

**Record of Proceedings  
Town of Chugwater, Wyoming  
Public Hearing followed by Town Council Meeting  
August 5, 2024**

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**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilperson Schirmer present, Councilperson Marlatt via phone with complete package, Councilperson Burns present, Councilperson Kelley present and Mayor Ash present. Quorum declared.

**PUBLIC HEARING for the petition of DE annexation of Land**

Presentation of applicants:

- A. Keith Miller – owns two parcels within the petitioned DE annexed land  
Can't supply water or sewer to either parcel of land  
Property is used for agriculture  
Platte County Commissioners accepted the DE annex land back into the county.
- Jennifer Jorgensen – owns land between Keith Miller's two parcels  
Roads are maintained by county and state  
Property is used for agriculture

Public comments:

- Josh Hopkins – Resident & Business owner, Tri County Mercantile & running for Mayor  
See attachment...
- Ron Hall- Resident, gives his comment time to Josh Hopkins to finish his presentation
- Lawrence Welty, Jr. - Resident  
Worries about re-annexing in future and the cost
- Dennis Rudoff - Resident  
Questions for Josh Hopkins
- Eric Jones, Attorney  
No questions or comments at this time
- Ron Hall – Mayor allows Ron to speak since there is time left  
What ordinances are you having issues with  
Ask town to amend bill to delete cost of sewer. They do get water and trash.  
Why would you want to take away land and money from town which supposedly everyone loves?

Rebuttal:

- Keith Miller  
Mr. Hall: There are no services. Reason for drilling wells because there is no water available or sewer. Had to get DEQ and county permits to put in sewer.  
Josh: There are no ordinances regarding DE annexation or annexation. Wyoming Statute 15-1-421 defines annexation and De annexation which we are following

Sales tax generated by businesses not agricultural land  
Censuses is based on head count not houses  
Town has no plans for development

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:30pm

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 PM**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilperson Kelley wants to add July 26, 2024 Special Meeting minutes to the agenda. Not done so will be deferred to next council meeting  
Approval of agenda made. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

July 5, 2024 – Council Meeting  
July 26, 2024 – Special Meeting deferred to September Council meeting

Councilperson Marlatt made a motion to approve July 5, 2024 minutes. Councilperson Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Council Reports**

Councilperson Burns – No report  
Councilperson Kelley – No report  
Councilperson Marlatt- No report  
Councilperson Schirmer- No report  
Mayor Ash – Proclamation

**REPORTS**

**Director of Water and Sewer Report, Pete Delgado – Aaron Wombaker**

Report attached  
Pete explains the purpose of the scada system and asking for bids to replace the current system

**Treasurer's Report, David Clough**

Presented the financial report.

**Clerk Report, Vicki Klein**

Nothing to report

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mayor Ash - Proclamation: Proclaim August as US Coast Guard Month in the Town of Chugwater and encourage all citizens to honor the members of the US Coast Guard

## **NEW BUSINESS**

DE annexation of Land Petition Vote

Eric Jones – Valid petition meeting statutory requirements

Issues: water, sewer, roads. Town needs to provide services to all residents throughout the boundary limits not just the platted boundary limits. May need a Bond Issue to provide water and sewer. Town could put special assessments on the properties that were impacted by those improvements. Septic systems needed to be approved by the town and not county. Same with drilling wells. Needs to be a special ordinance regarding drilling wells and putting septic systems where town doesn't provide services. Ordinance for livestock also may be a concern. Future growth is a concern. Roads also need to be considered. Needs to be done by ordinance – 3 readings. Vote tonight could be first reading.

Keith Miller would like to add the Platte County Planning and Zoning Report to the minutes.

Josh Hopkins – my numbers are both actual and projected. Population determines the distribution tax dollars

Mayor Ash – we will attach both reports to the minutes

Building permit for the Chugwater Chili office – Councilperson Kelley need to get a permit to put a Conex box next to the existing one. No reason not to approve

Councilperson Burns made a motion to approve Conex box for Chili office. Councilperson Schirmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Museum Repair Bill – Councilperson Kelley visited with Randy Rapp and his bid. A lot more work than the original bid. Move this to a workshop and special meeting. New bid is just under \$17,000

Mayor Ash - background on this: We approved a small repair. Consequently, for some reason unbeknown to the council they went through and tested all the walls and basically destroyed the hand painted mural. This was not in the budget

Councilperson Kelley made a motion to move this to a workshop later this week if possible.

Councilperson Marlatt seconded the motion. Councilperson Burns wants to invite Randy Rapp to the workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

Drainage pathway to Holding Pond at Lance Wedemeyer

Mayor Ash – wants to contact our Engineer. Councilperson Burns wants to save money and use a level. Councilperson Burns will meet with Pete to see if this can be handled between the two of them without a huge expense. Councilperson Burns has been delegated to get project completed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

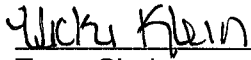
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilperson Kelley made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilperson Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

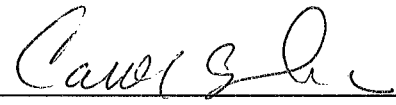
**ADJOURNMENT & SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Regular Town Council meeting September 9, 2024



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Town Clerk



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Mayor