AFTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2022
5:00 P.M

Mayor Jason C. Inskeep called the regular meeting of the Afton Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Those present included Mayor Jason C. Inskeep, Council Member Jeff Jensen, Council Member Will Wilkes, Council Member Cody Myers, and Council Member Abby Humes. Others present included Town Attorney Brandon Taylor, Town Administrator Violet Sanderson, Town Clerk Tina McGarvey, Fred Brown, Jason Lewis, Mike Hunsaker, Alan Haderlie, Dirk Hillyard, Marlowe Scherbel, Jason Linford, Colter Hansen, Jerry Hansen, Tyson Thomas, Michael Horn, and Bill Vogt.

Mr. Jason Lewis, Afton employee, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Inkseep presented the agenda for April 19, 2022, Afton Town Council meeting. Mayor Jason Inskeep asked that the Council consider moving road projects from town administrator report to delegations. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Wilkes made a motion to approve the agenda to include the change of moving road projects to delegations as requested for the April 19, 2022, Afton Town Council meeting. Council Member Humes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep presented the consent agenda, which included:

Approval of the minutes from the regular Afton Town Council meeting held March 8, 2022

Approval of the business licenses and building permits issued for March 2022.

Approval of the bills against the Town of Afton for the period ending March 31, 2022, are as follows:

Idexx Distribution, Inc.- Supplies	$ 200.20
Call Ready Mix- Supplies	5.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming -Insurance	17,074.00
Valley Auto- Parts & Supplies	86.68
CNA Surety- Bond	100.00
Local Government Liability- Renewal Membership	9,107.00
Hastings Hardware- Parts & Supplies	1,198.15
Lincoln County Sheriffs Office- Communications & Prisoner Care	3,696.00
Lower Valley Energy- Electricity & Gas Exp	9,322.78
Mecco Electric- Services	150.00
Afton Point S- Fuel & Tire Repairs	541.20
Peavler Mountain Star, Inc.- Parts	319.18
Petty Cash- Town of Afton- Misc. Exp.	92.91
Quality Service- Supplies	38.95
Silver Star Telephone- Telephone & Cell Phone Exp	1,410.65
Caselle, INC- Software Support	978.00
SVI Media- Public Notices	6,793.14
Harold Sweeny- Plow Repair	490.00
Sunrise Engineering, Inc.- Plan Reviews	631.50
Printstar- Supplies	32.04
Wyoming Workers Compensation- Workers Comp.	2,957.19
Wyoming Retirement Systems- Retirement	11,636.70

NCPERS Group Life Insurance- Payroll Deduction	128.00
Volunteer Fireman's Retirement Fund- Pension Fund	675.00
Bank of Star Valley- FICA & Fed/W	28,479.51
Swift Creek Trading- Supplies	82.00
Fisher Scientific- Supplies	77.72
Diamond 2 Plumbing, LLC- Services	215.00
Valley Sanitation Inc.- Services	1,047.75
Office Depot, Inc.	972.89
Fast Stop- Fuel Exp.	157.84
Triple H Landscaping, LLC- Parts	220.00
High Country Linen – Service & Supplies	1,168.06
Wyoming Child Support Enforcement- Payroll Deduction	1,500.00
Freedom Mailing Services- Services	597.86
Upper Case Printing, Ink. – Services	63.65
Pitney Bowes- Postage Exp.	76.47
JP's Water & Sewer Service- Services	175.00
USDA Forest Service- Hydro Project Permit	3,452.13
Alan Stauffer Digital Service- Heritage Pictures	709.85
Johnson Controls Fire Protection- Security System	662.95
Municipal Emergency Services- Services	1,690.00
Great-West Trust Company- Payroll Deduction	390.00
Broulim's- Supplies	771.86
VSP of Wyoming- Insurance	251.06
Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust- Insurance	58.50
Napa All Star Auto Parts- Parts & Supplies	1,910.58
Riverside Greenhouse & Graphic, LLC	664.00
One-Call of Wyoming- Services	15.00
Fuller, Patricia- Services	115.00
Dorsett Controls, Inc.- Services	72.00
Desktop Design- Supplies & Services	2,112.66
Black Mountain Rental- Services	680.06
Tolman, Pam- Services	1,300.00
Nelson, Greg- Services	250.00
Bailey, Stock, Harmon, Cottam, P.C.- Services	10,135.75
Wex Bank- Fuel Exp.	6,143.45
Mountain West Farm Bureau- Insurance	106.24
Quality Heating & Air, Inc.- Services & Repairs	1,568.00
Ferguson Waterworks #1116- Parts	1,782.90
Purchase Power- Postage Exp.	500.00
National Volunteer Fire Council- Membership Fees	672.00
Peak Alarm Co., Inc.- Services	244.92
The Burron Firm, P.C.- Services	1,170.00
USA Bluebook- Supplies	2,266.02

Yost Pacific Office Automation- Lease Payment	2.44
Pine Cove Consulting, LLC- Services	675.00
U.S. Bank Equipment- Lease Payment	453.80
All American Cutter & Chariot Racing- Sponsorship	2,500.00
Hireright, LLC- Services	550.00
Delta Dental of Wyoming- Insurance	2,764.00
Zion Bankcard Center- Supplies & Services	6,010.84
District 8 Idaho H.S Rodeo- Sponsorship	2,500.00
Bomgaars Corporate Office- Parts & Supplies	1,026.40
Hags with Rags, LLC- Services	1,150.00
Courtesy Rentals, LLC- Services	300.00
Business Radio Licensing- Services	110.00
Lubing, Gregory & Rectanus, LLC- Services	109.53
Front Range Fire Apparatus- Parts & New Fire Truck	200,382.51
Engelhardt, Kenlee- Services	75.00
Engelhardt, Olivia- Services	75.00
Dana, Emily- Services	20.00
Turfco Power Equipment- Equipment	6,089.00
Johnson, Kambree- Services	20.00
Bagley, Austyn- Services	20.00
McClure, Smith- Services	20.00
LIFEAID Beverage Company, LLC- Supplies	128.88
Rapid Fire Protection, Inc.- Services	1200.00
Outlaw T's, LLC- Services	950.50
Back County Jam Music Festival- Sponsorship	3500.00
IHSRA D8 Wyoming Club- Sponsorship	1500.00
Payroll	83,544.03

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

Mr. Jason Lewis, Director of Public Works presented the proposed 2022 Afton Street Improvement projects. Mrs. Sanderson presented the estimated cost from Sunrise Engineering for each project. Mr. Lewis relayed, that 4th Street should be priority because of the bus traffic and the level of the road has degraded.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Jensen motioned to move forward with the first priority on the list 4th avenue from Washington to Monroe Street, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Motion carries unanimously.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes made a motion at 5:13 p.m. to go into executive session for legal matters, seconded by Council Member Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Myers motioned to return to regular session at 5:48 p.m., seconded by Council Member Humes. Motioned carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sanderson presented the financial statements for period ending March 31, 2022.

Mrs. Sanderson presented a simple subdivision on behalf of Chris and Susie Brinkerhoff. This would vacate Lot 21 and Lot 22 of the Lincoln Fourth Addition and create Lot 26 of the Lincoln Fifth

Addition to the Town of Afton. Applicant is also requesting to have side yard setbacks platted at 10' which is a deviation from the Town's current adopted 8' on one side and 12' on another side of the yard. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes motioned to accept the recommendation of the Afton Planning & Zoning Board and approve the simple subdivision for Chris and Susie Brinkhoff with conditions as stated and the amended 10' setbacks, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Motioned carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sanderson presented a simple subdivision on behalf of Bar Jet, LLC. This would vacate lot 9 and 10 of the Airport Addition and create lot 31 of the Airport Addition 6th Filing to the Town of Afton. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Myers motioned to accept the recommendation of the Afton Planning & Zoning Board and approve the simple subdivision for Bar Jet, LLC with the findings and conditions as stated, seconded by Council Member Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marlowe Scherbel presented a Final Plat for Honeybee Lane, LLC. The proposed Final Plat encompasses Phase four- seven (4-7) previously approved in the Master Plan/Preliminary Plat present for Honeybee Ranch Addition to the Town of Afton. Discussion was held regarding the approval of the Final Plat. Mr. Fred Brown, a resident, was concerned about water rights and stated to the Council it is something they should consider. Mrs. Sanderson advised that the Afton Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of the Final Plat for Honeybee Meadows Third Addition with conditions as stated. Council Member Jensen expressed concern regarding the paving of the roads. Mr. Scherbel informed the Council that the previous phase will be asphalted this summer, that he likes the road to compact a year before asphalting, and he would continue this practice with the future phase. With further discussion a new condition was added that specified road infrastructure, if not already in place be reassessed to update bond requirement after two years. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Jensen motioned to accept the recommendation of the Afton Planning & Zoning Board and approve Honeybee Final Plat with the findings and conditions including the addition of number 8, seconded by Council Member Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep asked the Council to review the applications received and consider an applicant to fulfill Council Member Cody Myers remaining term. He also informed the Council and audience that there will be (4) four open spots for this upcoming election. Mayor Inskeep invited the applicants who were present, Mike Hunsaker and Dirk Hillyard, to come and address the Council.

Mike Hunsaker, Afton resident, thanked the council and stated he has no personal agenda, he is a citizen who wants to help. He served on the Council from1988-1990 and as the mayor from 1990-1995. He has served on several boards and would love to serve on the Town Council again.

Dirk Hillyard, Afton resident, stated he has been a resident for 45 years, and is currently a volunteer firefighter. As a business owner he has a desire to help protect the small-town values and way of life.

Mrs. Sanderson read the reason for wanting to serve the Town of Afton for applicants Mr. Scott Griffith and Samuel Hepworth.

At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Myers motioned to appoint Dirk Hillyard to fulfill the Council seat of Cody Myers, seconded by Council Member Wilkes. Council Member Jensen voted in favor, Council Member Humes voted in favor, Mayor Inskeep voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hillyard to fill the seat.

Mayor Inskeep postponed appointing a Tourism Board Member until next Council Meeting.

Mayor Inskeep presented Ordinance 674 for first reading, an ordinance for the Town of Afton, County of Lincoln, State of Wyoming, for the annual appropriation for fiscal year July1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes motioned to approve the fiscal budget on first reading, seconded by Council Member Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep presented the proposed Resolution 2022-01, a resolution authorizing submission of an application to the State Land and Investment Board for a loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund on behalf of the governing body for the Town of Afton, for the purpose of Sewer Lagoon Expansion. At the call of the Mayor, Council member Wilkes motioned to pass Resolution 2022-01, seconded by Council Member Humes. Motioned carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep presented Ordinance 671 for second reading, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 554 and establishing regulations regarding the placement and storage of cargo storage/ shipping containers within the Town of Afton. Town Attorney Taylor noted the only change made was in Section one (1). The word "formally" was replaced by "formerly." At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Humes motioned to pass Ordinance 671 with the word formerly on second reading, seconded by Council Member Jensen. Motioned carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep presented Ordinance 672 for second reading, an ordinance re-zoning Lots 114-117 of Valli-Vu Golf Villas from (GC), General Commercial to (R-3), Mixed Residential District. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Myers motioned to pass Ordinance 672 on second reading, seconded by Council Member Humes. Motioned carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep presented Ordinance 673 for a second reading, an ordinance re-zoning Pyramid Peak Properties, LLC, from (ACR) Agricultural, Conservation, Recreation, to (R-1) Detached Single Family Residential. At the call of the Mayor, Council Member Wilkes made a motion to pass Ordinance 673 on second reading as presented, seconded by Council Member Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Inskeep presented cryptocurrency moratorium updates that began on December 14, 2021, meeting. This moratorium is due to expire on Friday, May 13, 2022. The Council will continue to put rules and regulation in place by moving forwards with working sessions and public hearings. The Council is not looking to stop and/or prohibit cryptocurrency but may need to extend the moratorium to get the word out to move forward permitting this type of industry.

Mr. Brandon Taylor, Town Attorney, advised the Council they should give a detailed outline as to how they will utilize the additional time needed and why the time is necessary, if they should choose to extend the moratorium.

Mayor Inskeep proposed for a work session first where no action will be taken, consulting with other states to see what they have put in place, and then going to the public. Through back-and-forth discussion Mayor Inskeep did express the Council is trying to get information on noise ordinances, the Town of Afton current noise ordinance might need to be adjusted to be more defined. There are concerns with the negative effect and problems from other communities that have allowed for cryptocurrency into their area. The cost the community could see regarding the additional power usage. Mayor Inskeep mentioned he would love to invite Lower Valley Energy into conversation at a Council meeting.

Mr. Colter Hansen expressed there is currently regulations in place for a noise ordinance within the Town of Afton and hoping for a responsible expectation for the noise whether in or out of containers. Mr. Hansen requested if noise is the primary concern, he proposed the Council only address the noise ordinance, not a particular industry. Mr. Hansen stated he would love to show them a mine and how it operates. As far as the power, he would pull would be approximately one and half to two (1 ½ -

2) megawatts for a 40' x 14' building. It is Mr. Hansen understanding there is ten (10) megawatts available at the current time.

Mrs. Sanderson voiced that she would like to hear from all sides and would like to get the word out via the paper, radio, and social media. Also inviting surrounding neighbors of nearby areas which currently have cryptocurrency to hear their opinions, or put in writing what they think now that they are in.

Council Member Jensen and Council Member Humes visited one of the cryptocurrency structures Mr. Hansen is involved in located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Council Member Humes stated that it is loud, however she does not have a good judgment of distance so not sure how far away she was before it was not loud. Council Member Jensen stated once he was four hundred (400) feet from the structure, he could talk but still difficult to hear. He is worried about the continuous sound, that there is a difference between constant sound and a drive by noise. Another concern Council Member Jensen expressed is that the Council does not have control over power or who Lower Valley Energy provides it to, therefore this is a concern, and he just wants to get it right.

Mayor Inskeep did ask Mr. Hansen if he has attended Lower Valley Energy board meetings, does he have minutes from those meetings, has he been permitted in Lincoln County to have a structure, and does he have a location where he is ready to plug in?

Mr. Colter Hansen responded that he had not currently attended a board meeting, however that Lower Valley Energy is requesting something like a deposit to protect the account for 3 months upfront. He currently has an engineer contract application in, and his fees are paid. Due to staffing issues in the commercial business permit department, he has not obtained a permit in Lincoln County, nor has he received a permit from any other community in Star Valley.

After further discussion, the mayor stated that they will discuss cryptocurrency further in May's Town Council meeting, followed with a work session two weeks after that, and hope to come with an ordinance in June for a first reading. Mr. Colter Hanson will be made aware of all meetings.

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 Myers. Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Afton Town Council will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Afton Town Hall.

Jason C. Inskeep, Mayor
(ATTEST:)
/s/ Tina McGarvey, Afton Town Clerk

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