

Highlights of Town Council Meeting – July 17, 2007

Notable guests in attendance at this meeting included Lincoln County, Sheriff Shane Johnson and Sheriff's Deputy, Brian Anderson; Lincoln County Deputy Homeland Security Coordinator, Jay Hokanson; Thayne Mayor, Don Aullman and Thayne & Rural Fire Department Chief, Todd Erickson accompanied by several of Thayne's firefighters.

Ordinance 2007-03 – Municipal Judge: The Town of Star Valley Ranch approved the second reading of Ordinance 2007-03.

Request for Additional Town Support – WAM: Councilman Redlin moved the Town of Star Valley Ranch approve an additional funding request from the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) for \$103.00 for the purposes of their funding a Legislative Director and Chief Lobbyist position. This motion carried unanimously.

FISC III: SVRA Director, Jan Johnson, reported on the SVRA's FISC III Committee. This Committee is charged with gathering the consent of at least 2/3 of the property owners inside Town limits in order to qualify the homeowners association to sell the building and property at 251 Vista Drive to the Town.

Culinary Water: Mayor Pro tem Warren discussed the WWDC Level II Water Scoping Meeting held on June 27th at Town Hall. Ben Jordan, a WWDC contractor with Weston Engineering, Inc., discussed the plans and scope of the \$600,000 grant for exploration for ground water for the Town. Mr. Jordan addressed expectations for the next 12 – 18 months as exploration begins. The exploration should provide the Town with a highly productive well site that the Town will develop as a new culinary water source.

Municipal Water Utility: Councilman Harker gave a report on the Water Department. Eight water leaks have been repaired along with a water line that was broken by a contractor.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch called a Water Emergency on July 12th as the tanks reached a low level. This was a Level I – Yellow Ribbon - Water Emergency Classification. Town volunteers delivered information packets to every home on the Ranch to alert the residents to this water emergency.

Community Water Advisory Committee: The Town of Star Valley Ranch approved a Community Water Advisory Committee to be chaired by Councilman Kent Harker and composed of committee members Braydy Nelson, Town Water Operator; Mark Sracktes, SVRA Golf Course Superintendent; and Terry Wilson, Water Engineer, SVRA Utilities Committee member, for the purpose of making recommendations of Water Emergency Classifications to the Mayor.

Water Utility Customer Billing: The Town Clerk displayed an example of the initial water invoice packets that water customers would be receiving later in the week. He explained that the invoices were accompanied by the water ordinance, water conservation

plan and water fee schedules for this first billing only. He also commended Municipal Water Utility Billing Specialist, Brenda Bauer, for exceeding all expectations with this historic first billing cycle.

Councilman Redline moved the Town of Star Valley Ranch approve the extension of the period during which water customers may make annual payments and enjoy requisite 10% discounts to encompass the entire first quarter (July 1st through September 30th) for the first 2007 billing cycle only. The motion carried unanimously.

Facilities: Councilman Harker reported on the Maintenance Shop improvements and clean-up.

The Town was still going forward on the BLM plans, and another meeting regarding BLM planning is anticipated sometime in August with the public being notified and encouraged to attend.

Planning: Councilman Redline noted that Pederson Planning Consultants have been selected to develop a Town Master.

Appointment of Special Municipal Officer: The Town of Star Valley Ranch confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Bob Byam as the Town's "Special Municipal Officer."

Roads: The Roads Department has been busy this month building up the gravel base and crushed gravel on many of the roads. The entire school bus route, all of the roads in Plats 4, 5, 21 and part of Plats 13, 17 and 18 have been completed. Dust guarding of the area around the Public Works Department Maintenance building has also been completed