

**February 20, 2024
Town of Guernsey
Regular Meeting
Platte County, Wyoming**

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

STAFF: H. Dawson, C. Porter, J. Thomas

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: Bob Case, Brad & Stacia Cook, Ada Pulos, Nick Paustian, John Condos

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

MINUTES: CM Augustyn moved to approve the February 06, 2024 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 \$152,992.94, seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Absolute Solutions, \$250.00; All-Out Fire, \$2,133.00; Amazon Capital, \$58.54; BAM Document Destruction & Recycling, \$163.90; Border States, \$193.44; Butler, William, \$11.07; Capital Business Systems, \$338.96; Casper College, \$369.00; Charlie's Repair, \$386.00; CNA Surety, \$1,250.00; Delancey Enterprises, \$114.64; Fast Stop 1132, \$74.00; Federal Processing Registry, \$1,999.00; Ferguson Waterworks, \$308.79; Guernsey Economic Development, \$250.00; LL Johnson Distributing, \$36.05; One Stop safety, \$195.00; One-Call of Wyoming, \$42.25; Pitney Bowes, \$192.90; Team Laboratory, \$775.50; Verizon, \$496.79; Vistabeam, \$459.35; WEX Bank, \$3,221.60; WMPA, \$107,291.67; Wy Secretary of State, 60.00; Total Invoices, \$120,671.45; Payroll, \$23,622.57; Taxes/Benefits, \$8,698.92. **TOTAL CLAIMS: \$152,992.94.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brad Cook came to follow up on his comments from the Council Meeting on February 06, 2024. Brad questions, what's been done, what's going to be done, and what's been discussed with code enforcement? Mayor followed up with the Cook's public comment from the previous council meeting since he was not present. Mayor has spoken to Chuck Porter and discussed with the appropriate department personnel all the citizens concerns. Mayor requested that Stacia Cook please call dispatch so there's a record of the incident. Mayor spoke to Brad Cook and stated please get with Chuck he has a plan. Mayor ensured the citizens that complaints were heard and at anytime they can get a complaint form at the front desk and that all ordinances are going to be enforced.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS: John Condos with local Radio Stations KGOS, KERM along with KANT and including 104.1 the peak, will be broadcasting the basketball tournaments starting February 22nd and it's \$45.00 a game to support the Guernsey-Sunrise Vikings. Mayor and Council elected to support at their own discretion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Jeff wants as many fire members as possible to take the first responder course being offered in Glendo, as of today there are 8 committed volunteer fire fighters. Regarding the purchase of Ice rescue gear the mayor and council would like to discuss that in next years budget. Jeff does not agree with the fire department budget being tight due to covering the expenses for the heating and cooling system installed at the Fire Hall. Mayor asked if Jeff brought the MOU with the State Park that CM Michaels asked for at the last council meeting? Jeff explained that there is a mutual aid agreement with the county and state parks he just doesn't have the MOU in hand. Mayor states that if the State Park wants our assistance, they can help with the funding for the Ice Rescue Gear. As CM Michaels stated you can stand up in the river here. CM Michaels informed everyone that Wheatland has all of the equipment and they just completed all the training. CM Michaels made a motion to approve the 8 attending Fire Fighters for the first responders class in Glendo starting on March 4, 2024. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried. Mayor asked Jeff if he was on a workman's comp claim, which Jeff responded yes. The VFD By-Laws state that members under workers comp claims shall provide the department with a physicians release to return to work or restrictions to work. Mayor requests that Jeff bring in a doctor's release stating that he can in fact work with no restrictions. Mayor Delgado made it very clear he doesn't want Jeff to get hurt here in addition to the open workers comp claim he has. CM Michaels gave an updated happening for WMPA. WMPA is changing the way small generators will need to be installed or updated soon. The Town of Guernsey has no citizens producing energy. It is better for the Town to purchase electricity from the wholesaler than from a generator. The new homes coming online need to have the new grid setup by April 1, 2024.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: CM Augustyn joined Guernsey Economic Development for their meeting and they are going to donate \$500.00 to the Town for dog waste bags. Mayor asked if they discussed adding more money to the movies and concerts series? CM Augustyn said it sounded like they will keep supporting the Town as they have in the past. CW Wells will have white lilac shoots available in the spring for anyone who would like them. CM Michaels spoke with Brad Cook to place a time capsule in one of the cemetery pillars.

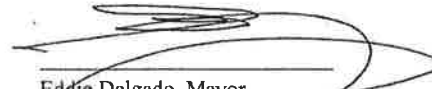
ANNOUNCEMENTS: WAM winter workshop is taking place February 21-23. Next Council meeting will take place March 5, 2024. Sip N' Stuff (easter eggs) March 12th at 5:00p.m. at the VFW downstairs. Easter Egg hunt coming up March 30th 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CW Wells motioned to enter executive session at 6:25pm for personnel and the personnel handbook after a short break. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. The Council returned to regular session. CW Wells made a motion to adjust the professional police officer maximum wages to reflect what the current budget can support. Vote taken and motion carried with 5 ayes. CW Wells made a motion to approve changes to the Town of Guernsey manual that concern overtime, holidays, call-out times, employee classifications and military leave. This also supersedes all of section D of the police manual; work schedules, vacations and leave time. Town manual supersedes all earlier oral and written materials. Changes effective February 20, 2024. Vote taken and motion carried with 5 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Delgado asked for a motion to adjourn. CW Wells motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Attest:


Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer,


Eddie Delgado, Mayor