

**Town of Sedgwick  
Record of Proceedings  
May 10th, 2021**

**Members Present:** Peggy Owens, Bill Boler, Dora Devie, Dale Jones, Danny Smith, Teddy Morgan  
**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 the Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Smith

**Roll Call**

Danny Smith	Mayor Pro-Tem	Teddy Morgan	Here
Peggy Owens	Here	Bill Boler	Here
Dale Jones	Here	Dora Devie	Here

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: Approval of Agenda**

Dale Jones made a motion to approve the agenda, Peggy Owens seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A few punctuation and spelling corrections to be made.

**Motion: Approve the minutes**

Peggy Owens made a motion to approve of the minutes, as corrected, Dale Jones seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried

**Bills (Published in Julesburg Advocate)**

- A few clarifications were made.

**Motion: Bills Roll Call Vote**

Peggy Owens made a motion to pay the bills, Dale Jones seconded. (Roll Call: All Voted for, None Against) motion carried

**Public Comments – reminded they will have 3mins.**

- None

**Mayors Report**

- None

**Maintenance**

- Getting caught up with spraying weeds, and mowing
- Would like permission to purchase another Weed Eater around \$400
- Will be doing asphalt patching for the pot holes
- With us needing to maintain the Rodeo grounds would like to purchase a drag spring tooth that will hook up to the 3-point on the tractor instead of using a chain on the current one. This will make the job safer. Big Springs Equipment has on for \$450

**Motion:** Dale Jones made a motion to have to purchase the Weed eater and the Spring Tooth, Teddy Morgan seconded. (All in favor, None Against) motion carried.

- We will also be getting the road grading caught up.
- Board asked if the Fencing around the west side of the rodeo grounds be updated and fixed.
  - *Susan Wolf asked if we could maintain the railroad crossing or help with getting it done. Board directed to Clerk to send a letter to Railroad company.*
- Alan Coyne:
  - Still moving forward with CDOT land negotiations, and the land south of town.
  - The Town needs the Water tanks inspected and would like to have a diving company come look at the tanks instead of completely draining the tanks. They will provide photos and videos of the inspection.

**Motion: Role Call Vote**

Peggy Owens made a motion to have the Mayor sign the contract to hire the diving company, Dale Jones seconded. (All in favor, None Against) motion carried.

**Clerk's Office - Heather Moore**

- Contacted Duane Smith and Rhonda Jones to let them know the Board had nominated them as King and Queen of this year's Harvest Festival. They both have accepted.
- We had another Food Truck show interest in coming into Town. They sell Grebbles and possibly leaning towards Mexican food. The Board is in support of the idea of having variety, and competition.
  - Board instructed to have them come to a board meeting.
- Been getting ready for Audit. Already did a back up of our QuickBooks and hand delivered to the Szabos Office.
- Clarification needed for the time frame of the Community Center rentals if they can set up the day before the event.
  - Board instructed that they could set up the day before and clean up the day after as long as there isn't another event that conflicts. At that time, they can rent it for two days if needed.

**Old Business**

- **30mins for Code Book - Tabled**

**Motion:**

Dora Devie made a motion to table this until next month, Peggy Owens seconded. (All in favor, None Against) motion carried.

- **Liquor Rules for the Community Center**
  - Contacted the Town Insurance Company. They said it is not required to have Special Events Insurance. The Town does have Special Events liability coverage but if the Town did end up having a claim, then the insurance rates would increase.
  - When looking into the average cost of Special Events Insurance, the Cost for a wedding or birthday with around 100 people would cost about \$120.
  - Options discussed are not allowing alcohol at all, requiring special events insurance by the renter or having the Town responsible for coverage.
    - Concern was if the renter must incur the expense of the Insurance will the Community Center get rented out all that often.
      - *Danny Smith mentioned that Lions club had never had a claim when renting it out.*

- Board wants more information from the insurance company about what we can offer, or charge based on this information.
- **Master Plan for Water and Sewer - Greg Etl with DOLA**
  - Discussion around the Water and Sewer grants that are offered through DOLA.
  - Talked about the processes and steps for those grants.
  - This year they have lowered the funding amounts of their grants.
  - They will look at the rates that the Town charges for water and sewer, they must be at the statewide average to be eligible for the grants. Current Statewide for last year was \$50.81 for water, and \$34.37 for Sewer. That increases each year by \$1 to \$1.50, this year's increase hasn't been released as of yet. (Town is currently at \$42.95 for water and \$25.35 for Sewer)
    - *Kurt Hodel asked if changing the first tier from 5000 gallons to 1000 gallons would help the water revenue.*
  - Discussion of raising out of Town water usage and commercial water base rates as an option. It's very uncommon to see those rates at the same as in town residential rates.
  - It is better to approach one project at a time due to the funding opportunities. The increase of material costs each year that has to be considered too.
  - Securing the land that the Sewer ponds will be located ahead of time is a good idea, and if you do your project within 12 months that purchase price will be eligible for the Matching Grants through DOLA.
    - *Kurt Hodel asked if the Town would consider hiring a manager to oversee such a large project that could be overwhelming to the current town staff. "Greg responded that the Engineers do hire a site manager and handle most of the paperwork".*
  - CPDHE have loans that are another option of Loan forgiveness and interest could be comparable to USDA.
  - If this year you will be doing the sewer project, then maybe this year increase Sewer base rate, then when its time to do the water project, then increase that base rate so that the increases are not all at once. Also, each year during budget, looking at your rates should be a part of that, so you don't get behind.
  - Greg also reminded the board, that the increase in water or sewer to the statewide average, will not include the raise for the actual project itself. The USDA will set the rate based on the Loan for the project.
  - A special meeting is requested by the Board. They want to talk with Cummings Realty to discuss land purchase options.
- **Harvest Festival**
  - So far the bands are booked or very expensive. I had two bands that sent estimates of around \$5000. I am still waiting on a couple to get back to me.
  - Board expressed exploring the option of a DJ. Offering variety.
  - Dora Devie is going to talk with Seaboard about donating the meat.
  - Danny Smith is working on a cook to smoke the meat.
  - Would like to have the Town BBQ at the Centennial Park and the Bounce House there if they are not having any other events planned.

**New Business**

• **ColoTrust Transfer**

- Take \$192,500 from the Checking account at Points West Bank and divide that equally to the three accounts in ColoTrust.

**Motion: Role Call Vote**

Dora Devie made a motion to Transfer \$192,500 to ColoTrust to be divided equally, Teddy Morgan seconded. (All in favor, None Against) motion carried.

• **Dora Devie**

- Do we need security cameras on Main St?
  - Board discussion decided the cameras all along the Marijuana shops are sufficient.
- The sidewalk on the east side of Centennial Park is narrow and overgrown with grass.
  - Will ask maintenance to look at it and see if it can be cleaned up.
- Do we need to add a water spicket/hydrant at Centennial Park?
  - Board discussion concluded it is not a necessity at this time.
- Would like to add to the newsletter, "thank you" for participating in the Spring Clean Up
  - *Kurt Hodel brought it to the attention that Gary from Sapp Bros has retired, maybe a shout out to him is deserving as well.*

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**Motion:**

At 8:47pm Dale Jones, made a motion to adjourn, Peggy Owens seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Attest: Town Clerk

