

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SINCLAIR TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SINCLAIR, WYOMING, HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE SINCLAIR TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Cullen Meeks, Councilmembers Brennan Dunlap, Michelle Serres, Nancy Sanders and Councilmember David Robinson being excused

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Becky Slater, Assistant Treasurer Gina Helmetag, Maintenance Worker Corey Davis, Town Attorney Mike Roberts, and Community Events Director Monte Thayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Meeks led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Dunlap motioned to approve July 11, 2024, Council Minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Councilmember Serres made a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Dunlap the motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS: Rawlins City Mayor, Terry Weickum shared with the council that his four-year term was coming up for Rawlins Mayor and he would be running for House of Representatives District 15. Weickum told the council that he had been a county commissioner for 8 years in the past and a member of the WAM Board of Directors. Weickum told the council that he would like to be a representative for the smaller towns in the State of Wyoming.

Stacey Peres and Hilarie Chandler with the Carbon County School District #1 shared with the council a proposal for daycare for the children of the Carbon County School District. Peres told the council that the school district had lost two teachers as they did not have a daycare option. Peres shared with the council the research on the need for daycare and that the school district does not have to follow state guidelines for a daycare facility but would most likely follow most of the guidelines. Peres told the council that a day care facility for 16 to 21 children tentatively 5 to 7 classrooms, a kitchen, gym, playground, and front office access was what was needed. Councilmember Sanders asked Peres if the school district what they were thinking of for rent. Peres told the council that a normal fee from the Town of Sinclair for the school. Councilmember Dunlap asked why 5 to 7 rooms were need for the daycare if there were only 16 to 21 children. Peres told the council that babies need more space for diaper changing and nap time. Mayor Meeks and Councilmember Serres suggested that the council, Peres and Thayer all meet to look at the elementary school and see if it would work for the school district. Councilmember Serres told Peres that the school did not have a kitchen. Peres stated that a refrigerator area was more of what was needed not a full kitchen, and the school district would purchase the refrigerator. Councilmember Serres also told Peres that the playground would need to be looked at as the age of the equipment. Community Events Director Monte Thayer asked if the school district was not held to the same standards if town employees could have access to the school. Peres stated that if people were badged to enter the building, she did not think it would be a problem. Mayor Meeks asked Thayer how many Quilter's, Artists and Homemakers used the school. Thayer told the council that about 6 to 10 Quilter's, 6 to 8 Artist's and he was not sure on the Homemaker's. Mayor Meeks asked about the hours of the clubs if they could be after 5 p.m. and on the weekends. Thayer stated that the Quilters were in the afternoon, and he did not know if the would like evenings. Thayer stated that the other clubs would most likely be alright with the after 5 p.m. Mayor Meeks suggested that maybe moving the Quilter's to the town hall. Thayer stated that they could use the tea- room in the Rec Hall if some cabinets were put in to store their items. Peres told the council that the school district could not purchase a building for the next 3 to 5 years. Mayor Meeks stated that the school district had offered the town the elementary school first so he believes that the Town should help them out. Councilmember Serres suggested setting up a workshop so all the Councilmembers could go to the school. The Council agreed on a workshop for Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the elementary school.

STREETS AND PARKS: Maintenance Worker Corey Davis told the council that the digging for the time capsule did not go well and that it was never found. Mayor Meeks told the council that he would be picking up sod to replace the sod that was damaged during the time capsule dig. Davis shared with the council that mosquito sprayer was down as the starter went out, but the starter should arrive next week, and then he will spray for mosquitos.

TOWN BUILDINGS: Davis told the council that the lift had been reserved for the painting of the Theatre next week. Thayer asked Davis if the painting would hinder the movie that was going to be shown on Monday, July 22, 2024. Davis stated that he did not believe it would. The council stated that the town building signs look nice.

RECREATION/EVENTS DEPARTMENT: Community Events Director Monte Thayer shared with the council that the events are doing good. Thayer told the council that a child was lost when he went to get the water slide to set it up will Leif Johansson was at the park, one child decided to walk to Stinker's Truck Stop to get a drink and did not tell anyone. His mother and grandmother were called he was found and now he is suspended from any special events at the rec hall.

Thayer shared with the council that 100th year celebration plans are ongoing, and things are falling into place. Next meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Rec Hall. Thayer shared that the "History of Sinclair" video has been delivered and he will set up a local premiere night early in August. Thayer shared with the council that he needed some motions to approve a prize for the raffles at the 100th anniversary celebration.

Councilmember Serres made a motion to approve the paying of City of Rawlins Rochelle Ranch golf package in the amount of \$885.00. Seconded by Councilmember Dunlap, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT: Mayor Meeks told the council that Clerk/Treasurer Becky Slater would like to attend the WAMCAT Fall Conference from September 10, 2024, through September 13, 2024, in Casper, Wyoming in the amount of \$550.00. Councilmember Serres motioned to approve Slater going to the WAMCAT Fall Institute in September 10th through 13th in the amount of \$550.00 plus room and board. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders, the motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Town Attorney Mike Roberts shared with the council that he had not been very busy except for the Municipal Court. Roberts told the council that Judge Massey had come to the last court date, Wednesday, July 10, 2024, and that was the first time in 2 years that Massey had been into the court in person.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilmember Serres asked the council how the CCCOG meeting went. Mayor Meeks stated that they did not have a quorum so no voting could take place. Mayor Meeks told the council that WYDOT shared their 6-year plan for Carbon, Albany and Laramie counties. Mayor Meeks also stated that Rawlins Mayor Weickum had said that the voting should be done after the seats are filled on the first or second meeting in January.

BILLS: Councilmember Dunlap moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Serres made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Dunlap, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Meeks adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on August 1, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall building.

The Council Meetings are recorded sessions available for public view at Townhall office.

Cullen Meeks, Mayor
TOWN OF SINCLAIR

ATTEST: CLERK/TREASURER