**January 02, 2024**

**Town of Guernsey**

**Regular Meeting**

**Platte County, Wyoming**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Delgado, CM Harris, CW Wells, CM Augustyn-Excused, CM Michaels

**STAFF:** Hillary Dawson, Mike Fronapfel, Chuck Porter, Judge Conner, Chief Harrison, Jeff Thomas

**PUBLIC HEARING OF PROTEST-LIQUOR LICENSE-** Mayor Delgado called for protests 3 times, with no protests during the hearing. The hearing was closed.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Delgado called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and was welcomed to the meeting.

**REGISTERED GUESTS:** Kate Porter, LTC Counts-Camp Guernsey, Christa Rosera-Camp Guernsey,

Ada Pulos, Danielle Noggle, Renee Boomhower

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

**MINUTES:** CM Harris moved to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes as presented, CM Michaels seconded. The motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS:** Mayor Delgado presented the vouchers for approval. CW Wells moved to approve the Considerations of Claims in the amount of $153,194.68, seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Black Hills Energy, $1379.57; Bomgaars, $160.91; Border States, $556.96; CenturyLink, $997.37; Guernsey Gazette, $1331.72; Guernsey Super Foods, $350.18; Howshar Hardware, $428.35; Laramie Peak Motors, $92.17; TDS, $15,973.64; The Fort, $100.00; USPS, $263.16; Wheatland Automotive, $305.37, Wyoming Municipal Power Agency, $86,254.14; Y2, $16,134.09; Total Invoices, $124,327.63; Payroll, $20,916.55; Taxes/Benefits, $7,950.50. TOTAL CLAIMS: $153,194.68.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Danielle Noggle came to inform the Council and Town that an investigation into the Tri City Parks and Rec funds was completed by the Platte County Sheriff’s department; there was no evidence of embezzlement found and the case was closed. Mayor wanted to know when the investigation was completed? Danielle responded that she received the report on December 18th.

**ORDINANCE 2024-001 – 3rd READING:** CM Wells made a motion to approve the Ordinance seconded by CM Harris. Discussion by CM Michaels regarding 5-4-9 regarding parking in front of a Fire Hall, we are not sign posted so we are okay. The next question regarding 10-5-2 parking during November1-April 1. CM Michaels says in other areas they do snow emergencies. Vehicles that are properly licensed parking on the streets and according to this they need to be removed. Mayor states, there are several vehicles and campers lining the streets causing a build up of leaves and debris all around them. CW Wells says she would be okay with snow days, Cm Harris mentioned what’s been happening has been working just fine and if it gets that deep what difference does it make we aren’t going anywhere any how, you can only do so much. More suggestions were thrown around to include a Snow Route. CW Wells amended her motion to approve with the exception of 10-5-2, seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. 10-5-2 to be reviewed later.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:** The council reviewed the liquor license renewal applications for the following establishments: **JW Perks, DBA Ben’s Bar; Karen Geuke, DBA Crazy Tony’s Bar;** **Kelley’s Bar, Inc; Lake Guernsey Post 4471; and, Register Cliff Pharmacy Inc., DBA Twisters.** CM Wells motioned to approve Kelley’s Bar and Twisters seconded by CM Harris, CM Michaels motioned to approve Crazy Tony’s and Lake Guernsey Post 4471, seconded by CM Harris. CM Harris motioned to approve Ben’s Bar, seconded by CW Wells. The motions all carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-003-BANK DESIGNATION-** CW Wells moved to approve resolution 2024-003, seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-004-NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION-** CM Harris moved to approve resolution 2024-004, seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried**.**

**BUSINESS HOURS-** CM Michaels wanted to discuss business hours citing citizen’s talk of Town Hall being closed when the Bank’s and Post Offices are still open. CM Michaels made a motion to change the Policy and Procedure handbook, so it states the Mayor is prohibited in granting paid time off, admin leave, in excess of one hour without council approval. People are here wanting to do business but town hall is closed. CM Harris seconded the motion. Mayor discussed starting with the state statute; the Mayor has superintending control of all officers and affairs of the town. Mayor says it’s not like they are stealing time, they are working on their lunch hours, checking projects as they are being completed and they aren’t charging for it. They do a lot for the Town that you do not see. I see it and that’s why I do it. They were taken away from their families for excessive hours on Christmas Eve so you guys could have power. They didn’t have to do that, they could have said families are more important than the job. CM Harris doesn’t want to take time away but wanted to have an explanation when asked about why it was closed, just so a guy knows. Mayor says he didn’t hear one single complaint from anybody about it. Not one citizen came to the Town and after speaking with council, nobody directed them to the Mayor to discuss. CM Michaels asks what happens when they are donating time and get hurt on the job, I’m not trying to take anything away from anybody, but the Town should be open. CW Wells says as a previous Town employee she appreciated those extra times. They could be staggered so one employee was still here. I do appreciate the fact that you gave up your Christmas Eve time, and all the efforts that go into the Special Events that aren’t documented. Hillary could discuss flexing time as a possible alternative. Mayor called for a vote and CM Michaels made motion seconded by CM Harris with no further discussion vote was taken, 2 for it and 2 against it, leaving the motion not passing.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:** None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** FireChief Thomas reported no actual fires this month and they just had their Annual Awards Banquet. Volunteer Fire Fighter, Justin Orr, won the Fire fighter of the year award and Michael Swihart won work horse of the year. Mayor asked how many volunteers are on the team now? Thomas says 15. Police Chief Harrison says it’s been a busy month Brian had most of the call outs and when Chief returns it’s quiet. The Chief responds to the question on why they didn’t attend the active shooter training at our school. There were several reasons they didn’t participate and one is Chief ran in the same circle as the person instructing the class. Second, Chief is an instructor for Active Shooter and Brian has been in the class many of times and has the training. Third the class was $300 a person and they can train their own people on active shooters. CW Wells was confirming there was a cost, Chief says yes, and Platte County and Converse County was there. Chief stopped by to see if there were any new procedures since he last took the training. CW Wells also wanted to know if the Officers have familiarized themselves with the school. Chief works closely with the superintendent and they speak regularly about whatever issues they may have. Thanks, Council, for Lexipol, they have taken six different classes already that goes to their POST hours. CM Michaels circles back to time off for the Police department and wonders how PD takes time off. Mayor Delgado also says he offered them the option to take Holidays off and just be on call, Chief Harrison chose to work them. CW Wells asked if they are signing up for POST training in January and the Chief responded with yes ma’am we are already signed up. CW Wells asked you all are? Chief responded with yes we all are and it’s confirmed, basically it starts in January, there will be classes online and then take the test in February. Public Works, Mike Fronapfel says the bore under the railroad tracks is complete. The Inspector and Flagger will need to come back when they open that hole back up in the Spring. Oftedal will do all the digging. They are working on streetlights, and they did have a glitch in the Haynes subdivision and it burnt up some controls at the lagoon. Mayor asked about the Crosswalk ETA? Chuck Porter will check on that tomorrow. Judge Conner says court in December was a little busier. There were 6 cases pending and 4 new filed. Judge cleared 5 of them. Revenue collected during the month was $1,427.00. Judge went back a few years to compare the numbers and 2023- 67 cases, 2022- 167 cases, 2021- 135 cases, 2020-278 cases, 2019- 198 cases, 2018-270 cases, 2017-350 cases.

Bill Holtz spoke about the gutter and street needing repair in front of his home, he asked respectfully that this be considered when the Town does it’s street repair.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** CM Harris wanted to thank the city for getting the Power back on in his subdivision on Christmas Eve and for their snow removal efforts. CW Wells wanted to bring up sidewalks that didn’t get cleaned off and wanted to address it. The sidewalks from Howshar’s to the park were not very good, we should enforce the Ordinance or get rid of it. Last year First State Bank wasn’t shoveled all year and we need them cleaned for the patrons in Wheelchairs. CM Michaels echoes Disco’s thoughts in thanking the Town crew for getting the electricity back on in the Haynes subdivision. Mentioning Wheelchairs; do we have the option to do a handicapped entrance into the building? Mayor addresses CM Michaels that we are working on that currently. Happy New Year. Mayor wants 2024 to be a good year for everybody and he looks forward to working with the Council for another year and good health to your family as well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Town Hall will be closed on January 15th for Wyoming equality day. Next Council meeting will take place January 16, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. CM Michaels motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by CW Wells. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Attest:

Edward Delgado, Mayor

Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer