

# Town Council

## October 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

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Pre Meeting at 6:00 pm was held. Present were Council, Mayor DeCora, Town Clerk and Town Administrator.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Mayor DeCora led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Whitney Heller called roll call. Present: Donn Wooden, Beau Taylor, Shirley Brown, Don Jorgensen and Mayor Victoria DeCora. A quorum was established.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Town Council Minutes September 16<sup>th</sup> 2008. **Don Jorgensen motions to approve said minutes. Beau Taylor seconds, all in favor. Motion Carries.**

Planning & Zoning Minutes September 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 & August 26<sup>th</sup> 2008. **Don Jorgensen motions to approve said minutes. Beau Taylor seconds, all in favor. Motion Carries.**

- Ed Turner: Update on the WWTP and approval from council to submit payment #9 to Moltz Construction. Mr. Turner says the WWTP is nearing completion and is on schedule LVE installed the transformer and wiring. The piping, fitting and valves are being installed in the 3 buildings. Inspection by Enviroquip is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Start up is for early November and there are no change orders at this time. Plant will be able to accept waste by December 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. Diggs Lewis asks why there are no approval drawings of construction and no professional stamping? Ed Turner says all drawings are approved and this WWTP has been very smooth and professional. Ed Turner would like approval of application of payment #9 to Moltz Construction **Beau Taylor motions to pay payment #9. Shirley Brown seconds all in favor. Motion Carries**
- Jody Tibbitts: Update of Ernie Scott residence. (30 day extension has expired 9/30/2008). Deb Wolfley reminds council of last extension. Jody Tibbitts says he had inspected the residence of the Scott's today the residence is slow going and there have been delays with construction the Scott's were wanting to put pole barn over septic tank and within the 10ft setback so it had to be moved. Yet the post and beams are on site and mountings for the concrete and the trusses are ready for delivery next week, once concrete is poured everything should work together fine. Harald Sauer: All post and beams are on sight as Jody said, 10 out of 11 holes dug, the septic did set me back I had to re-dig a few holes. I have 8 of the piers ready to pour I also took front of trailer off to determine where the holes were needed. I am hoping to have holes filled and completed by end of week, engineer gave specs to complete. The trusses will be delivered after the beams are up. Harald also

states that Ernie's health is bad and is the only one working on this, there was an ad in paper for help and no one showed up. Donn Wooden feels as long as there is progress the town commends you on your efforts. Don Jorgensen asks how much time he needs to complete the repairs. Harald says he needs this done before the snow and 30 days should suffice, but volunteer help would be needed. **Don Jorgensen motions to give 45 additional days from October 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 to complete project. Beau Taylor seconds all in favor. Motion carried.** Attorney Stefan Fodor suggests the 3 youths that came in for community service last council service this project. Mayor DeCora says the town office will contact them. Deb Wolfley says a letter was sent to youths to contact the office to what community service they were serving and a time line is imperative.

- Carl Scherbal: Discussion Margine Jensen Final Plat Approval 308 Pallis Park. Carl Scherbal says he was here for a plat approval last council and the covenants Attorney Fodor had concerns with in regard to the CC&Rs that have since been taken care of. Here tonight for the final plat approval for Margine Jensen at 308 Pallis Park. **Donn Wooden makes a motion to approve final plat. Beau Taylor seconds all in favor. Motion Carried.** Mayor DeCora will sign off Plat when received from Surveyor Scherbal.
- Kennis Lutz: Discussion would like to thank the Alpine Police Department, Fire & EMS for their services. I want the council to know that we really enjoy living here in this town and I am here tonight to thank them for the quick response to my mother they had responded within 4 minutes. I would like to make donation to the Alpine Fire Department, Alpine Police Department, and Alpine EMS Service. Thank all of them as well as Greg Cook and Rob Wagner and donates a check for \$1000.00. The Town Council and Mayor applaud and thank Mr. Lutz for his generosity.
- Dave Lloyd not present cancelled to be on agenda.
- Diggs Lewis cancelled to be on agenda.
- Recommendations from P&Z from September 28<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Land Use & Development Code Amendments. Stefan Fodor says he is reviewing amendments. Deb Wolfley said his reply is needed to forward with this.

Zoning Administrator: Dave Gustafson P&Z has recommended Terra Miller for this position and with the budget the town has concerns. I believe Terra's experience would be best to fill position, maybe a few extra dollars an hour to make this happen it would help the P&Z board there would be

many things and service she could approve. Such as a fence or setbacks, zoning administrator would be able to address this instead of waiting to go to P&Z board. Diggs Lewis asks why the town needs an administrator if only issued 25 building permits this year. Mr. Gustafson says have done much more than that with new zoning codes, subdivision codes, Tiffany Gayhart says we cannot even afford hooking up to sewer and need to put that money towards the WWTP. Dave says P&Z is mostly a volunteer position. Tiffany says we need to get budget under control. Mayor DeCora says P&Z gets \$50.00 and all overtime has been eliminated the last 2 years within the office staff. Dave Gustafson says we are trying to streamline the workload.

Kathy Perks: Filling seat of Planning and Zoning vacancy of Paula Stevens. Dave Gustafson says P&Z has recommended Ms. Perks with her qualifications. Kathy Perks says I currently live half way between Alpine & Etna her background is financial. I am involved in small development in the Valley. I would like this position because I see how much development is here in Alpine and what is tendered from the community, not living in town gives me the point of being fair. Mayor DeCora would like to appoint Kathy Perks to fill the open seat for the P&Z board. Beau Taylor would like to make a motion for Kathy Perks. Donn Wooden would like to make a motion for Carla Stone. Attorney Stefan Fodor says there cannot be a motion to nominate made by the council, the council can accept or reject applicant. Mayor DeCora says you are welcome to reject my nomination. Don Jorgensen feels we should have another nominee. Mayor DeCora says she makes her nomination for Kathy Perks and asks council to accept or reject. **Beau Taylor motions to table until next meeting to review more applicants. Don Jorgensen seconds. 4 in favor 1 oppose. Motion Carries.**

- Deb Wolfley: Updates

Snow Removal Maintenance Agreement (North Star Construction) Contract needs to be signed with North Star Construction contract states for 3 year contract for snow removal. Council made a previous motion that there will be no more than a 5% increase per year for cost of living. Spoke to Jim Sandner and concurs that we use cost of living index to evaluate the increase of services. Stefan Fodor says we can amend contract to state this. Speaker says we have had only positive with North Star and appreciate their services.

Resignation of Nelson Engineering effective December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, Deb Wolfley asks what steps the council would like to replacing Engineer for the town. This is important and we need to move on this right away. Mayor DeCora says we are very limited with options there are the other 2 Engineers in Valley, Sunrise Engineering or Jorgensen Engineering. There are not many engineers that review plans as Nelson Engineering did Leon Kjellgren lets us know where fire hydrants go and so much more. Nelson Engineer gave so much to our community in volunteer service we have loss a valuable resource to the town. Deb Wolfley says he needs a guideline of criteria of replacing Nelson Engineering.

297-Resolution No. 10-06-08-2008 Silver Star Banner. Deb Wolfley says this Resolution is for appreciation of veterans. This resolution will show veterans nationwide the gratitude of their service to our community. Wanting to have Wyoming, all cities and towns in State stating we

appreciate them, and furnish a Silver Star Flag waving in patriotic to them. Mayor DeCora reads 297-Resolution No. 10-06-08-2008 in its entirety. **Donn Wooden motions gratefully to accept said Resolution. Shirley Brown seconds, all in favor. Motion Carries**

- Attorney Stefan Fodor: Updating

Letter from Jim Blittersdorf dated September 4<sup>th</sup> 2008. Requesting the town review the way the town evaluates ERU's. Would the town like to re-evaluate the ERUS and refund water fees? I have looked at the previous minutes in 2004 the motion which is under question to refund money was rescinded. I would like opinion or direction of how ERU's are recalculated. Mayor DeCora says we are addressing this on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Donn Wooden says we would like to pass a moratorium on due dates and fees and regard to changing rates I think we need to visit this issue, and there is a issue that is not resolved if people should even pay though they cannot hook up. I would like to make a motion to amend the ordinance to change new hook up fee and date to be paid. If there is an issue where we can put this on a ballot to get a special assessment? With our economy now we cannot borrow money it behooves the council to look out for our citizens. Stefan Fodor says he will address the letter to Mr. Blittersdorf stating he is working on issue. On the amendment of ordinance I need direction what you would like amended in ordinance. Mayor DeCora says there is a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to address ERU, connection fees, financial plans. Tiffany Gayhardt says Donn Wooden motioned last meeting also to amend Ordinance. Diggs Lewis says he has talked to Washington Mutual and Teton Springs homes that are not selling there are no longer financing for homes the council needs to take a hard look at wanting this money. Diggs also says Mike Halpin is putting his home owners' fees on property tax. Mayor DeCora says this town is an incorporated community and that is not an option to us. Donn Wooden says he will get his ideas to Stefan Fodor about amending the ordinance. Attorney Fodor says earlier the P&Z question in regard to Mayor DeCora appointing open seat Wyoming State Statute 15-1-502 the number of terms and members shall be decided by the governing body. The Mayor makes the appointment.

Town Council and Mayor DeCora discuss on rescheduling the November 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 council meeting for November 6<sup>th</sup> because of the elections on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> in town chambers all in agreement to reschedule for council the evening of Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 for the regularly scheduled meeting. Town Clerk will advertise appropriately.

#### **Department Updates:**

#### **Financials:**

- Unpaid Bills **Beau Taylor motions to pay unpaid bills Don Jorgensen seconds. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

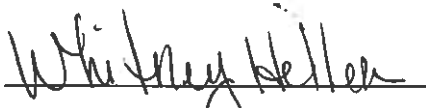
Mayor DeCora asks for motion to go into executive session at 8:10 pm as per State Statute 16-4-105. Donn Wooden motions. Shirley Brown seconded. All in favor.

Beau Taylor motions to adjourn executive session at 8:34 pm. Donn Wooden seconds. All favor. Don Jorgensen motions to adjourn regular meeting at 8:36. Beau Taylor seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Meeting reconvened at 8:37 Don Jorgensen moves to ratify the action taken in executive session. Donn Wooden seconds motion carries 5-0.8:38 Don Jorgensen makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donn Wooden seconds, motion carries 5-0



ATTEST:

  
Whitney Heller, Town Clerk



Victoria DeCora, Mayor