

December 05, 2023
Town of Guernsey
Regular Meeting
Platte County, Wyoming

PRESENT: Mayor Delgado, CM Harris, CW Wells, CM Augustyn, CM Michaels

STAFF: Hillary Dawson, Chuck Porter, Mike Fronapfel

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Delgado called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and was welcomed to the meeting.

REGISTERED GUESTS: Lisa Phelps, Ada Pulos, Pat Russell, Rose Martinez

AGENDA: CM Harris moved to approve the agenda. CW Wells seconded. The motion carried.

MINUTES: CW Wells moved to approve the November 21, 2023 minutes as presented, CM Michaels seconded. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS: Mayor Delgado presented the vouchers for approval. CM Michaels moved to approve the Considerations of Claims in the amount of \$68,958.92, seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Banner capital Bank, \$2,700.00; Border States Industries, Inc., \$518.25; Caselle, \$618.00; Century/Imk, \$978.89; Charlie's Repair, \$116.33; Frank Jones, \$5,297.35; Galls, LLC, \$5.23; Griffith, Diana, \$44.07; Guernsey Gazette, \$42.99; Howshar Hardware, \$743.69; Reserve Account, \$150.00; TDS, \$17,478.49; Team Laboratory Chemicals, \$8304.00; United States Postal Service, \$263.67; WARWS, \$75.00, Wheatland REA, \$62.90; Total Invoices, \$37,798.86; Payroll, \$23,696.84 Taxes/Benefits Payable, \$7,463.22. **TOTAL CLAIMS: \$68,958.92.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Russell wanted to thank whoever made the repairs to the walking path after the last flooding. Pat thanked Mike Fronapfel and his team for keeping the snow removed from the walking path, but there's still a low part that collects ice. Public Works will get some ice melt on it. Pat also asked if the Town has an ordinance for sidewalks and snow removal. The Mayor responded with yes the Town does and Chuck Porter will have it posted at the post office. Pat says the south approach to the bridge needs road repair. The Mayor stated that part of the road is maintained by the county. Pat mentioned she will be taking it up with them. There was a lot of discussion about the snow removal on the west bridge but when the snow plows come through it just throws snow right back up on the sidewalks. Pat states that the corner of Sybille and S. Kansas used to have the corner painted yellow by the fire hydrant. The yellow has worn off and there's a car parked up to the edge and it's a very tough turn with the ice. Pat would like that painted when the weather cooperates. Pat looked over the 1% tax and was disappointed that roads were not mentioned when our roads so desperately need attention, they just keep getting worse and worse. The Mayor mentioned that there is money in the budget to repair streets. Rose Martinez asked if there are two pending lawsuits against the Town? Mayor responded with No. Hillary Dawson spoke on behalf of Glenn Lewis requesting the Council to forgive half of his water bill for the month of November. CM Michaels voted to do a 50% reduction rate for the bill due to a water break. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2024-001 – 3rd READING: Mayor asked to table the Ordinance until the next council meeting as Attorney Jones has not reviewed it yet. CM Michaels moved to table Ordinance 2024-001 until the next council meeting. Seconded by CW Wells. The Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS: Pat Russell announced that the mobile food pantry will be here December 16th. Pat is going to have the floor redone in the pantry and requests use of the shop area to move everything into as the floors will take roughly a week. Hillary Dawson stated that she cannot do it on December 22nd as that's the Towns Christmas Party. Pat says she will plan for it after the 22nd.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Mike Fronapfel Public Works Superintendent provides an update on the waterline project. Boring is projected to be taking place on December 13th provided we get an inspector and flagger on site. If the Inspector doesn't show up we will not be starting until after the new year. The Landfill project is wrapping up, we will have a walkthrough later this week. The SCADA system got started today we have well #5 up and running on it. Christmas decorations all look great. Chuck Porter sent out to Council and the Platte County Assessor the building permits that were given out for the year. The Crosswalk lights are being manufactured and we have a December date for the Cemetery Building. Railroad ties, and miscellaneous items are in the process of being sold. CM Augustyn may have someone interested in the items. CM Michaels our WMPA representative clears up what all the buzz is about the energy rates that are being discussed. The agency will continue to provide stable, reliable, affordable energy.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: CM Augustyn has a concern that he feels Mayor and Council should be aware of. The school had training with the Sheriff's office last week and CM Augustyn's understanding is that our Police force did not participate, and that's a concern. Why is our police department not participating in local training when we've been talking about it for quite some time? Mayor followed up with the Sheriff's office and they sent four of their deputies over for it. The Mayor says that our Police department was invited to participate but chose not to. Mayor will speak with the Chief tomorrow and find out why; it's our school in our town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Town Hall will have a float in the Santa's Workshop, Winter's Eve Festival on Dec 6th and Mayor asked if anyone wanted to ride on the float? December 19th is the next Council meeting. Town employee Christmas party will be Dec 22nd, town hall closes at 11am. State Park 1st Day hike is Jan 1, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. CM Harris motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Attest:



Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer



Edward Delgado, Mayor