AFTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2023
5:30 P.M

Mayor Jeff Jenson called the regular meeting of the Afton Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Those present included Council Member Will Wilkes, Council Member Dirk Hillyard, Council Member Michael Butler, and Council Member Abby Humes. Others present included Town Attorney Brandon Taylor, Town Administrator Violet Sanderson, Town Clerk Tina McGarvey, Public Works Director Jason Lewis, Chief Jason Romberg, Dave Kennington, Barbara Sessions, Fred Brog, Annie Brog, Marlowe Scherbel, Paul Scherbel, Lee Schwab, Michael Horn, Cache Kennington, Gregg Draney, Jared Heiner, Jon Hougland, Mallory Winter, Steve Deyholos, and Justin Laycock.

Mr. Jason Lewis, Public Works Director, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Romberg updated the Council on the comparison of incidents and calls of service between 2021 and 2022. He stated that 2022 was a rough year due to staffing difficulties. Chief Romberg did publicly thank Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for their assistance during this time.

Mr. Jason Lewis, Public Works Director, stated this has been a long winter, and that several pieces of equipment are in need being replaced. He is currently renting equipment; however, this has hindered being efficient to complete the necessary jobs. Mr. Lewis also expressed the need of an additional full-time employee due to increase residents for snow removal and summer maintenance.

Council Member Humes did not have much to report about for the Airport Board, except that their next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Council Member Wilkes stated that the Golf Board is recommending changing the name of the Golf Course back to Valli-Vu and using the original logo. He also brought forth the idea of allowing Town Employees access to a free golf pass.

Mayor Jensen presented the agenda for February 21, 2023, Afton Town Council meeting.

Mayor Jensen asked the Council to consider adding a discussion regarding golf course rates to item 9D. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Wilkes made a motion to adopt the agenda for the February 21, 2023, Afton Town Council meeting with the above stated change. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jensen presented the consent agenda, which included:

Approval of the minutes from the regular Afton Town Council meeting held January 10, 2023. Approval of the minutes from the special Afton Town Council meeting held February 2, 2023.

Approval of the bills against the Town of Afton for the period ending January 31, 2023, are as follows:

IDEXX Distribution, Inc, - Supplies	$ 2,334.95
Valley Auto- Parts & Supplies	53.53

CAN Surety, - Bond	350.00
L.N Curtis & Sons- Services	165.00
Hastings Hardware- Parts & Supplies	694.59
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office- Communications	3,696.00
Lower Valley Energy- Electricity	11,299.44
Afton Point S- Fuel & Tire Repairs	492.41
Quality Service – Supplies	8,010.27
Silver Star Telephone- Telephone & Cell Phone Exp	15,010.93
SVI Media- Public Notices	5,616.50
Sunrise Engineering, Inc- Services	27,343.25
Wy Assoc. of Municipalities – Conference Fees	725.00
Print Star- Services	13.87
Wyoming Workers Compensation – Workers Compensation	253.94
WY Water Quality & Pollution Control Association- Membership Dues	30.00
Valley Sanitation, Inc- Trash Removal	1,105.50
NCPERS Group Life Insurance- Life Insurance	176.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC- Supplies	1,287.48
Fast Stop- Fuel	2,719.68
High Country Linen – Service & Supplies	1,147.63
Freedom Mailings- Services	717.94
Upper Case Printing, Ink- Services	94.08
Thatcher Company- Supplies	8,621.95
Pitney Bowes Leasing- Services	173.04
JP's Water & Sewer Services- Services	200.00
WY State Firemen's Association- Membership Dues	150.00
Skaggs Companies, Inc.- Supplies	1,165.91
Broulim's- Supplies	629.24
Napa All Star Auto Parts- Parts & Supplies	3,761.61
Riverside Greenhouse & Graphics- Services	2,494.50
Desktop Design- Supplies	491.50
Tolman, Pam – Services	450.00
Bailey, Stock, Harmon, Cottam, P.C.- Legal Services	8,310.23
Wex Bank-Fuel	11,095.64
Ferguson Waterworks- Supplies	960.00
Idaho GCSA- Membership Fees	149.05
Revize, LLC- Website Services	1,975.00
The Burron Firm, P.C- Legal Services	17,430.00
Pine Cove Consulting, LLC- Services	225.00
U.S Bank Equipment Financing- Copier Lease	481.02
Zions Bank Card – Supplies	6,162.19

Avail Valley Construction- Supplies	247.51
Market Reach LLC- Services	1,216.62
WY Office of State Lands & Investments- Loan	25,353.65
Pioneer Equipment Co.- Parts	295.00
Interstate Batteries- Batteries	462.86
Bomgaars Corporate Office- Parts & Supplies	1,000.76
Hags with Rags, LLC- Services	2,200.00
Conrad & Bischoff- Fuel	240.27
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanderson- Legal Fees	787.50
Relic Agency- Website Services	7,500.00
J-U-B Engineers, Inc- Services	6,977.00
Core & Main LP- Supplies	747.55
Midwest Assistance Program- Contract Services	321.00
AT&T Mobility- Telephone Services	175.96
Jennifer L. Clancy- Consulting Services	3,080.00
Southern Source Industries, Inc- Supplies	1,096.33
Invoice Cloud, Inc- Services	11.85
Draney Construction- Supplies	3,793.78
Great-West Trust Company- Deferred Comp	360.00
Payroll	70,146.11

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Hillyard. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Hougland, CFO with Lower Valley Energy, and Malory Winter, Director of Operations, updated the Council on Swift Creek Hydro.

Mr. Paul Scherbel, an Afton Resident, presented a slide show on the procedures needed to get the Star Project complete. Discussion was held regarding materials, transportation, and maintenance for the project.

Council Member Hillyard was excused from the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Mrs. Sanderson presented the financial statements for period ending January 31, 2023.

Mr. Marlowe Scherbel presented a Minor Subdivision for Twin Cliffs Sixth Addition. During public comments Mrs. Annie Brog voiced concerns about a discrepancy of the ownership of the land. However, it was advised from Legal that as the law is described this discrepancy does not hinder the application, that this is a civil matter and must go before a judge. Mrs. Sanderson presented the recommendations and conditions from the Afton Planning and Zoning Board. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Butler motioned to accept the recommendations and findings of the Afton Planning & Zoning Board and approve the Minor Subdivision for Twin Cliffs Sixth Addition, with the findings and conditions as stated, seconded by Council Member Humes. Motion carries unanimously.

Town Administrator Sanderson brought forth a recommendation to appoint Mr. Justin Hurst to serve on the Afton Planning & Zoning Board. At the call of Mayor, Council Member Humes made a motion to remove Mr. Hurst from the Utility Board and appoint Mr. Hurst to the

Afton Planning & Zoning Board, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Mayor Jensen abstained from the vote. Motion carried. Mrs. Sanderson publicly thanked Mr. Larry Call for the many years of service on the Afton Planning & Zoning Board.

Mrs. Sanderson presented a letter on Twin Cliff roads and ownership clarifications. Following discussion Council Member Wilkes motioned to bring forth a Resolution to next Council Meeting regarding Twin Cliff roads and ownership clarifications, seconded by Council Member Humes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Deyholos, a Silver Star Representative, presented a slide show regarding becoming a Smart City. Discussion was held and Mayor Jensen abstained from the conversation due to potential conflict of interest. Following discussion Council Member Humes motioned to support and partner with Silver Star to implement Smart Town Wi-Fi, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Mayor Jensen abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Chief Romberg presented three options to the Council to consider purchasing a new patrol vehicle for the Afton Police Department. Chief Romberg asked to purchase a new patrol vehicle not to exceed the amount of forty-one thousand dollars ($41,000.00). At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes motioned to accept the bid from Young Automotive for a total cost not to exceed forty-one thousand dollars ($41,000.00) with light bar and radio outfitting, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was provided on the Star Project. Discussion was held to extend the permit with the Forest Service, hire a project manager, and to increase the line item on the 2022-2023 budget for the Star. Following discussion Council Member Wilkes motioned to increase the line-item Star Project under Community Development on the current budget by seventy-five thousand ($75,000.00), seconded by Council Member Humes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wilkes presented a recommendation from the Golf Board to change the name of the Golf Course back to its original name, Valli-Vu. He also asked Council to consider allowing town employees to receive a free golf pass for themselves. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Wilkes motioned to approve the name change recommended by the Golf Board to Valli-Vu, seconded by Council Member Butler. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Sanderson to bring forth a Resolution in the March meeting to replace Resolution 2022-11 Golf Course User Fees for the 2023 Golf Season.

Due to time, Council Member Humes motioned to table item 7 Mayor's Report and item 12 ongoing items from previous council meetings until the March meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Motion carried unanimously.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes made a motion at 9:18 p.m. to go into executive session for legal matters and consider purchase of real estate, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Motion carried unanimously.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Wilkes motioned to return to regular session at 9:56 p.m. with no action taken, seconded by Council Member Butler. Motioned carried unanimously.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Afton Town Council, seconded by Council Member Butler. Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Afton Town Council will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Afton Town Hall.

Jeff Jensen, Mayor
(ATTEST:)
/s/ Tina McGarvey, Afton Town Clerk

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