

Highlights of Town Council Meeting - August 14, 2007

Street Sign Proposal – Public Safety Advisor David Ward reported on the final vendor selection for the Town Street Sign project and added there had been only one bidder, Intermountain Traffic Safety. Mr. Ward provided an overview of the types of sign post materials and the longevity of galvanized versus painted posts. He recommended the brown painted posts for aesthetic reasons. Mr. Ward advised the residents that based upon their input, brown signs and brown posts had been chosen.

The Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2007-03 – Municipal Judge was approved by the Town Council. The Council also confirmed the appointment of Mr. Robert J. Logan to the office of Municipal Judge. Clerk Moffett administered the “Oath of Office Prescribed by the Constitution of Wyoming” to Mr. Logan.

Appointment of Municipal Court Clerk: Mayor Siddoway explained that along with an appointment for a Municipal Judge, a Municipal Court Clerk must also be appointed. The Town Council approved the appointment of Andy Moffett, the Town Clerk, to serve as interim Clerk of the Municipal Court until a suitable individual could be identified to serve in this capacity.

Ordinance 2007-05 – Penalties – Town Ordinance Violations (First Reading): The first reading of Ordinance 2007-05 outlining the penalties associated with violations of Town Ordinances was approved by the Town Council.

FISC III: Jan Jonson, SVRA Board of Director, reported that the FISC III Committee in charge of obtaining consent forms in order to qualify the homeowners association to sell the building and property (1.7 acres) at 251 Vista Drive to the Town, was delayed due to requested language changes on the form. The new consent forms would be completed within the next two weeks and door to door canvassing will begin shortly thereafter.

First Responders’ Open House/Preparedness Fair: Jay Hokanson, Deputy Director of Homeland Security for Lincoln County and Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, invited everyone to attend the First Responders’ Open House/Preparedness Fair. The Open House is designed to answer questions and exhibit equipment as they relate to preparedness.

Fire Wise Project: Public Safety Officer David Ward reported on a hazard mitigation project called Fire Wise. He discussed the state of the Town’s potential fire hazards and suggested this program should have total community involvement so the Town has the ability to survive a wild fire.

LUAG Project Prioritization & Plan Development: Mayor Siddoway reviewed the State Land Investment Board (SLIB) Block Grant.

USPS Local Delivery Status/Plans: Councilman Warren reported that the USPS Citizens’ Committee identified two issues that need to be researched which are: the process for the Town to request its own zip code and the various mail delivery options available to Town residents.

Facilities: Councilman Harker reported on the BLM “Right-of-Way” Grant and Lease. He indicated the Town is waiting to make a final decision on the size of the parcel applied for until the next scheduled meeting which will be held on or about August 23, 2007. A Public Hearing on the subject of the BLM Parcel’s future use shall be held August 29th at Town Hall.

Culinary Water: Mayor Siddoway presented an overview of the August 4 Special (Emergency) Town Meeting and explained the purpose and procedure of passing an *emergency ordinance*. He also officially lifted the Level I Water Conservation Restrictions.

Financial: Town Clerk Moffett reported the Town's external audit of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 (year ended June 30th, 2007) was under way.

Water Utility: Clerk Moffett indicated the Water Utility had received payments from approximately 50% of the number of accounts billed in mid-July. The water utility is self-supporting; it is independent and it operates on its own revenues. Clerk Moffett thanked all those for their patience during this initial billing cycle and once again commended Municipal Water Utility Billing Specialist Brenda Bauer for exceeding all expectations with this historic first billing cycle.

Planning: Councilman Redlin reported that the Planning and Zoning Board is continuing to work on developing their rules of procedure, proposed requirements for developments in the vicinity of Star Valley Ranch and requirements for buildings and building permits within the Town. The current plan is to begin issuing Town building permits January 1, 2008.

Councilman Redlin introduced Jim and Sandy Pederson of Pederson Planning Consultants, the firm selected to work on the development of a Master Plan for the Town of Star Valley Ranch. An initial presentation and information gathering meeting had been held at Town Hall on August 13. The residents of the community, adjacent property owners, Lincoln County officials and staff were invited to attend. The Town Master Plan is scheduled for completion in early 2008.

Septic Systems: Mayor Siddoway reported that Bob Palmquist was scheduled to present his preliminary findings on Septic Systems that evening but was unable to attend. The purpose of the study was to understand the concept of whether or not the Town's septic system was causing a potential problem downstream. The Mayor indicated that the answer to this question was "yes"; therefore he had requested Mr. Palmquist to conduct a study to see how large an impact this may have on the Town.

Roads: Councilman Harker reported that since the last Town meeting, the Road crew had improved many of the roads. They have re-graded and dust guarded the roads in Plats 1, 2,3,7,8,13,15,20 and 22 as well as Cedar Creek Drive. They had been patching the paved roads and would be continuing this effort. Mowing along the sides of the roads will be next. The Councilman asked everyone to come and visit the shop to see the massive cleaning job done both inside and out including closing in the storage area with shelves and racks to keep inventory neat and orderly. Considerable repairs and maintenance to the equipment purchased from the homeowner's association in the water transfer agreement had also taken place.

Town Image: Councilman Wheeler discussed projects and activities as follows: Army National Guard Helicopter fly in, the new flag at the main entrance, the removal of old buildings by Leisure Valley, Inc, along Vista Drive, new signage in the Town public works building and the recent road build up and dust guarding.