

Record of Proceedings
Town of Chugwater, Wyoming
Public Hearing & Town Council Meeting
December 5, 2016

Called To Order @ 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Councilperson Redding, Mayor Sand, Councilperson Stinnette present and accounted for. Councilperson Clark and Councilperson Schirmer absent.

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing began at 7:01 PM to discuss renewal of Annual Liquor Licenses. The Buffalo Lodge & Grill, the Chugwater Soda Fountain and the Stampede Saloon & Eatery are up for renewal for 2017. All discussion was favorable for renewal of licenses. Public Hearing ended at 7:03 PM and Town Council meeting back in session at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Councilperson Redding and seconded by Councilperson Stinnette to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Stinnette and seconded by Councilperson Redding to approve the minutes from the Town Council Meeting on November 7, 2016. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills and Expenses:

Motion made by Councilperson Stinnette and seconded by Councilperson Redding to approve the bills and submit them for public view. Motion made by Councilperson Stinnette and seconded by Councilperson Redding to approve Steve Kelley's expenses. All in favor. Motions passed unanimously.

Reports:

1. Director of water and sewer report, Steve Kelley

Councilperson Stinnette questioned why Steve is doing Ron Eicher's Time Card. Steve stated that at the end of the day, he does both for consistency and coding.

Motion made by Councilperson Redding and seconded by Councilperson Stinnette to approve Steve's report for public view. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer report, Patti Pierson.

Motion made by Councilperson Redding and seconded by Councilperson Stinnette to approve the Treasurer's report as presented for public review. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Liquor Licenses

Motion made by Councilperson Stinnette and seconded by Councilperson Redding to approve the annual liquor licenses for the Buffalo Lodge & Grill, the Chugwater Soda Fountain and the Stampede Saloon & Eatery. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events:

WAM Winter Workshop, January 11-13, 2017 in Cheyenne, WY.

Meetings:

Town Council Meeting – January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Open Forum:

John Burns: I have an issue with my place. I have a water leak I've known about. The line the Town owns ends at the meter and I have some water lines that are probably 3/8's of a mile long. I knew I had one leak but my backhoe was down and I hadn't been able to fix it but I could live with it and pay the Town even though I was using 100,000 gallons a month. That's not the bad one. A new leak came up this last month and I just became aware of it when Steve told me and when I got my bill. I have no idea where the leak is. I've looked and I'm at the bottom of this system and I have incredible water pressure everywhere even though there is this astronomical leak of 311,000 gallons which with the other leak amounts to a \$1,300.00 water bill. I'm a business and I have a tough time cash flowing things. This is beside the point but I was looking at a pellet stove the other day that I decided to forego because it was \$900.00. All the water is shut off down there now. I would like to ask a couple things. One is if I could ask the Town to borrow Steve and use his expertise to find the leak. I know that in the past the Town has done things to attract businesses here. In the past we have waived building permits and everything we are trying to do for the Horton's Corner guy and a \$1,300.00 or \$1,400.00 water bill hits me at a very hard time. I guess it would be hard to reason it out but I would like to know if the Town could take into consideration partially forgiving my bill for a business that's been in Town for 47 years. We've always tried to be on the Town water system and I am regulated to it since the Ordinance states that the Town is the only supplier. I was just wondering if the Town would be open to forgiving part of my bill and pro-rate it to what it had been before I knew about this new leak and also I would like to know if there are any flow regulators for water pressure. I'm at the bottom of the system, elevation-wise, and I have incredible water pressure.

Steve Kelley: Cheyenne goes through that because there are some areas with 250 PSI and they use regulators.

John Burns: The leak is on my property. I just know I had one leak before and now I have another leak.

Steve Kelley: The new leak is at the little house by the lodge.

John Burns: There is probably 100 yards of line there.

Lisa Redding: Do you have a way to help him find the leak?

Mayor Sand: Then you would have to do it for everybody. You do it for one and you do it for everyone in the Town. Anybody that has water, Steve would have to do it for them. I have a question for you, John. You made the statement that all the things we are doing for gas station, what did you mean by that?

John Burns: I didn't mean anything bad. I just meant that in the past, there has been quite a bit of effort to attract businesses into Town like with the Grant for the station. Even in the past with the BRC and with the lots that we did improvements on and when the school was built, the Town waived the building permit. I just meant that we have done a lot to attract businesses to the Town to give them incentives and I didn't mean to speak out of turn and if I did, it was not intended that way. I just meant that here is a business that has been in Town since 1970. Some people think I have all kinds of money and I don't. I have to budget and a \$1,300.00 water bill hits me hard. I just think it would be nice if the Town could see that this is an extreme circumstance.

Mayor Sand: We are in Open Forum so we can't vote on anything like that and we can't make a decision so it would have to get tabled until January for a decision to be made. Keep in mind that if Steve does that, he would have to do it for everyone else in this Town with a water problem.

Steve Kelley: We really don't have the equipment to do anything.

Mayor Sand: We stop at the property line and the reason we do is because of the liability. The Town would be liable if Steve steps across someone's property and does any damage. So what I suggest you do, John, is to request that you be put on the next Agenda. Do not pay the bill. You've explained it here tonight why you are not going to pay it. Let's do it the correct way.

John Burns: I thought it would be awkward since I will be on Council next month.

Mayor Sand: You just can't vote on it.

Attorney Edmonds: You are a slave of the Agenda which is why you vote on approving the Agenda so if you are not on it, you either have a Special Meeting on add it to the Agenda.

John Burns: I guess I misunderstood the purpose of Open Forum because I thought that's where things could be brought up and things could also be addressed.

Mayor Sand: You can discuss anything in Open Forum but you just can't vote.

John Burns: OK.

Mayor Sand: Steve can come over and mark your lines.

Steve Kelley: Anytime you start digging you have to call OneCall and all utilities come out there are mark their lines.

Mayor Sand: Right.

John Burns: You made the recommendation, LaDonna, that this be tabled until next month and in line with me not paying it, could you also make the recommendation to the Council next month that this be heard and I'll bring this to them and hopefully they will waive any late penalties.

Mayor Sand: There won't be any late penalties until Council decides what they are going to do.

Lisa Redding: Do you need water? Are you staying here or are you staying in Wheatland?

John Burns: Both. I'll probably turn it on and turn it off until I can get a plumber to come out.

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilperson Stinnette to adjourn meeting at 7:28 PM.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk

Mayor