**July 16, 2024**

**Town of Guernsey**

**Regular Meeting**

**Platte County, Wyoming**

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

**STAFF:** H. Dawson, M. Fronapfel, Attorney F. Jones, Chief Harrison, B. Thomas, 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:** Shawna Reichert, Col. Ezell, Christa Bartel, LTC Counts, Becky Mikel, Tammy Hohnholt, Jeremiah Fields, Bob and Pam Case, Ada Pulos, Lisa Phelps, Invictus Sovereign, Bev Spungin

**AGENDA:** CM Michaels moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session on Personnel. CM Harris seconded. The motion carried.

**MINUTES:** CW Wells moved to approve the July 02, 2024 minutes as presented, CM Harris seconded. CM Michaels abstained. The motion carried.

**AMEND JUNE 04, 2024 MINUTES:** CM Michaels moved to approve Bruce Heimbuck section noting the amending of the June 04, 2024 minutes to include “and to approve the Town of Guernsey committing $300,000 for the Grant. Seconded by CW Wells. 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 $177,562.87. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Atlas Automation, $2,183.81; Benzel Pest Control, $210.00; Biolynceus, $1985.03; Capital Business Systems, $280.90; Caselle, $643.00; Costopoulos, Barb, $280.00; Dad’s Septic, $300.00; Hawkins, $2409.75; Hillhouse, $53.70; John Deere Financial, $254.75; Lawson Products, $610.87; One Stop Safety, $102.52; One-Call of Wyoming, $13.50; Pryor Creek Bait, $36.00; Raser, Jennifer, $96.85; Sierra, Kathy, $137.20; Swank Motion Pictures; $1,515.00; Torrington Office, $149.98; Torrington Beverage; $175.50; Verizon Wireless, $610.49; Westco, $1545.81; Wheatland Automotive, $1,918.95; WY DEQ, $18,625.00; Wyoming LGLP, $600.00; WMPA, $100,958.89; WYRULEC, $327.54. Total Invoices, $136,025.04; Payroll, $32,673.39; Taxes/Benefits, $8,864.44. TOTAL CLAIMS: $177,562.87

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**INVICTUS-** Wayne Aston, a partner with Invictus Sovereign, a real estate and land developer that is considering an industrial park called Valley Forge in Guernsey wanted to introduce himself.

**COL. EZELL, LAND SWAP-** CM Michaels made a motion to postpone the land swap for 120 days. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. Security is an issue; we don’t know who’s coming on and off the base by the FBO building. CM Michaels wants to fix the security issues and Col. Ezell says we would still like to have the buildings; we have a use for them.

**RESOLUTION 2025-001 WBC-COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT-**CW Wellsmade a motion to approve Resolution 2025-001. CM Michaels seconded. The motion carried.

**STEIL SURVEYING-** CW Wellsmade a motion to approve option #2, $12,600. CM Michaels seconded. The motion carried.

**OPEN CONTAINER PERMIT-** CW Wells made a motion to approve the open container permit for Kelley’s Bar. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. CM Michaels made a motion to approve the open container permit for Crazy Tony’s. Seconded by CW Wells. The motion carried.

**BID AWARD-PUBLIC WORKS SHOP-** Morton buildings were awarded the bid for the new public works shop that will be located at 115 N. Wyoming, for the amount of $187,060. CW Wells moved to accept the bid. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. CM Michaels is questioning if the fence will enclose the structure? M. Fronapfel says yes, and there’s enough money in the budget for that to happen.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:** Shawna Reichert, lodging tax board representative, says the exit 80 billboard is up. 2025 campaigns are being put together. Growth trend in Platte County is happening and we saw roughly 2.5 million people coming in to the county. There’s an increase in day trippers and overnighters. The Chamber is working with the Rawlins economic development executive on ideas to make the AG banquet bigger and better so they can build the scholarship fund up.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Fire Chief Thomas says it’s been a busy month, there’s been over 10 calls and mutual aid with emergency management and Wheatland fire. M. Fronapfel says the Waterline bore is connected and the water pressure loss due to a water pump giving out. Water usage is on target and tank work will begin this week. The Senior Center was run into by a citizen, and it knocked the power out and caused damage. We patched the hole with a piece of tin but it’s not pretty. Handicap door being installed at town hall and the senior center handicap door will be worked on as well. Chief Harrison brought Sergeant Thomas to the podium to give his resignation speech.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** CM Harris wants to change town hall hours now that we are fully staffed from 8am-5pm. CM Harris made a motion to change town hall hours from 8-5. Seconded by Michaels. The motion carried Mayor Delgado voted nay. Hillary Dawson wanted clarification if that’s just the office workers or all town hall employees, CM Harris says just town hall office employees. CM Michaels made a motion to have all personal belongings and vacate the Airport Hangers by August 31st, 2024. Seconded by Wells. The motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Planning and Zoning July 25, 2024. Utility Workshop July 25, 2024. Meet and Greet August 6, 2024.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL:** CM Wells motioned to enter executive session for personnel after a short break. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. The Council returned to regular session with no decisions made.

**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:

Eddie Delgado, Mayor

Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer