**April 02, 2024**

**Town of Guernsey**

 **Regular Meeting**

**Platte County, Wyoming**

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

**STAFF:** H. Dawson, Judge Conner

**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, Shawna Reichert, Melissa Howe, Jeff Thomas, Christa Rosera, Eddie Harris, Kathy Orr, Eric Johnston, and Deputy on Camp

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

**MINUTES:** CM Michaels moved to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes as presented, CM Augustyn 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 $83,777.19, seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Bell, David, $185.00; Black Hills Gas, $1,367.71; Bomgaars, $422.71; Capital Business Systems, $352.96; Charlie’s Repair, $231.08; Colorado Golf and Turf, $507.11; Ferguson Waterworks, $264.24; Century Link, $990.76; CPS Distributors, $219.49; Decker, Steve, $1598.00; Frank Jones, $2,666.70; Howe, Melissa, $147.10; Imperial Pump Solutions, $1,132.40; Northwest Pipe fittings, $127.27; Petty Cash, $142.82; Rose Brothers, $204.00; Sterner, Wesley, $185.00; TDS<, $15,733.43; United States Postal Service, $276.66; Wheatland Automotive, $394.41; WARWS, $890.00; Y2, $21,497.13; Total Invoices, $48,444.83 Payroll, $24,568.65; Taxes/Benefits, $10,763.71. TOTAL CLAIMS: $83,777.19.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Shawna Reichert not only came as a concerned citizen but as a representative of our communities collective anxiety and aspiration for a safer environment. One year ago when the Sheriff’s department wanted to patrol our town we heard from a lot of people saying we didn’t want to lose our police force because we wanted to feel safe, we wanted coverage around the clock. Knowing now that we do not have coverage at night, I do not feel safe. Shawna wanted to know what she can do personally to maybe write a grant or start a crime watch. Shawna as a citizen did not know that we did not have coverage overnight until she was a victim of theft. Officers on call will not get to her in time if someone’s breaking into her house, somebody is going to die, either me or them. We thought we had protection, so what can we as a community do to ensure we have 24 hour coverage. DCI says vehicle theft is up in the state and small communities are being affected. I thought we were still safe. Mayor says he will take it up with the Chief. The officers will quit doubling up together and someone will be moved to nights. The budget is there they just need to quit doubling up on shifts and start working the night shift. Kathy Orr came to represent the Guernsey Rural Fire Department and they would like to do a fund raiser at Gordon Davis Park on June 8th. They are requesting an open container permit for the cornhole tournament, 12pm to 10pm. Town has no issues with that and it’s approved, just keep the kids away from the beer. Melissa Howe came to offer free resources when advertising open positions for the Town.

**WEBSITE:** CM Michaels made a motion to pursue and move forward with a redesign of the Town’s website by Dream Design Develop LLC. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-005 WYOMING CLASS:** CM Augustyn made a motion to approve resolution 2025-005 approval to use Wyoming Class. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried.

**MAYOR’S PROCLOMATION:** Mayor Delgado proclaims April Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:** Shawna Reichert has a Go Goshen meeting here on the 19th for a one-day training. This is a workforce development thing and it’s designed to bring more health care workers and professionals to the area. The Chamber met with Barasso’s team on some needs of Platte County and a specific request was made to fund and provide more support for the Police force, County wide. LTC Counts on Camp Guernsey gave an update now that they are transitioning into fire season. Flood training and standard procedures during the fire season are being addressed. Red carding is one thing we are doing to help mitigate and combat fire. Full time staff are good to go and guard personal is still working on it with roughly two thirds already having their red cards. There are 14 enrolled for training next week.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Jeff Thomas says we’ve had 2 fires and several medical calls. Very little damage so that’s good. This month we are helping with the after-prom casino night on April 13th. Classes are going well and will be completed soon. Shenna and I are looking into taking a refresher class online for Basic EMT. The Fire Ban has been lifted temporarily. Judge Conner gave a revenue update of $ 232.00 collected for the month. Conferences are coming up and Judge has money in his budget to attend. The conference this year will be in Cheyenne but we can’t send a clerk this year. Hillary Dawson explained that we want to update our website to a more user friendly version. Dream Design out of La Grange will be completing that.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** CM Michaels complimented the volunteers and staff that assisted with the Easter egg hunt. The kids had a wonderful time and in a matter of minutes the kids had the eggs all picked up. We have talked about the library and the county is upgrading their computers so we should try to expand the library with grants or other things since we own the land and buildings. CM Michaels also wanted to know where we are with installing Fiber in town? Hillary let him know that there is a zoom meeting scheduled for April 16th to discuss poles and a JUA. CM Augustyn asked abought bikes for the Easter egg hunt. The Mayor said the Town will get bikes for all the kids that won. CM Augustyn questioned where we do advertise for jobs at? Hillary said all summer jobs were flyers posted around Town and all regular jobs go in the newspaper and online resources. Kathy Orr asked who interviews for open positions and The Mayor said that all open positions are interviewed by the department heads and the Mayor. The Mayor seconds what Joe said, the Easter egg hunt was good. The waterline project is moving right along and everything is going good. CM Michaels says whoever came up with the Easter Sip N’ Stuff thank you, it was great!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** April 6th April Fools Run. April 16th next council meeting. Spaghetti Dinner at the VFW May 11th. Mother Son dance May 11th at the VFW.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Delgado asked for a motion to adjourn. CM Michaels motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest:

Eddie Delgado, Mayor

Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer,