**September 03, 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 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:** Pam & Bob Case, Christa Rosera, Jeremiah Fields, Sue Fronapfel, Ada Pulos, Shawna Reichert, Jennifer Grayson

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

**MINUTES:** CM Harris moved to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes as presented, CW Wells 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 $87,031.32, seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Atlas Automation, $2520.00; Boling, Jaycee, $7.19; Capital Business Systems, $114.24; CDW-G, $10,640.00; Century Link, $950.59; Corporate Warehouse Supply, $579.85; CPS Distributors, $16.61; Dad’s Septic, $1200.00; Frank Jones, $215.00, Knife River, $589.71; Lambert, Natasha, $75.00; Mosley, Sarah, $500.00; One Call Of Wyoming, $6.75; Pryor Creek Bait Company, $192.00; Stenson, Dave, $300.00; Sterner, Wesley, $150.00; Torrington Beverage, $676.50; United States Postal Service, $300.72; Visionary Broadband, $1,213.22; Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality, $18,625.00; Wyoming Office of State Land and Investment $8,959.45; Total Invoices, $87,031.32; Payroll, $26,741.13; Taxes/Benefits, $12,474.97. TOTAL CLAIMS: $87,031.32.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeremiah Fields thanked the town for lowering the stop signs at Wyoming and Burlington. Ada Pulos wanted an update on the water restrictions and waterline progress and to see if she could have more watering time based on the size of her lot.

**RAIL SPUR CD -** CW Augustyn made a motion to let the CD at First State Bank roll over at the rate of 4.95%, for 6 months which was the highest interest rate provided. Seconded by CM Michaels.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:** Shawna Reichert with the Chamber and the lodging tax board, provided council with multiple reports and provided some key take aways. The Platte County Q2 Tourism Performance report focusing on the quality of visitor experiences. 50.1 % of our tourists came from Colorado. Glendo and Guernsey State Parks are popular destinations. The Platte County 2023 Tourism Economic Impact Report focusing on the importance of supporting jobs and generating income for local communities. State provided all of the numbers based on counties total visitor spending 53.9 million dollars, that’s an increase. The report also shows that Platte County continues to be a desirable destination attracting domestic and international visitors. The next Chamber meeting will be September 19th as we have a meeting every other month now.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** M. Fronapfel with public works gave an update on the waterline project; the water tank is behind schedule. Iron company came in and did inspections and there were a few areas that were a little thin and we have questions on our staircase. We are still pushing for a completion date for the end of September for the Water tank. CW Wells asked if they are going to repair Nebraska street when the project is completed? The town would like to see the entire street paved not just the 10 feet in the Oftedal, waterline contract and we are currently looking at the available resources for that. The Street Sweeper will be out this month. We will begin trimming trees from the powerlines and CW Wells wanted to know if homeowners will be charged for this service? M. Fronapfel states there would need to be an ordinance in place to assess the homeowner, currently the town will have to incur the cost. Mayor Delgado said when J. Burfeind gets back they will see about a resolution or ordinance being put in place for that. The cost for the fence needed to go around the new public works shop is coming in higher than expected, so we are currently looking at different options. Morton buildings will begin on the new public works shop soon and the maintenance crew will be preparing the lot to a 3” grade in preparation for that. Fire Hall has a new 100 amp panel installed so they can plug in their new ambulance. Air conditioner at the senior center is needing looked at, the compressor is locked up. Mayor Delgado asked what the progress on repairing the senior center is after the motor vehicle accident? M. Fronapfel said Bristow Construction is not sure if they can find a matching tin so we might need to go to a place and try to match the tin for the exterior. Bob Case asked if Oftedal is still going to complete the approach on the south river bridge? Yes. M. Fronapfel says starting September 24th we will have a detour for traffic and we will have it completed by the 25th.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** CW Wells asked if we have heard back on the negotiations for the ambulance? Mayor Delgado says yes, but Dana Sanborn received an emergency call and we had to reschedule the meeting. CM Michaels attended the electric meeting where Basin was present. Basin is making sure the transmission lines are maintained and the findings are looking like we will be having a rate increase somewhere between 5 and 6 mils. That’s half a cent per KWH. That’s a wholesale rate increase so we are unsure how that will be passed down to the consumer. Guernsey still needs to submit to WMPA information to participate in the rate study, free to the town. The goal is to have reliable energy at affordable rates. Mayor Delgado says that the BRC grant Bruce Heimbuck completed for us is now at the Wyoming Business Council and so we wait to see if it gets approved. The Senior Center lease is signed. Mayor wants to encourage the Council members to go tour the airport and JTEC building and look at the damages there are so they know what it’s going to take to get it back in operable order. The Mayor doesn’t want to discuss much on the airport as he is waiting for some questions to be answered by the Wyoming Military department that CW Wells is inquiring about.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Farmers Market Thursdays 5-7, Sept. 7, 2024, G-S Home Coming Weekend and tailgating game, Sept. 17, 2024 Next Council Meeting, Sept. 28, 2024 National Public Lands Day-Guernsey State Park. Fire Fighter appreciation September 8th at Crazy Tony’s.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** CW Wells motioned to enter executive session for personnel after a short break. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. CW Wells moved to return to regular session at 7:30 with no decisions made. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION-**CM Michaels made a motion to have town hall hours changed from 7am -4:30pm. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried.

CW Wells made a motion excluding probationary employees, all employees making below $25.00 an hour will receive a $2.00 per hour raise, for those making above $25.00 an hour will receive $1.50 an hour raise starting September 2, 2024 pay period. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Delgado asked for a motion to adjourn. CM Michaels moved to adjourn. Seconded by CM Harris. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest:

Eddie Delgado, Mayor

Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer,