

**Town of Sedgwick
Record of Proceedings
November 13th, 2023**

Members Present: Roger Munson, Darrin Tobin, Traci Sanchez, Dale Jones, Peggy Owens

Employees Present: Heather Moore

Call to Order: The Town Board met in regular session. A quorum was verified, and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Danny Smith

Roll Call Mayor Danny Smith Here

Traci Sanchez	Here	Juan De La Hoya	Absent
Peggy Owens	Here	Roger Munson	Here/Late
Dale Jones	Here	Darrin Tobin	Here/Late

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of Agenda

Traci Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections; Dale Jones seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- With one correction of location of the Truck-R-Treat in Ovid. And one spelling correction.

Motion: Approve the minutes

Dale Jones made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections; Traci Sanchez seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Bills (Published in Julesburg Advocate)

- Handed out new checks printed list for the board since a few bills came in late.

Motion: Bills Roll Call Vote

Darrin Tobin made a motion to pay the bills, Roger Munson seconded. (Roll Call: All Voted for, None Against) motion carried.

Public Comments – reminded they will have 3mins.

- Shelly Stange with Economic Development
 - We are doing a cookie exchange and Tree gift exchange.
 - Small Businesses can apply for a pay-it-forward grant we received to pay utility bills, we draw for 3 months starting in middle of December.

Clerk's Office

- Talked with Melinda about the bulk rates for big tanks getting filled. And having them pay our base rate is acceptable. This has been set up in our billing system.
- Talked with GMS and the State Rep, the State ran out of funds for this cycle, so we won't apply until the next cycle.
- Been preparing for Budget and reviewing the changes sent over.

Maintenance

- Won't pick up trash week of Thanksgiving. I will use this week to take cylinder to Valley Repair to get if worked on.
- Wanted to bring it to the Boards attention that our truck picks up household trash only, and if we see mattresses or couches, we will be leaving them behind.
- Will work on trimming trees as well.
- The town pick up needs new tires. I will take it to Kuskies.
- **Alan Coyne** spoke about the option of adding a coin dispenser at the bulk water, this would be very expensive. This will cost around \$7,000 and that's without the option of credit card payments. And there is a concern about the piping and drainage for that as well. I think the way that you set up the new way to pay by base rate is the best option. (The board agreed)
 - Also, the Generator at the Well Pump house failed. They found a couple of bad wires; we are working on the warranty to see if that will cover it. I would like to have a disconnect installed so you can work on the Generator without calling Highline come out and cut power at the pole.

Mayors Report

- The Trunk-R-Treat went really well.
- Talked to Jenna about the kids coming out and painting the rodeo ground poles and Jailhouse Park poles white. And add red paint for the fire department and ambulance parking. Then add the blue paint for handicap parking.
- Both maintenance guys have been doing a good job.

Board of Trustees

- **Traci Sanches**
 - I have found someone that will come Sunday to pick up the pile of appliances by the shop, he just won't take the refrigerator.
- **Dale Jones**
 - Our code states that by ordinance the property owners are responsible for the sidewalks attached to their property.
 - The Stop Signs on McKinstry are in my opinion, silly. We need Stop Signs on the streets going onto Main Ave. Cars from out of state drivers come flying out on Main Ave without even looking.
 - Traci Sanchez expressed concern about the kids that live on McKinstry, I believe there are 7 children living on the road.

Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to remove the stop signs on McKinstry, Roger Munson seconded. (Traci, Peggy and Darrin Opposed Against) motion did not carry.

- After more discussion, it was decided that this will be added to next month's agenda.
- Posting our meetings on Facebook is crazy. Why should people from other states be involved in our meetings. No one else around us does this, so why are we. If our community wants to be involved, they should be here.
 - Traci Sanchez asked if it's required?
 - The answer was given that it was only implemented for Covid when public could not come into the building for the meetings.

Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to discontinue posting Town meetings on Facebook, Traci Sanchez seconded. (All Voted for, None Against) motion carried.

- Town Clerk asked permission to post this last meeting so that the public is aware of the changes made by the Board. The Board said that was ok.

6:30pm - Highway Use Tax Public Hearing Opens

- Dan Pederson clarified this is the meeting for the use of Highway funds, which we use for lighting and maintenance.
 - The public was asked if anyone had any questions, there were no questions.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:45pm**6:45pm - Proposed 2024 Budget Public Hearing Opens**

- **Dan Pederson for Preliminary Budget Preparation**
 - I did increase the revenues from the Water and Sewer since there was talk of a rate increase.
 - We talked about adding funding for the Community Building. So I kept that in as well.
 - There are possibilities for the fairgrounds improvements so added \$35,000.
 - Added \$25,000 for Covid Funds that still haven't been spent.
 - With the new full time Employee, I added \$36,000 for that expense.
 - Even if we don't know if the sewer project will be done completely next year, I still added the 3.4Mil for it just in case.
 - These were the changes we discussed.
- No Public comments.
- The Board Tabled the Budget approval for next meeting with the new requests for donations coming in.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:55pm**New Business**

- **Jesse Smith – Nebraska Junk Jaunt**
 - To clarify this will be separate from them, maybe something like NE Colorado Junk Jaunt... or something. But I would like to see how many communities would show an interest in doing something like it to bring in business and people.
 - This is a giant garage sale, a website with maps of locations throughout each town that wants to participate. My goal is to get this going next year.
- **Victoria Dunker – SCOR**
 - We are asking for support from the Town. Our goal is to work towards being self-sufficient, but because we are just starting out, we would ask the Board to consider donating \$15,000. and if you can't do the full amount anything helps.
 - Roger Munson supports the idea of donating; this program is starting from the ground up.
 - Danny Smith reminded the Board we have a lot of big projects coming up, and it seems like everyone is coming to us asking for large amounts of money.
 - Lupe Cassias asked if this could be tabled, so the other citizens of the town can have the opportunity to comment on this, because I keep hearing questions of what the Town is doing for "It's" Citizens.
 - Please visit our Facebook page, Sedgwick County Organized Rec. for events, upcoming gym memberships and more.

- Traci asked if we have another way to spread the word about events, Town Clerk added if they send flyers we can post here and we can post on the Towns Facebook page and letter that goes out in the bills.

- **Rhonda Graham – Monthly Updates**
 - Commissioner Donny schneider was supposed to be here tonight and had full intentions to attend. Something came up.
 - Roger Munson expressed the feelings that they should be here if they intended on asking for a Donation.
 - Prop 123 meeting last week in Wray. The Assessment is just starting in our area. We found out that there may be options of taking old dilapidated homes and making them livable as an option.
 - We may need a county housing board and work together. Kit Carson has already created this board, and they can be our model for building ours.

Old Business

- None

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:

At 7:02pm, Dale Jones made a motion to adjourn, Traci Sanchez seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.



Mayor



Attest: Town Clerk

