

**Town of Cheyenne Wells  
Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers  
151 South 1st  
March 5, 2024  
6 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Uhland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Group was led in Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Councilwoman Jones led the group in prayer.

Council: Carleton Pelton, Zach Anderson, Karen Gregg, Mark Galli, Sherry Jones & Rex Hyle.

Absent: None.

Staff: Debbie Knudsen Town Clerk Administrator, Aaron Crum Town Superintendent & Deputy Karen Miller.

Visitors: Fred & Preston Wyler, Bart & Rayetta Addy, Jasmine Shea, Dan Covington, Sheriff Mike Buchannan, Jim Lengel.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

The council approved the agenda upon motion from Councilman Hyle and seconded by Councilman Galli.

**VISITORS**

Karen Gregg missed the signature needed for her nomination petition by the deadline requirement. She submitted a letter and discussed her desire to stay on for the two-year appointment as Trustee. The Council approved Karen Gregg as Trustee until the 2026 election year upon motion from Councilman Pelton and seconded by Councilman Hyle. All voting for, motion carried.

**SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The council reviewed the January and February monthly reports. Sheriff Mike Buchannan discussed that their department with recent resignations of two deputies they have hired Deputy Dusty Nordyke who will be living at Housing. They have another interview scheduled with another potential candidate in a week or so. They have a new app to track calls made. They are in discussions with Park and Wildlife concerning all the coyotes wondering around town.

**MINUTES**

The council reviewed and approved the minutes for February 13, 2024 with clerical corrections addressed upon motion from Councilman Hyle and seconded by Councilman Galli. All voting for, motion carried.

**BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS**

The council reviewed and approved the bills for all funds upon motion from Councilman Hyle and seconded by Councilman Galli. All voting for, motion carried.

Discussion followed on the USA blue book invoices being inadvertently sent elsewhere which pertained to about \$5200 in supplies some of which was to the CW Fire Department for their backflow. This should have been out of the 2023 budget and were just now paid. J&S Construction had to fix a broken cable on the shop door and \$300 was for rental of a lift.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Janel & Grant Greiman

New Home

Leo Younger

Dog Run

The council reviewed and approved the building permits upon motion from Councilman Hyle and seconded by Councilman Anderson. All voting for, motion carried.

**ECHS SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE-ROSEMARY LENGEL**

Jim Lengel, representing Rosemary Lengel President of Eastern Colorado Historical Society, came before council requesting the special event's liquor license for their Cajun boil on April 26, 2024 and to waive the fee. ECHS special events application and fee waived was approved upon motion from Councilman Pelton and seconded by Councilman Galli. Voting for: Pelton, Anderson, Gregg, Galli, and Hyle. Voting Against: Jones.

**DISCUSS TIFFANY KNUDSEN SUGGESTED AMENDMENT-TINY HOME**

Tiffany Knudsen was not in attendance. No discussion was held.

### **KMH-Jasmine Shea Housing Funding**

Jasmine DON of KMH along with Dan Covington discussed the need for housing and presented the council with a CHFA handout on funding. The council discussed the plans in place to address the housing shortage in Cheyenne Wells. The town is currently working with CHFA, DOLA, and Wells Rural Development to engineer a large housing development on the east end of Town. The council will be in contact with KMH for letters of support in future grant applications.

### **DISCUSS CHEYENNE COUNTY FAIR & TUMBLEWEED**

Discussion was held with Council and Fair Board Manager Jim on the open container of alcoholic beverages in the fairground area during the rodeo and dance time frames.

### **SCHEIMER KERR WELL UPDATE**

Councilman Pelton discussed the possible 99-year lease for the Scheimer Kerr Well the Town's Water Attorney and Scheimer attorneys are in negotiations on a lease agreement.

#### **Hydro Resources**

Hydro Resources is scheduling a time to pull the Scheimer well and get a video of the internal fixtures of the pump. The estimated quote on this is \$6100.

#### **Water State Inspection and Samples**

Town Superintendent Crum stated that the state inspectors came down. The Town will be written up on backflow reports for the firehouse, Eastern Co Bank and Cheyenne Manor. As he didn't get their reports on file. The State will give us 120 days to correct this. The monthly water samples came back fine.

### **SOME GIRLS & A MURAL ENTRANCES SIGNS DESIGN**

The Council reviewed the updated draft of the welcome sign. Mary Weed has offered funds towards paint for this project. Councilman Hyle and Taegen Eiring are looking at xeriscape options at these locations for Mr. Eiring's Boy Scout project. The updated sign from Some Girls & A Mural upon motion from Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Hyle. All voting for, motion carried.

### **EIAF #9808 TCW HOUSING ENGINEER GRANT**

The Council reviewed their award letter for the WRD Engineering grant in the amount of \$41,643. After the engineering is completed, we will look into more grants to begin construction of the infrastructure needs derived from the completed engineering.

### **A1 ASPHALT PATCH CRACK CHIP SEAL SPRING PROJECT**

We will have the preconstruction meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 10 am

### **ORDINANCES**

Ordinance #283 "Prohibit Chains" and Ordinance #284 "Mayor & Council Compensation Amendment" had their first reading and ordered published upon motion from Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Galli. All voting for, motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

The council and Town Clerk Administrator Knudsen went into executive session 6:20 pm upon motion from Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Galli. All voting for, motion carried.

Town Superintendent Crum joined the session at 6:50 pm

The council and staff came out of executive session at 7:04 pm upon motion from Councilman Hyle and seconded by Councilman Anderson. All voting for, motion carried.

Jeff Miller is dismissed from his employment duties immediately upon motion from Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Hyle. All voting for, motion carried.

The council gave Aaron Crum a choice of Water Superintendent or Public Works Employee, in which he will think about, and the Town will put out notice for applications for public works positions and a public works town manager upon motion from Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Hyle. All voting for, motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **CW Housing Authority-Councilman Hyle**

The Housing is no longer in troubled status and two units are available. Everything is going well.

#### **ECCOG & Library-Councilwoman Jones**

ECCOG there will be a meeting in Limon discussed the updates going on at the Kit Carson kitchen. The Library will be meeting later this month.

**Parks/Downtown Update-Councilwoman Gregg & Councilman Anderson**

Councilwoman Gregg discussed the Tumbleweed Festivities. If this transpires the Town will donate the food for the Hot Dog dinner. Councilman Anderson stated that Monte Smith, project manager, will be able to help at the end of April on installing the playground equipment at MAP. Weather permitting.

Water Update-Councilman Pelton and Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Pelton discussed the water information earlier in the meeting.

Street Update-Councilman Hyle and Councilman Galli

Don't forget the A1 pre-con meeting.

**MAYOR, COUNCIL, & STAFF COMMENTS**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Dog Clinic April 17 3-5

Cleanup Dates TBD in Summer after Mark's surgery.

Councilman Pelton has been hearing from some people not to let illegals stay here. Town Clerk Administrator Knudsen will draft a resolution on this for next month's meeting.

It was Consensus of Council to have Mayor Uhland stay on until the end of May. The town will continue to search to appoint a mayor.

**AJOURNED**

Mayor Uhland declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm upon motion from Councilman Hyle and seconded by Councilman Galli. All voting for, motion carried.

  
Kara Uhland \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
Debbie Knudsen \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk Administrator