

WEST YELLOWSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Council Meeting
November 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

The meeting is called to order by Deputy Mayor Brad Schmier at 7:00 PM in the 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 the claims, which total \$1,460,924.89 (Forsythe, Martineau)
- 2) Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of the October 18, 2016 Town Council Meeting. (Martineau, Forsythe)
- 3) Motion carried to approve the request to reduce the application fee to \$50 for the Mistletoe Magic-Holiday Bazaar, made by Stacey Schmier, Roxy White, and Diana Morris for an Exposition License for December 2-3, 2016. (Martineau, Forsythe)
- 4) Motion carried to waive the Resort Tax Bond for the Mistletoe Magic-Holiday Bazaar Exposition License for 2016. (Martineau, Parker)
- 5) Motion carried to approve Resolution No. 691, a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to sign and execute documents necessary to complete the purchase of the 80 acres. (Martineau, Forsythe)
- 6) Motion carried to approve the recommendation from the Marketing and Promotions (MAP) Advisory board to award \$5000 to the WY Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee for the 2016-2017 Kids N Snow series of events. (Forsythe, Martineau)
- 7) Motion carried to accept the return of \$25,000 from the Marketing and Promotions Fund Advisory Board to the resort tax fund. (Martineau, Forsythe)
- 8) Motion carried to approve the amendment to the Staffing Plan contingent upon approval by the union. (Forsythe, Martineau)
- 9) Motion carried to appoint Rob Klatt to the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee (Business Representative) and Larry Ott (Community Representative). (Forsythe, Martineau)

Public Comment Period

No public comment is received.

Council Comments

Council Member Parker says that it is his opinion that they do not have a housing problem but a zoning problem. He says that the zoning of the original townsite allows both commercial and residential use, which means people can convert housing units into nightly rentals. He says that he believes the problem lays with the developers that must find housing for their employees. He suggests they look at tightening up the zoning or take advantage of the opportunity to develop the 80 acres appropriately. Parker says that in reference to the bathrooms, he is in favor of bathrooms but asks who is going to clean them? He says they have one guy that has cleaned the

public bathrooms every day save two for the last six months. He says that the people that want bathrooms should pitch in and help clean them.

Council Member Martineau says that they had technician from KXLF in Butte working on the TV repeater today on Horse Butte. The technician was able to get all the stations to work, but they could not pick up the signal from Direct TV, which provides the signal. They are wondering if there is a payment due that hasn't been made by the TV district but they are still working that out. He says that as of January 1, 2017 they are required to switch to a digital signal anyway.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Schmier explains that the reason the total is so high is because of the purchase of the 80 acres for \$1,425,000.

- 7) John Greve, Secretary for the MAP Fund Advisory Board, explains that the board has voted to return the \$25,000 of seed money to the Town. The seed money was provided by the town when the fund was created in 2008. The board also recommends that the Council consider using the \$25,000 for a purpose that encourages the establishment or continued growth of a project that brings future and reoccurring economic benefit to the town. After discussion, the Council agrees to consider at a later date how that money will be expended.

- 8) Town Manager Dan Sabolsky explains the proposed changes to the staffing plan. He says that they first want to eliminate the two Facilities Technician positions that are on the current plan. They want to convert one of those Facilities Tech positions to an Equipment Operator and then convert one Seasonal Laborer to a full-time Equipment Operator. Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek explains that the cost of these changes for this budget year will be almost a wash, but going forward will be at a slight increase. Schmier asks Sabolsky to ensure that these changes are acceptable to the union. Sabolsky says that he will check with the union once it has been approved by the Council.

- A) **Town Manager Report:** Town Manager Dan Sabolsky reports that today they had the first segment of the employee relations training through the Montana State University Local Government Center. Tomorrow the Department Heads and managers will participate in leadership training. He explains that the staff has started sharing information with Land Solutions, LLC, the company they have contracted to work on the growth policy, subdivision regulations, zoning, and planning for the 80 acres. The GIS process has started by Stahly Engineering and it is progressing faster than expected. He also mentions that they have identified finalists for the Public Services positions and Deputy Town Clerk.

Social Services Director reports on higher numbers for the food bank and unemployment filings. They are preparing for the turkey basket distribution program and then Christmas Star program. Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek reports that they have completed the refunding process for the General Obligation bond. She says they saved the taxpayers \$77,000 by completing this project. She says they interviewed for the Deputy Clerk position today and had three well-qualified applicants. Public Services Superintendent James Patterson reports that he is planning to schedule a snow meeting in the near future. He says he has been invited by DEQ to attending some meetings regarding sewer lagoons and new regulations that are going into effect. They have poured concrete around the bear statue in Grizzly Park and will pick up the rest of the garbage cans around town for the winter. He says the water tank is working very well at this time, although usage is down.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dated November 1, 2016, Liz & Mike Bryers write to express support for restoring the TV signal from the tower on Horse Butte.

The meeting is adjourned. (8:45 PM)

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jerry Johnson, Cole Parker, Pierre Martineau

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek, Jeremy Weber-Editor, West Yellowstone Star

The meeting is called to order by Mayor Jerry Johnson at 12:00 PM in the West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana

ACTION TAKEN

- 1) Motion carried to approve the claims, which total \$185,390.61. (Parker, Martineau)
- 2) Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of the November 1, 2016 Town Council Meeting. (Martineau, Parker)

Public Comment Period

No public comment is received.

Council Comments

Martineau explains that a few weeks ago he went with Dave Magistrelli to a workshop to evaluate the recent CDBG grant that the Town was unsuccessful in obtaining. They learned that their application was lacking in some specific areas and lacked enough documentation. He says that Magistrelli felt like Habitat for Humanity would still be interested in providing labor to build duplexes in West Yellowstone if the Town would provide the land and building materials.

Martineau says that he was able to get some bids to upgrade the TV District tower on Horse Butte, which ranged from \$20,000 to \$50,000. If the upgrade is completed they would be able to provide four channels to the district at no additional charge, the district is funded by property tax assessment. They briefly discuss recruiting more individuals to serve on the board.

The meeting is adjourned. (12:30 PM)

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk