

**TOWN OF TEN SLEEP
COUNCIL MEETING
AUG 4, 2020
7:00 pm**

A meeting of the Ten Sleep Town council was held on August 4th, 2020. Mayor Beckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor	Ernie Beckley
Councilpersons:	Connie Sweeney, Amy Truman, Nichole Norman & Bart Dewitt
Acctg Clerk:	Anne Lyman
Others attending:	Gloria Cutt, Kurt Steinke, Cora McGee, Kevin Couch, Jan Crossland, Steve & Sherry Hall, Sylvia Haynes

Approve Agenda: Councilwoman Norman made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sweeney 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Approve minutes from July 7th, 22nd, and 29th:

Councilwoman Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Dewitt 2nd the motion. Councilwoman Norman asked that we correct the spelling of her name under the list of councilpersons who attended on the minutes for July 7th. All were in favor.

Clerk's Financial Statements:

Councilwoman Sweeney made a motion to approve the financial statements. Councilman Dewitt 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Department Reports:

- a. **Recreation District:** No report
- b. **Ambulance:** No report
- c. **Museum:** Gloria Cutt reported that the museum had 525 visitors in July. On Aug 23rd they held an event at the park and had about 23 people in attendance. Their next event at the park will be held Aug 20th at 6pm. They are cleaning door knobs and other common surfaces approx. 4 times per day and are half way through with their new exhibits.
- d. **Fire:** No report
- e. **Sheriff:** No report
- f. **Visitor's Council:** Mayor Beckley reported that there are currently no new purchases.
- g. **Maintenance Report:** Mayor Beckley stated that the maintenance report was given by Todd Harstad during the work session.
- h. **Ten Sleep Senior Community Center:** A report was submitted by Randy Firnekas and summarized by Mayor Beckley. The center is not open for inside meals yet but

meals continue to be delivered every M,W,F. Transportation is not occurring other than for medical and VA appointments. A new dietician has been hired. The center was named WYDOT Agency of the Year. Regarding the new cars, the Fusion is scheduled to be in transit around Sept 14th, 2020 and the Transit is scheduled to be built the week of Aug 8th. The wheelchair accessible van provided through a WYDOT grant has an estimated finish date of Aug 4th. No opening date for the center is set yet.

- i. **Town Attorney:** Town Attorney Kitchen reported that it has been quiet month and there are no projects for the town that she is currently working on. Mayor Beckley asked Attorney Kitchen if a councilperson can collect names on a petition; Attorney Kitchen said she would look into it and get back to him.
- j. **Recycling:** No report.

Kurt Steinke (Street Dance):

Kurt reported that the Music Fest is coming up this Friday, Aug 7th. This is an effort to bring music to Ten Sleep since Nowoodstock is cancelled this year, however the fest is not associated with Nowoodstock. The Low Water String Band will perform and there will be four vendors set up on the lawn west of the Senior Center. Two porta potties and a wash station will be set up on the sidewalk. The stage will be set up between Sleepy Coyote and Big Horn Mountain Stage. One block on Pine Street will be shut off and 2nd Street will be closed and traffic re-routed around town during the event. Councilman Dewitt asked if Kurt had spoken with the residents on Pine Street. Kurt stated that he had made efforts to speak with everyone. Mayor Beckley asked that social media posts advertising the event be corrected to not list the Town as a sponsor. Kurt said he would get that taken care of.

Kurt asked that the council approve an extension to their end time to 11pm or midnight so that recorded music can be played while the stage is taken down after the concert. Councilwoman Sweeney made a motion to approve the extension to midnight. Councilwoman Norman 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Cora McGee (Chickens):

Mrs. McGee asked that the council consider a change to ordinance 4-2-5 to allow for residents to raise backyard chickens on their property. Mrs. McGee presented a list of suggested guidelines for residents to follow in order to keep chickens from becoming a nuisance. A petition was also presented to the council containing 27 signatures (23 town residents, 4 out of town residents).

Mayor Beckley stated that pursuing this change would not be a quick thing and that certain steps need to be taken including an open meeting. Councilwoman Truman stated that the council is willing to sit down and discuss the proposal. Councilwoman Norman said she would look into ordinances from other towns who allow chickens and ask about what problems, if any, these town are running into.

Set a date for Special Meeting:

August 19th at 5pm

Building, Business & Vending permits:

Four vendor permits were submitted for the Music Fest on August 7th: Betty Jo Jacks (massages, lasers, oil products), Kurt Steinke (tshirts, books, soap), Leona Smith (hand-crafted jewelry), and Happy Hippy/Sabrina Annand (handmade jewelry). Councilwoman Sweeney made a motion to approve all four vendor permits. Councilwoman Truman 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

A building permit was submitted by Pony Express for a 26x30 addition for bathrooms, storage, and seating. Councilwoman Norman made a motion to pass the building permit. Councilman Dewitt 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Comments:

Councilwoman Sweeney asked if agenda item 6c, Date For Special Meeting For Bills To Be Approved, could be moved on the agenda to precede item #8, Tentative Agenda for Next Council Meeting. Its current agenda location disrupts the flow of the meeting.

The council would like to begin updating a handful of ordinances including those relating to building permits, event permit processes, fire regulations, animals, and junk in yards.

Tentative Agenda for Next Council Meeting:

Business/Building/Vending Permits
Special Meeting Date

Approve Bills:

Councilwoman Sweeney made a motion to approve the bills. Councilman Dewitt 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Vendor	Description	Amount
Tri County Telephone Assoc.	0911	68.52
Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc.	15" & 18" locking lids	303.60
Northern Tool	credit	-39.99
NAPA Auto Parts	filters, oil, battery, belt	361.91
Copenhaver, Kath, Kitchen & Kolpitcke	legal services	150.00
Kennedy Ace Hardware	maint. supplies	118.51
Dave Pomei	mileage for hauling recycling trailer	73.83
Norco, Inc.	oxygen	200.17
Tri County Telephone Assoc.	phone and internet service for town and shop	400.14
ALSCO	rugs	49.05
Washakie Co. Treasurer	sheriff coverage	210.00
Kennedy Ace Hardware	shut off valve	9.99
Washakie co. Ambulance Service	speed block sets	325.00
Henry Schein	supplies	116.64
Pace Analytical Services, Inc.	water test	30.00
	TOTAL	<u>2,377.37</u>

Councilwoman Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Norman 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.


Ernie Beckley – Mayor


Anne Lyman – Acctg Clerk