**March 19, 2024**

**Town of Guernsey**

 **Regular Meeting**

**Platte County, Wyoming**

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

**STAFF:** H. Dawson, M. Fronapfel, C. Porter, Chief Harrison, Attorney Frank Jones

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

**REGISTERED GUESTS:** Ada Pulos, Bob Case, Elle Behrmann, Ron Green, Shawna Reichert, Lori Ibarra, Danielle Noggle, Jeff Thomas, Lisa Phelps

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

**MINUTES:** CW Wells moved to approve the March 05, 2024 minutes as presented, CM Harris seconded. The motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS:** Mayor Delgado presented the vouchers for approval. CM Augustyn moved to approve the Considerations of Claims in the amount of $170,705.63, seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: 120 Water, $6,500.00; Amazon Capital, $218.19; Capital Business Systems, $352.96; Charlie’s Repair, $231.08; Colorado Golf and Turf, $507.11; Ferguson Waterworks, $394.59; One-Call of Wyoming, $4.50; O’Reilly Automotive, $76.71; Reserve Account, $150.00; Schaeffer Manufacturing, $550.26; Sunny Bunny Easter Eggs, $85.00; Tri-City Parks and Rec., $26,850.00; Verizon Wireless, $961.98; Vistabeam, $459.35; WG Dale Electric, $3,803.45; WEX Bank, $2,428.80; Wyoming LGLP, $10,854.00; WMPA, $83,317.17; WYRULEC, $814.52; Total Invoices, $138,316.67; Payroll, $23,270.60; Taxes/Benefits, $8,821.36. TOTAL CLAIMS: $170,705.63.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EQUIPMENT AND WAGE CHART:** CW Wells made a motion to raise the equipment and wage chart by $100 per equipment rental. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried.

**VISTABEAM TO VISIONARY INTERNET:** CM Michaels made a motion to switch from Vistabeam Internet to Visionary. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried.

**POOL RFP:** CW Wells made a motion to approve the pool RFP with the contract staying the same as last year. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:** Shawna Reichert gave a report for the Platte County Chamber, they will have a board meeting this Thursday. Shawna attended Leadership Wyoming focusing on being a resilient leader and that was hosted in Rock Springs. Attendees got to tour the mine and the focus was on what they are doing economic development wise since there will be a new plant coming online soon. There is a housing shortage in Rock Springs and across the state, so they are looking at expanding. Shawna and Justin Cundall attended the Governor’s tourism conference. Shawna has partnered with Go Goshen and written an RFP to try and get Wyoming Hospitality coalition conference to Platte and Goshen counties. Platte County Lodging Tax Board is working on next years campaign and the campaigns are aligning with what the state is presenting. The Lodging Tax will be up and therefore heading back to the Ballot in November.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Jeff Thomas announced the county wide fire ban went into effect at noon today. The Medic classes have been going well and everyone is showing up. VFD will be helping with the Casino night after prom party from midnight until 3:00AM. The upcoming mother and son dance will be May 11th. Mayor requested for Command 1 to be taken back up to the fire hall and left on town property. There was a brief explanation from Jeff on lack of parking by the fire hall. Mike Fronapfel updates everyone where we are with the waterline project. Oftedal is moving right along and Thursday March 21st they will be roto milling on Nebraska street from the north down south to chugwater street. Streetlights have been ordered and they are 12-14 weeks out for delivery. The Town partnered with 120 Water for our Copper and Lead report. The Town will need your help in identifying what kind of piping you have in your homes. Mayor asked if we can get in touch with Fort Laramie and borrow their sidewalk sweeper. CW Wells asked about spraying weeds and getting a head start on the streets. Mike said yes, we will get the streets sprayed to manage the weeds. Mayor asked about contracting to spray again. This year the dirt by the baseball field batting cages will be blocked off as it is being used as a construction site for Oftedal. CM Augustyn mentioned that he still has a rock donation that we can use. Mike explained that will have to be next year. Lori Ibarra requested gravel be added to the area where the old batting cages are. Mike and the Mayor explained that parking will need to be on chugwater by the pool because that area is part of Oftedal lay down yard for the waterline project and they will try to fence it off so nobody gets hurt. Chuck Porter circles back to weeds and has requested quotes to do streets, sidewalks, every alley, utility right of way and every easement the town owns. There will be two applications, one in the late spring and one in the late fall. Mike Fronapfel says we are not wanting them to get in the alleys. Homeowners are responsible for their own alleyways. Chuck says some calls have come in recently where people are looking to buy properties, specifically one down on Burlington and Pittsburgh where the caller wanted to subdivide the lot and build duplexes or triplexes. Lisa Weigel has access to a grant to expand the library and after sitting down with her and Dan Sisson from economic development it was discussed to upgrade the technology. To satisfy requirements for the grant she needs five letters of support. Mayor Delgado said he would write her a letter of Support. Mayor asked what is going on with the property to the South of the elementary school and Chuck said the owner is waiting on investors but will clean up the brush pile. Mayor told chuck he needs him to get out and visit the waterline project. CM Augustyn wanted to know what they were doing along the river down by the Cobblestone, and asked if that was Game and Fish building a boat ramp?

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** CM Michaels says the Town supported the letter of interest request for the world class shooting complex. We turned in our letter of intent on time and the board will re-release an RFP with more specific guidelines. They are wanting to consider tourism and what 5 shooting disciplines we could offer. The Mayor thanked him for all of his work on the proposal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fire Ban in effect today. March 21st roto milling Nebraska street. Welcome Home Veterans Ceremony March 23rd, 3pm at the VFW. VFW breakfast is March 24th. Easter Egg hunt is March 30th at noon. April 2nd next council meeting, April 6th is April Fools run.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** CM Michaels motioned to enter executive session at 6:49pm for personnel after a short break. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. The Council returned to regular session at 7:26 with no decisions made.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Delgado 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 7:27 p.m.

Attest:

Eddie Delgado, Mayor

Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer,