

**Town of Sedgwick
Record of Proceedings
August 12th, 2024**

Members Present: Danny Smith, Darrin Tobin, Dale Jones, Roger Munson, Traci Sanchez, Peggy Owens, Bailey Nail.

Employees Present: Heather Moore, Richard Kehm

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	Bailey Nail	Here
Peggy Owens	Here	Roger Munson	Here
Dale Jones	Here	Darrin Tobin	Here

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- No corrections

Motion: Approve the minutes

Traci Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/8/24; Bailey Nail seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Motion: Approve the minutes

Dale Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/26/24; Roger Munson seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Bills (Published in Julesburg Advocate)

- Planet Bounce sent in their Invoice late, it is in the amount of \$1550.

Motion: Bills Roll Call Vote

Traci Sanchez made a motion to pay the bills and add the Planet Bounce payment, Dale Jones seconded. (Roll Call: All Voted for, None Against) motion carried.

Public Comments – reminded they will have 3mins.

- Dora Devie – Thanked whomever has been painting the Rodeo Arena.
- Lupe Casias – I will wait to address my rebuttal till next month
- Susan Wolfe – The Fire hydrants look wonderful. And when we do our water project will the water lines going to the hydrants be addressed.
 - *Mayor Smith responded: yes, but we won't start anything on the water until the sewer project is completed – Several years out.*
- Rhonda Graham - We are looking to have a Marketing District in the next Election. This will add a 2% Lodging Tax. And it will go towards Tourism, Economic, Child Care and Housing.
 - Public hearings will be set sometime in September.

Clerk's Office

- Been working on data requests for the State to get them everything needed for the Sewer Project Loan.
- Preparing for Harvest Festival.
- Our Audit has been delayed and had to file for an extension, this is due to Dan Pederson not having everything ready for the Auditors. Would like to discuss options due to Dan retiring soon.
 - *The Board asked the Clerk to reach out to Dan and see if he has recommendations.*
 - *The clerk asked if Mayor Smith would be present for that conversation.*

Maintenance

- Wanted to ask the Fire Department if they can water East, Miles and West Avenue for Saturday August 31st.
- Would also like to get the street sweeper from the county to clean up the roads before harvest fest.
- A homeowner is asking the town to remove his tree because the roots are pushing on the street curb
 - We may be able to talk to the State about the grant they have for tree removals.

Mayors Report

- I spoke to Randy Jeniks about the fence at the rodeo grounds that he put up. He expressed that he is still upset with the town on how they handled the water situation a couple years ago, and he is very upset with the way that GMS approached him on the Right of Way situation.
 - He did agree to move the fence in a way that will allow for traffic flow.
- I let Bronson know if he is interested in building the fence that Jeniks, is requesting, to submit an estimate. Also, if the board knows of anyone that is interested, tell them to send in an estimate as well.

Board of Trustees

- **Roger Munson**
 - The fire department would still like to pull the Honored Citizens with a fire truck if they want us to.
 - *Traci will put them in contact with the family for the details.*
- **Dale Jones**
 - What is going on with the Water Tower Repairs.
 - *Alan Coyne responded: We signed the contract with them, they are in Peetz right now. They will come to us when they are done. And the Extension has been filed with the State.*

New Business

- **High Plainz Strains – Retail Marijuana Cultivation License Renewal.**
 - No complaints or concerns have been reported. And the State has already sent us their renewed license pending our local approval.

Motion:

Traci Sanchez made a motion to approve the Cultivation License Renewal; Peggy Owens seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

- **Dannah With GMS – Update on funding for the Sewer Project.**
 - Purchasing the land for the third evaporation pond added to the cost, and the distance it is from the first two evaporation ponds. Along with the economic increases of the materials, the agreement with HV Ranch, the changes requested by Alan Coyne all contributed to the increase to the amount of the project. The largest impact was the Earth work estimate, it is \$400,000 more than we planned on originally
 - Site application, Railroad Crossing and CDOT Right of way have all been approved.

- We could have had the loan approved back in May, but the funding was not available for the full potential of principal forgiveness. So, we re-submitted the application in June. I feel this is going to be approved for full principal forgiveness amount.
 - The State has completed the Towns Financial Analysis, its like a credit report for the Town. They did award the town with the lowest interest rate of 1.75%.
 - We are being advised by the Colorado Water Authority that even though it was agreed and voted on during a public meeting, they still would like that to be in the form of a Resolution.
 - The final meeting for the project funding is scheduled for Wednesday August 21st.
 - We can not go to bid until the loan closes which can take 8 to 12 weeks from the award date. It all depends on the legal councils timing to review the loan documents.
- **Resolution 24-6 for WWTF Loan pay down**
 - The Town is committing to contribute \$800,000 toward the Loan on the Sewer Project. This would make the rate increase \$23.81. Without that commitment sewer rates would have to be raised by \$53.16.
 - One thing to remember, to lower the rate increase the Town can always increase the paydown amount before the first loan payment.
 - If a rate increase is required, we can make a planned step increase over 3 years.

Motion:

Peggy Owens made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-6 – committing to paydown the Sewer Loan by \$800,000 after funding; Tracy Sanchez seconded, (Roll Call - all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.)

- **Daloris Sinas – Convenient Store Idea**
 - I have a lot next to my house and was thinking about opening a little store, maybe a mobile trailer to sell items out of.
 - *Council informed her of the steps needed, public hearing to change Zoning to Commercial would be the first step.*
 - *The next step is making the building compliant with the state requirements for public safety and ADA Compliant and get appropriate sales tax licensing.*
- **Resolution 24-5 – Trash Truck Rental agreement (Tabled)**
 - Attorney ended up writing this as an IGA instead of a Resolution, so we will scrap resolution number 24-5
 - Council Called Maintenance Manager to ask if research was conducted on Rates. This has not been completed yet.
 - The is tabled till the next meeting to allow for more information to be collected.

Old Business

- **Sedgwick Harvest Festival**
 - Volunteers are assigned to help out
 - The kids' games money needed is \$312
 - Nita's plaque is done and looks wonderful, their family would like to plan the trailer or vehicle for the parade.
 - Vendors will be arranged by Lupe; we are expecting 14 vendors.
 - Movie in the park is Lorax. And Nori will be doing the Sound.
 - Donation Letters are being dropped off.
 - The Board was asked if they can help hand out the Flyers as they travel throughout their days.
 - Baseball team is running the Dunk Tank

- The company we purchased our big Harvest Festival banner from has a deal on some welcome flags that can be hung year-round. Welcome to Sedgwick, Our Small Town and Our American Dream Flags as you go through town. (Samples handed out to review)
 - The council liked the idea of sprucing up the town year-round. They are like the ones in Julesburg.
 - They can be replaced as needed, even added holiday ones.
 - The estimate was a little over \$900 for 6 flags and the hardware.

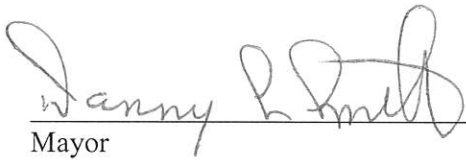
Motion:

Traci Sanchez made a motion to purchase pole flags for the town; Peggy Owens seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:

At 7:54pm, Dale Jones made a motion to adjourn, Tracy Sanchez seconded, all were in favor, none opposed motion carried.



Mayor



Attest: Town Clerk

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