paperwork on this land. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he wants council as well as the town to know that he has nothing personal he’s here for the town he got his shop back and he's fine. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it was discussed that they are only going to go back and look at the two items previously discussed with planning and zoning they aren’t going to go way back and cause a bunch of hate and discontent. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it was also mentioned by Joe that the community resource officer drives around town running his dogs and shooting coyotes and asked if they would want to put something in the truck so that they know he’s not off driving around and that. Council claimed that they didn’t have concern on that. Councilor N. Root stated that her only concern was the issue with the plowing but now that it’s been cleared up she isn’t worried about it. Councilor R. Niemiec mentioned the area between the admin building and the new building needing to be plowed because it was dangerous there. Councilor N. Root asked about the snow fence that was previously discussed to go up by the post office. Councilor J. Ruby stated that they had to wait for ground thaw and Mayor D. Wolf stated that the fence is there it just hasn’t been put up yet because they have to wait for ground thaw.
2. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he is the Region 6 Chairman Director for WAM. He stated that when he was at the WAM conference he learned a lot, and networked. He stated that region 6 has 11 towns that he is chair of and he gets with them during legislative things and he hasn’t this year because he just learned how all that works, but this year he wants to help all these small towns work on getting more money, more funding more surplus from other big towns of things that they are missing out on. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he was recognized and met the governor and invited the governor to visit Superior. He also stated that the Governor’s hospitality was awesome. Mayor D. Wolf stated that the funding for the direct distribution Superior will get roughly around 84,000 in June and in January. Clerk A. Vaughn asked if that was split in half or if it was 84,000 each time. Mayor D. Wolf stated that it would be 84,000 each time. Councilor J. Ruby asked how the direct distribution worked if it goes into a specific purpose. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that it goes directly into their account. Councilor J. Ruby asked if they had to show what it was spent on. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they usually put it towards water and waste water. Councilor J. Ruby asked if they could use it to go towards the water well stuff or if they were still going to go for a grant. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he would like to use grants for that. Clerk A. Vaughn stated to Councilor J. Ruby that they do have to report what they spend the money on. Councilor J. Ruby stated that he just didn’t know if there was specific things they had to spend it on or not. Clerk A. Vaughn stated that there isn’t. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they were going to work on helping the smaller communities tear down old buildings. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he met with MET Towers which is the windmill stuff he said that the 24th they will go in front of the county commissioners and they will allow people to give their opinions. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they want to go and try to convince the county commissioners into not doing it so he if they can email or anything and just say hey we don’t want this. Mayor D. Wolf stated that there are questionnaires on the county website. He stated that they were basically still just explaining the process and there isn’t actually anything up. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he told them Superior was willing to work with them but they need to keep them in the loop with everything that they’re doing and he also stated that he is going to make it to every meeting that he can. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they do some good environmental stuff and there is a lot of steps that they have to go through. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he talked to WYDOT and they are going to put a sign down at the end of the road letting people know that there is wildlife on the road and they need to slow down.
3. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they have some planning and zoning permits that were never filled out and never signed. He stated that he would like for council to go through them just so they can make it right and make some sticky notes or whatever. Mayor D. Wolf stated that there would be more of a routine so that they can just keep moving forward with planning and zoning.
4. Mayor D. Wolf stated that Matt Baldwin is interested in planning and zoning for a one year position. Mayor D. Wolf stated that they haven’t had any other takers so he thinks they should do it. Mayor D. Wolf stated to Tom McCune that he can come in and look through books and things to see if it’s something he’s interested in. Mayor D. Wolf stated that Matt would just need council approval. Council agreed that they wanted to approve Matt for the one year position for planning and zoning. Mayor D. Wolf stated that he would try to get packets ready for anyone else who may come in and be interested. Mayor D. Wolf asked if there were any other questions. No one had anything.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor N. Root at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor J. Ruby the 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

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 / EMPDED $771.44 DEDUCTIONS

TOS / RESERVE $1,448.24 MONTHLY DEPOSIT

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

WYOMING WORKERS’ COMP. $691.00 MONTHLY PAYMENT

IRS $6,072.08 MONTHLY PAYMENT

AMAZON $51.41 P & S

A TOUCH OF CLASS FLORAL $75.00 SYMPATHY FLOWERS / FUNERAL

BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD $3,276.92 INSURANCE PREMIUM

BRIDGER VALLEY PROPANE $1,363.11 UTILITY

BSI $99.80 P & S

BUCKY’S OUTDOORS $162.94 P & S

CASELLE $160.00 C & P SERVICES

COPIER & SUPPLY $13.20 C & P SERVICES

CENTURY EQUIPMENT $523.69 P & S

CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL $100.00 BOND FOR CLERK A. VAUGHN

ENERGY LABS $878.00 C & P SERVICES

FREEDOM $699.36 UTILITY

HOMAX $1,266.28 UTILITY

HOME DEPOT $1232.84 P & S

KAYLA MANNIKKO $210.00 C & P SERVICES (GRANT WRITER)

JME FIRE & HOIST $1,120.32 C & P SERVICES

MURDOCH’S $590.49 P & S

NORCO $83.98 P & S

SHADOW MTN. WATER $23.00 P & S

STANDARD PLUMBING $55.32 P & S

SWTS $1,128.58 C & P SERVICES

U.S. BANK $117.54 P & S

WINSUPPLY $66.43 P & S

WYOMING WASTE SERVICES $421.38 C & P SERVICES

WY. STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOC. $75.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES

PAYROLL: JANUARY 30, 2023

Donna O’Banion-Taebel $486.78 Ross Sheely $1,266.09

Amanda Souther $674.15 Teresa Stolt $858.05

Anita Vaughn $1,320.06 Travis Wagner $1,730.40

LeRoy Winters $1,812.80

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk Mayor