**August 6, 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, Chief Harrison, Chief Thomas, J. Burfeind

**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:** Christa Bartel, Jeremiah Fields, Bev Spungin, Mickey Rexius, Lisa Phelps, Reid Rasner, Rose Martinez

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

**MINUTES:** CW Wells moved to approve the July 16, 2024 minutes as presented, CM Harris 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 $192,516.92. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Axon Enterprise, $4,729.20; Banner Capital Bank44,204.05, Beutler, Nathan, $1400.00; Black Hills Gas, $3070.42; Bomgaars, $785.72; Capital Business Systems, $117.84; Century Lumber, $191.89; CenturyLink, $992.78; Charlie’s Repair, $787.00; Contractor’s Material’s, $155.00; Dad’s Septic, $600.00; Decker, Steve, $400.00; Robbin Eckhardt, $150.00; Frank Jones, $1998.60; Guernsey Gazette, $4015.90; LL Johnson, $ $779.83; LL Johnson, $ $821.12; Larson, Meralyn, $165.70; Madsen, Ryan, $202.50; Millers Mowing and Moving, $3,456.00; Mosley, Sarah, $410.60; Nebraska Printworks, $189.33; One Stop Safety, $296.18; O’Reilly Auto, $9.00; Petty cash, $75.90; Pitney Bowes, $192.90; Pryor Creek Bait, $108.00; Schaeffer Manufacturing, $614.98; TDS, $18,741.96; Team Laboratory, $3,605.00; Torrington Beverage; $799.00; Travelers, $9,425.00; Tri-City Parks & Rec, $320.36; USPS, $303.52; Valley Motor Supply, $578.06; Wheatland REA, $124.37; Wyoming Trading Company, $102.50; Total Invoices, $104,920.21; Payroll, $69,030.70; Taxes/Benefits, $18,566.01. TOTAL CLAIMS: $192,516.92.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeremiah Fields informed the Council that the problem he is seeing is the stop sign intersection at Burlington and Wyoming, people are constantly running that stop sign. Given our current situation with law enforcement the signs need adequate reflection at night, an option would be solar powered light flashers. The sign also could be lowered so everyone can see it. Mayor Delgado asked Mike to lower the sign tomorrow. Reid Rasner running for US Senate came to offer prayers for the fire and to let everyone know that we are thinking of you and watching closely and praying for rain. Rasner thanked everyone for the opportunity to visit Guernsey.

**CATERING PERMIT-** CM Augustyn made a motion to approve the Elmore/Blackburn catering permit for Crazy Tony’s at the VFW. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried.

**WAM VOTING DELEGATE-** CW Wells moved to approve Mayor Delgado as voting delegate and Joe Michaels as alternate delegate. CM Augustyn seconded. The motion carried.

**AIRPORT HANGER-** CM Michaels made a motion to approve the airport rental extension for the 2 individuals requesting extensions for 30 days to the end of September. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:** Christa Rosera spoke on behalf of Camp Guernsey and asked if there were any questions as they have just been busy with fire support.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** M. Fronapfel says the water project is moving along good, and they are sand blasting the tank currently. Visited the County Commissioners today about the chip seal project they are working on. Oftedal is fixing 2 valley pans and some gutters they tore up. Looking at possible SLIB funding to assist with the paving of Nebraska street. CW Wells is asking how we are going to handle trimming trees away from the power lines. The town needs an ordinance that if the town has to come out and trim them then it will be charged to the homeowner. CM Michaels gave compliments to the crew for handling the power outage in the rain and the quick turnaround. Fire Chief Thomas says they’ve been awful busy the last week and the guys and gals have went above and beyond. Nobody got hurt. The Mayor and Council gave words of appreciation. Chief Harrison praises the fire department along with M. Fronapfel and the highway patrol along with the Sheriff’s office for what a great job they did, can’t say enough about what great work they did. The grant for radios/handhelds were denied, so we’ll look at other options. Recruiting Police Officers from surrounding states for officers that are not sponsored. CM Michaels made a motion to raise the police wages to $26.00 an hr. including a $5000 bonus to be paid out $1000.00 upon hiring and $1000.00 every 6 months after that for two years. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried. CM Michaels made a motion to have a certified police dog on our force. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried. Chief Harrison says he would try to get a cage donated but the K9 would incur no cost to the Town. Chief Harrison mentioned the chief of Fort Laramie will be a reserve officer for us until we get staffed. John Burfeind, Town Planner, day 2 on the job and has gone around town to check and see if permits were issued for construction projects taking place. Spending time going back through records and after speaking to some community members working with those that hardships going on. The council says welcome aboard.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** CM Michaels will have a WMPA report after they meet with Basin and that should be after the second meeting in September. CM Augustyn gave a big shout out to the community surrounding the fire. First State Bank has an account set up for donations. CM Harris wanted to thank everybody. CW Wells also wanted to thank all of the volunteers, and it was nice to hear the compliments from everyone and what a good testament to our community and surrounding communities. Mayor Delgado said Banner is getting 2 new ambulances through a grant and Banner is wondering what to do with the ambulance that was struck by lightning? Chief Thomas says it should be returned to the Town in the condition they received it in.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** October 14th health screening at Camp Guernsey 6:30am-9am.

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

**REGULAR SESSION:** Council returned to regular session. CW Wells made a motion to add to the personnel manual: Employment with the town of Guernsey will depend on the passing of a pre-employment drug test. Random drug testing required for all employees to include Fulltime, Parttime and Temporary, effective August 7, 2024, as a condition of employment. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. CM Augustyn made a motion to add to the current policy and procedure manual, Drug Testing: The refusal to consent or test positive shall result in termination. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Delgado asked for a motion to adjourn. CW Wells motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Attest:

Eddie Delgado, Mayor

Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer