

WEST YELLOWSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Council Meeting
March 1, 2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jerry Johnson, Brad Schmier, Pierre Martineau, Cole Parker, Greg Forsythe

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Daniel Sabolsky, Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek, Public Services Superintendent James Patterson, Chief of Police Scott Newell, Social Services Director Kathi Arnado, WY News Editor Jeremy Weber, WY School Board Chair John Gospodarek, Helene Rightenour, Head Dispatcher Brenda Martin, Kirstin Goldstein, Officer Anthony Kearney, Sheriff Deputy Mike Gavagan, Sheriff Deputy Matt Stubblefield, Fire Chief Shane Grube, Fire Department Volunteer Brock Kelley, Fall River Manager Randy Wakefield, Tom Cherhoniak, Glen Loomis, WY Chamber Representatives Marge Wanner and Jan Stoddard, Steve Stoddard, Richard and Teri Gibson, WY School Superintendent Mary Margaret Williams, SJ Shepherd

The meeting is called to order by Mayor Jerry Johnson at 7:00 PM in the West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.

Portions of the meeting are being recorded.

The Treasurer's Report with corresponding banking transactions is on file at the Town Offices for public review during regular business hours.

ACTION TAKEN

- 1) Motion carried to approve payment of the claims, which total \$26,441.62. (Forsythe, Parker)
- 2) Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Work Session and Town Council Meeting. (Forsythe, Schmier)
- 3) Motion carried to approve the Application to Maintain an Encroachment made by the Holiday Inn. (Forsythe, Martineau)
- 4) Motion carried to confirm Anthony Kearney as a police officer for the Town of West Yellowstone. (Johnson, Forsythe)
- 5) Motion carried to approve Resolution No. 674, a resolution establishing the Town's participation in the State Investment Pool (STIP). (Schmier, Martineau) Forsythe abstains.
- 6) Motion carried to table pending receipt and approval of a parking plan for the new wing of the Days Inn. (Parker, Schmier)
- 7) Motion carried to table the topic pending a recommendation from the staff. (Forsythe, Parker)
- 8) Motion carried to appoint Don Perry to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. (Schmier, Parker)

Public Comment Period

Jan Stoddard addresses the Council as President of the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce. She says that there has been significant discussion this year about the accessibility of the sidewalks in town during the winter. She asks the Council for feedback on how to address the issue and suggests action so they can make changes by next year. The Council suggests she schedule a meeting with Town Manager Dan Sabolsky and Public Services Superintendent James Patterson.

Mike Gavagan expresses support for and credits Chief Scott Newell for the major improvements that have been made in law enforcement in the West Yellowstone area over the past year. He also recognizes and expresses support for Anthony Kearney, who was confirmed earlier this evening.

Council Comments

Greg Forsythe thanks Chamber President Jan Stoddard for delivering such a polite complaint this evening. He asks those present for a recommendation as to when they should take down the Christmas tree at the intersection of Madison and Canyon. No strong opinions are expressed so Forsythe indicates he will probably wait until after the Snowmobile Expo.

Johnson mentions that Thelma Jean Whitman Harbough, a long-time resident of West Yellowstone, recently passed away peacefully.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Schmier notes that the repair to the 2014 Ford Interceptor is being charged to the Street department and it is agreed that should be changed to the Police Department.

- 6) Glen Loomis of the Loomis Family Partnership explains that the “old Starlight Motel” is the north wing of the Days Inn. He explains that the rooms are old and need to be torn down and rebuilt. The current wing is only two stories high but they would like to go three stories high to accommodate 18-21 additional rooms. He says the new footprint would be a couple feet wider and longer, but have not proceeded to the design phase because they need to determine whether they can comply with the parking requirements. They have requested approval from the Council to purchase parking spaces through the cash-in-lieu provision. He explains that they anticipate needing to purchase up to 21 parking spaces in the interior park of the block. Council Member Parker says this request was discussed at the Planning Board yesterday and concerns were expressed about allowing the expansion. He says the Planning Board would like to see proof that water consumption would be reduced, as alleged by the Loomis’ by installation of water efficient fixtures. He says some members of the board felt that it was not appropriate to allow the expansion unless all the parking for the hotel is provided on-site and not on public property. Loomis says that all the parking for the hotel is currently provided on-site, but they have already paved and drained the south side of the interior park behind the hotel. The Council asks various questions about the proposal and how the parking will be laid out. The Council agrees that the Loomis’ need to provide a parking plan to delineate the parking spaces, which should also be reviewed by the Planning Board. Loomis says that they are under a deadline to order the modular buildings they would like to use to construct the new wing of the building. Loomis points out that the letter of request was delivered nearly two weeks ago and if the parking plan had been requested at that time, they could have provided it by tonight.

- 7) School Board Chair, John Gospodarek, addresses the Town Council and explains that the contractor for the new wing at the school was under the impression that there was enough water service available, but it has been determined that there is not. He briefly explains that they need to lay a new water main that is anticipated to cost up to \$84,000 and they want to know if the Town will consider funding all or part of the installation of the line. Gospodarek explains that they are seeking help to figure out how to fund the project. Forsythe suggests scheduling a meeting with Patterson and Sabolsky to work out the details of the request with representatives from the school and return with a recommendation. SJ Shepherd asks if the Town does decide to grant all or part of the request from the school, will that decision include how the request funded if approved. Johnson indicates that they would.

- 8) Town Clerk Liz Roos explains that Don Perry has applied to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Kim Howell also applied to serve on the board, but her application was not received until yesterday. After discussion, the Council acknowledges that Howell already serves on the MAP Fund Advisory Board and Planning Board and agrees that it would be good to get Perry's perspective on this board.

- A) **Advisory Board Reports:** Public Services Superintendent James Patterson reports that the Planning Board met last night and the Growth Policy is nearly completed. He says that the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center has been approached about installing a Tesla car charging stations at their facility. He says that the charging stations require dedicated parking stalls and he will have to review the parking for that facility. Sabolsky points out that there is an easement in the proposed area for a water/sewer line so they would require an acknowledgement from Tesla that if the Town has to access the utility lines they would not be responsible for Tesla's equipment.

Fire Chief Shane Grube reports that the 911 Advisory Board met last week and they have agreed to team up with Gallatin County for the RFP for 911 equipment. The West Yellowstone part of the RFP will be a separate part of the RFP. They also considered a proposal from Cyren for records management system. Chief Newell explains that they also discussed policy and training manuals and intend to get copies of Gallatin County's manuals.

- B) **Town Manager Report:** Town Manager Dan Sabolsky reports that a contractor came in last week to inform the Town that they will be chip-sealing Highway 20 from the Montana state line on Targhee Pass to the stoplight in the middle of Town, sometime in late July or early August. He says they are also going to be paving Highways 287 and 87 at the same time, which will cause significant traffic disruptions. He reports that he met with the Department Heads about the Department Head Pay Plan and will present something to the Council in the near future. He highlights current issues with the Town Hall building, financing of the 80 acres, the Electric Street housing project, a revised liability form for the recreation programs, progress on the 911 RFP, increasing water and sewer rates, three responses to the Health Care RFP, and the transfer of the development agreement from Grizzly Internet to Safelink Internet. **Water and Sewer Issues:** I have developed a framework for water and sewer rate adjustments for the next six years. This information was passed on to Dick Dyer to determine the amount of revenue that will be produced from this plan. Once the revenue numbers are received, some adjustments may need to be made to generate the funds for future infrastructure needs. Status: On-going. **Recreation Scholarships:** The Town's legal counsel has provided a new liability waiver form for the Recreation programs. These forms will be utilized in the next program registration. Kathy and Brandy have started working on the grant proposal and have had conversations with potential donors. Status: On-going. **WYED Consulting Contract – Public Input Project:** I meet with members of the WYED Board, HRDC staff members, and Ms. Goldstein regarding the development of residential units on Electric Street. Next week, I have a meeting scheduled with Habitat for Humanity and HRDC to start working on the final details of the Electric project. The Mayor, Mr. Patterson, and I meet with Habitat on the rehabilitation of a local building for worker housing. Status: In progress. **Food Truck Ordinance:** I have completed most of the research to draft an ordinance to address food trucks in the Town, if desired by council. As requested by Council, I forwarded a copy of an educational pamphlet by the American Planning Association and a sample ordinance from the City of Raleigh. Status: No action. **Grizzly Internet:** Three weeks ago, the Town emailed the assignment of lease document to Safelink for their signatures. As of the writing this report, we have not received it yet. So, Ms. Roos has sent out a follow-up email. Status: Pending. **Payroll System:** The management staff has been exploring the option to fully automate the payroll system before the Town converts to a bi-weekly payroll system. We have decided to use Black Mountain's Payroll Module and will be ordering it within the next week. Status: In-progress. **Growth Policy:** The Planning Board has been working on the update to the Town's Growth Policy. I have completed my revisions and formatting. Last week, Mr. Patterson

has sent out the draft to the Planning Board. Once reviewed by the Board, any modifications will be made by Town staff. It will then be sent to the Town's legal counsel. Ultimately, the Town Council will review and approve the document before sending to the State. Status: In-progress. **Sewer Lagoon and Gun Range Lease:** Both were approved at the last Town Council meeting. The Town has received the signed documents from the Forest Service. Status: Completed. **Police/Dispatcher/ 911 Training:** The Mayor, Chief, and I have been working to determine the future software and hardware needs of the police department and the 911 dispatch center. I attended the 911 Advisory Board meeting where they recommended that the Town hire Cyrun to provide our CAD RMS. They will be utilizing the Town as a demonstration site for their software and we have tentatively committed to them to capitalize on their attractive pricing. We are still reviewing proposals for the 911 system hardware needs. In addition, we have been interviewing companies to rewrite the Department's policy manuals. Status: In-progress. **80 Acre Financing:** Lanie and I have received proposals from the two bonding agencies for the 80 acres. Two weeks ago, we met with the two local banks to provide them the opportunity to submit conventional financing proposals for the 80 acres. One bank, Madison Valley, decided not to participate and the other one, First Security, submitted a proposal. We have standardized the proposals and generated a chart for comparison purposes. It will be distributed to Council before their next meeting. First Security and the bonding agencies we asked to provide proposals to refinance existing Town bonds. We feel that refinancing the Town's existing debt would save the Town a significant amount of funds. We will review these proposals in the near future. Status: In progress. **YNP Traffic Meeting:** YNP meet with Town staff regarding the summer traffic issues. There was a lengthy decision regarding how to minimize the traffic problems the town faced last year. I have forwarded the notes taken by YNP staff to council members for their comments and suggestions. There are a number of technology solutions that should increase the awareness of the traffic issues and hopefully encourage tourists to modify their travel schedules. Status: In progress.

Town Related Items:

- Meet the Department Heads about their compensation plan.
- Worked with Legal Council on pending litigation and mediations.
- Interviewed candidate for police officer position.
- Met with YNC Board.
- Met with CHP Director of Operations.
- Worked with Town Engineer.
- Met with Gallatin County Community College.
- Attended 911 and Recreation Advisory Boards.
- Working on minor alterations to the Resort Tax ordinance.
- Reviewed a staffing plan by Mr. Patterson.

Patterson reports that they are still working on the restroom at the Police Station. They are also moving snow back on the streets to give a path for the snowmobiles to travel on. They are almost done moving snow for the upcoming Snowmobile Expo. Social Services Director Kathi reports on activity in her department including assisting 193 people and providing specific services including the food bank, unemployment, and tax prep for low-income people. Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek reports on progress on the department head pay plan, special event applications, time clock software, and recently completed a report for the Montana Department of Tourism that summarizes 30 years of resort tax collections. Police Chief Scott Newell reports on research he has been doing to improve and replace the computer system in the dispatch center, inclusion of 911 system with the Gallatin County RFP, replacement of the generator, and Kaitlyn Johnson has accepted an offer to start work as a dispatcher. She will start March 9, 2016. They have made an offer to a police officer from Georgia who they expect will accept and start work in April. Newell also recognizes Officer Anthony Kearney who has completed his one-year probation with the West Yellowstone Police Department. Newell says that Sabrah Van Leeuwen is currently in her 9th week at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy

and has exceeded all requirements so far. He says that graduation is scheduled for 12 Noon on Friday, March 25, 2016 and encourages anyone that can to attend.

- C) Town Manager Dan Sabolsky explains that they have come up with three options for financing of the 80 acres, based on a 9-year term. Quotes were acquired from First Security Bank, Piper Jaffray, and InterCap with very competitive rates. The apparent best quote is from First Security Bank at a 2.19% interest rate for a term of 9 years. Randy Wakefield says that he knows of another financing option through the National Rural Electric Cooperative. He says he will give his information to Sabolsky or Gospodarek. Forsythe suggests preparing information for the public that outlines the financing options. The item is on the agenda as a discussion item only, so the Council recommends bringing the item back for action by the Council.
- D) The Council discusses the recurring roof leak problems with the north side of the Town Hall building. Sabolsky explains that this is the third year they have had roof leaks in the brand new building. He says he will approach the problem with Architect Dale Nelson and Dick Anderson Construction diplomatically, but they may have to proceed to legal avenues to finally correct the problem. The group agrees that Dick Anderson has made substantial efforts to correct the problem in the roof but they have just not been successful.

At 8:55 PM, the Council adjourns into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Town Manager Daniel Sabolsky and Town Clerk Liz Roos remain in the session. At 9:20 PM, the executive session is adjourned and the Council reconvenes into open session.

CORRESPONDENCE/FYI

The Council briefly reviews the special event and exposition permits for the annual Snowmobile EXPO and concert events next weekend, March 10-13, 2016. The Council inquires whether there will be fireworks this year and the staff responds that the organizers decided not to light off fireworks this year. The Council also briefly discusses a letter received by the Town today from Billings Clinic in reference to the Health Care Request for Proposals process.

The meeting is adjourned. (9:45 PM)

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

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OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Daniel Sabolsky, Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek, Public Services Superintendent James Patterson, Chief of Police Scott Newell, Social Services Director Kathi Arnado, WY News Editor Jeremy Weber

Richard & Teri Gibson, Donald Holtzen, Marin Aurand and Monika Rogers from the Yellowstone Historic Center, Helene Righenour, Brock Kelley, Glen Loomis, Randy Wakefield-Fall River Electric, and Jason Howell-WY School Board

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ACTION TAKEN

- 1) Motion carried to approve Purchase Order #6732 to Bear Saver to purchase eight bear-proof garbage cans. (Schmier, Martineau)
- 2) Motion carried to approve the claims which total \$88,251.42. (Forsythe, Parker) Forsythe abstains from claim #41820, Schmier abstains from claim #41824.
- 3) Motion carried to approve the Consent agenda, which includes the minutes of the March 1, 2016 Town Council meeting. (Martineau, Forsythe)
- 4) Motion carried to approve the parking plan for the Days Inn and allow the Loomis Family Partnership to purchase 30 parking spaces through the cash-in-lieu to satisfy the parking requirements. (Forsythe, Martineau) See Next Motion.
- 4a) Secondary motion carried to reduce the amount of parking spaces to be purchased to 28 and that the 2 additional spaces for the restaurant be considered mixed and shared use, with the stipulation that if the amount of rooms change, the plan will be reviewed again. (Johnson, Martineau) Parker is opposed, motion passes, replaces previous motion.
- 5) Motion carried to table the request from the School regarding the water main installation until after the School receives all the bids for the project and can determine what financial position they are in. (Martineau, Parker)
- 6) Motion carried to approve Resolution No. 675, a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to sign all financing related documents with First Security Bank for the purchase of 80 acres of US Forest Service land. (Schmier, Forsythe)
- 7) Motion carried to table the request from the Yellowstone Historic Center to add an addendum to the lease for the Union Pacific Dining Lodge until the next meeting when the final addendum can be presented for approval. (Forsythe, Schmier)

Public Comment Period

No public comment is received.

Council Comments

Pierre Martineau reports that Mr. Jim (Hostetter) from the Little Geysers Daycare is going in for open heart surgery next week for two plugged valves and hopes everyone will keep them in their thoughts. He also says that he would like to have a work session to discuss the appearance of Old Town, specifically the property along Highway 20.

Forsythe says that last year they took legislation to the legislature last year to increase the resort tax by 1% to fund historic preservation, but the measure failed. He suggests preparing such legislation to make another run at it next year. The group briefly discusses why the legislation failed last year. Glen Loomis is present at the meeting and suggests petitioning the legislature to allow communities to add ½ percent of 1% to the resort tax laws to fund historic preservation only and only if voted in by the community. He also mentions that Big Sky hired a lobbyist last year and if they are serious about it that is probably what they need to do.

DISCUSSION

- A) **Advisory Board Reports:** Council Member Parker reports that the Health Care Services Advisory Board has met twice over the last two weeks to review the responses to the Health Care RFP. Patterson reports that the Planning Board met last week but did not have a quorum present.
- B) **Town Manager & Department Head Reports:** Town Manager Daniel Sabolsky reports on current issues - **Water and Sewer Issues:** We have received estimates from Dick Dyer on the amount of revenue that will be generated from the Water and Sewer rate adjustments. The additional revenue will be used to replace the aging water/sewer lines, undertake system upgrades, and install system back-ups. The rate adjustments will be used for items that need to be undertaken whether the town develops the 80 acres or not. At upcoming Council meetings, we will start the process of approving the adjustments. Status: On-going. **Recreation Scholarships:** Kathy and Brandy are working on the grant proposal and have had conversations with potential donors. Status: On-going. **WYED Consulting Contract – Public Input Project:** I meet with some members of the WYED Board, HRDC staff members, and Habitat for Humanity (also, Ms. Goldstein) regarding the development of residential units on Electric Street and another project within the Town. Status: In progress. **Food Truck Ordinance:** I have completed most of the research to draft an ordinance to address food trucks in the Town, if desired by council. As requested by Council, I forwarded a copy of an educational pamphlet by the American Planning Association and a sample ordinance from the City of Raleigh. Status: No action. **Grizzly Internet:** Five weeks ago, the Town emailed the assignment of lease document to Safelink for their signatures. As of the writing this report, we have not received it yet. However, Ms. Roos has received an e-mail from Safelink stating they are waiting on their bonding. Status: Pending. **Payroll System:** The management staff has been exploring the option to fully automate the payroll system before the Town converts to a bi-weekly payroll system. We have tentatively decided to use Black Mountain's Payroll Module. On March 23, Black Mountain will be at Town Hall to demonstrate their software. Status: In-progress. **Growth Policy:** The Planning Board has been working on the update to the Town's Growth Policy. The revisions and formatting have been completed. Last week, the Planning Advisory Board approved the Growth Policy plan with one condition: there are couple of sentences added addressing the snow grooming activities in the Town and surrounding areas. Once the information is provided and added to the document, the final draft will be sent to the Town's legal counsel. Status: In-progress **Police/Dispatcher/ 911 Training:** The staff has reviewed proposals for the hardware needs (servers etc.) for the 911. We are ready to select a vendor, but we will need to make a budget amendment. In addition, we are part of an RFP with Gallatin County for 911 stations. We have been interviewing companies to rewrite the Department's policy manuals. Status: In-progress. **80 Acre Financing:** The Town signed the Conditional Commitment Letter with First Security Bank for the financing of the 80 acres. The Finance Director has contacted Ms. Cynthia Weed, of K & L Gates , to assist the Town with drafting the necessary documents to assign a portion of

the Resort Tax to service the debt with First Security. I will be signing an engagement with K & L Gates next week after the letter is reviewed by our legal counsel. Status: In progress **Summer Traffic Issues:** This summer, both Idaho and Montana, plan on substantial road projects on Route 20, 87, and 287. Status: In progress. **Days Inn Parking:** Met with a representative from Days Inn about their proposed expansion of their building and parking. Staff reviewed their plan with the Planning Advisory Board. We had a follow-up meeting with Days Inn before presenting their plan to council. Status: In progress. **School Expansion Project:** Met with the West Yellowstone School District superintendent and a Board member about their pending project. We were able to coordinate the infrastructure needs of the new school addition. Once the bids are received and reviewed, the school will have a better idea if they need further assistance from the Town. We anticipate meeting with the School District in early May. Status: In progress. **Organizational Development:** Two management initiatives have been started: 1) Performance Management (10 Webinars) from MMIA and 2) The Leadership Challenge - training being provided by Montana State.

Town Related Items:

- Meet the Medical Advisory Board (2).
- Worked with Legal Counsel on pending litigation and mediations.
- Attended two Planning Advisory Board meetings.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.
- Worked with Town Engineer on School Project.
- Attended Cluster-Gallatin National Park Planning Meeting
- Working on minor alterations to the Resort Tax ordinance.
- Attended Montana's Executive Academy with Liz Roos.

Public Events Attended:

Kids-n-Snow, Snow Shoot, Snowmobile Expo, West Yellowstone Sled Dog Races, and Wild Bill Octane.

Public Services Superintendent James Patterson reports that they made it through the Snowmobile Expo and Wild Bill Octane Nights concert events last weekend. They are close to being finished with the remodeled restroom at the Police Station and are working on other portions of that building. He also mentions that they have had a lot of repair expenses on equipment this winter and they are over budget. He says they are preparing for spring and the effects of the snow melt. Social Services Director Kathi Arnado reports on a meeting she attended recently about the increased enrollment for Montana Medicaid. She says that they expect to see more people looking for assistance filing for unemployment. She says she also certified this year to be an IRS certified tax prep consultant. Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek reports on preparations for upgrading the payroll program, advertising and preparing for the water and sewer rate increases, financing for the 80 acres. Chief of Police Scott Newell reports that the weekend events went smoothly. He says they did receive a \$4000 mini-grant to cover overtime from the weekend. He said they only had two arrests over the weekend and the security was very effective.

- 4) Mayor Johnson explains that the parking plan for the Days Inn was tabled at the last meeting pending additional information. Town Manager Dan Sabolsky presents a full-size site plan for the property and outlines the calculations they performed to determine how many parking spaces are required. The entire property requires 145 spaces and there are 114 spaces onsite, but the ordinance requires 80% of the parking for a hotel to be on-site, which would be 116 spaces. According to the ordinance, the motel can count half of the parking spaces on the street towards the cash in lieu spaces that can be purchased. Glen Loomis answers multiple questions about the site plan and explains how they have calculated the parking.

Johnson says that he believes the restaurant qualifies for mixed and shared use and believes that they should only have to purchase 28 spaces. Parker asks about snow storage and whether they have enough room to store snow on their side of the interior park. Brock Kelley responds that they have an agreement with their neighbors to stack the snow on the north side of the alley. Everyone else just plows to the pile on the north side and they pay to stack it and clean it up in the spring. Parker expresses concerns that

came up in the Planning Board meeting about using the cash in lieu process to just help businesses become wealthier. He questions whether there will ever be a limit to the cash in lieu parking. Glen Loomis says that the cash in lieu process was developed many years ago to help businesses to grow and improve their properties.

The Council briefly discusses the water use of the new addition to the hotel. Sabolsky says that according to the calculations they performed for water use, use of the water-efficient appliances and fixtures should reduce the water use by 25.6%. Kelley explains that in addition to reducing the water use for the new rooms, they are also changing out the fixtures in the existing 71 rooms. Johnson says that they need to be careful what they allow as other potential projects will be paying close attention to how this one is handled.

- 5) Jason Howell, School Board member, reports that they would like permission to route the water main from Alley D through a street cut of Geysers Street. They have released the bids including an alternate to obtain pricing for placement of that water main. Howell also explains that the elevation of the school is lower than the storm drain system in Alley D, which means they need to install dry or wet sumps to collect water run off. He says dry sumps are normally not allowed but they are requesting permission to install dry sumps so they are not required to have a retention pond. There is brief discussion about potential problems caused by a retention pond, placement of the playground, and the effectiveness of dry sumps. Howell explains that the bids for the new addition will be opened March 24, but it will take some time to vet the bids and make awards. The school has a meeting scheduled with the contractor on April 6, 2016 and will come back to the Town after that with an official request.

- 7) The Council discusses a request from the Yellowstone Historic Center to add an addendum to the current lease for the Union Pacific Dining Lodge to allow use of the grounds surrounding the building for events that the building is rented for. Marin Aurand of the YHC addresses the Council explains that they have had requests to have ceremonies outside the building. The group considers possible other uses of the lawn surrounding the building and what should be permitted. Johnson says he has no problems as long as they are not charging extra money for use of the grounds or use it to sell items that would compete with local businesses and any garbage is cleaned up. The Council agrees. Sabolsky says he will work out the boundary language with Aurand, but they basically agree to include the grounds from Yellowstone Avenue to the railroad right of way and then the Police parking lot to the west of the small building next to the Generator building.

The meeting is adjourned. (8:15 PM)

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk