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and Regular Council Meeting
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A Public Hearing was held before the regular Town Council meeting. Mayor Oler called the Public Hearings to Order at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Sherry Oler, Councilmembers, Brady Hamilton, Archie Hanson, and Zeke Bonella were present. Councilwoman, Mary Anne Robeson was not in attendance.

Svilar, Inc. – There being no public comments, Councilman Brady Hamilton moved to approve the Liquor License for Svilar, Inc., seconded by Councilman Archie Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Union Bar – There being no public comments, Councilman Brady Hamilton moved to approve the Liquor License for Union Bar, seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Oler closed the Public Hearings.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:05p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was announced.

Governing Body Present: Mayor-Elect Sherry Oler, Councilmembers, Brady Hamilton, Archie Hanson, and Zeke Bonella were all present. Councilwoman, Mary Anne Robeson was excused.

City Staff Present: Maintenance Worker, Kim Houle and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman were in attendance. Water Treatment Plant Director, Don Rood and Town Attorney, Rick Sollars were absent due to weather and bad roads.

Audience: Dave Houle, Tyler Downing, Fremont County Fire, and Marsha Anderson, Union Bar owner.

Public Comments: None on the Agenda

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Oler asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the January 10, 2023, council minutes, and the minutes of the Executive Session held January 10, 2023. Also, the financial report, and payment of bills. There were none.

Minutes: correction or approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Council Meeting. Correction or approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Executive Session.

Financial Report: Correction or approval of the January 31, 2023 financial report.

Payment of Bills: Corrections or approval of the payment of bills for February 2023.

Councilman Archie Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes, financial report and payment of bills, seconded by Councilman Brady Hamilton. Motion unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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Mayor's Report
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Town Hall Flood Update: moisture mitigation is complete, and the invoice totaled \$21,277.68. The next step is to repair the damage and the repair estimate is \$67,000. We received the insurance payment for both mitigation and repairs in the amount of \$44,000 and some change. We are actively seeking more bids and I emailed the insurance claims group to re-open the claim and attached the invoice and estimate that we have in support of our claim. I am currently waiting for their response.

Town Hall Roof: during the moisture mitigation process, we discovered several water leaks from the roof. We hired Majors Construction to perform emergency snow and ice removal and asked for an assessment and bid to repair the roof. I received the estimate, and it came in at around \$18,000, which includes replacement of ridge cap (which was installed improperly), install snow bars, elastomeric foam spray at critical junctions, install larger capacity gutters, and run a heat trace in gutters to prevent freezing.

FCAG Meeting: we mostly visited about current legislation up for vote, the January WAM conference, and tapping into resources available to us on the Woy Dept of Audit website, i.e. public funds audit information, and training for Mayors, Town Clerks, Councilmembers, and officers. There was discussion about the new requirement of mayors and councilmembers to be certified by July 1, 2024, regarding budget audit information. I am investigating this information further to find out details about it. Upcoming events were discussed for each municipality and I found out Lander Brewfest is scheduled the same time as Hudson Daze.

Wind River Visitor Council: I met with Helen Wilson and Helen Gordon regarding funding for Hudson Daze and found out the council approved a digital sign grant for us in the amount of \$34,500. NIX Signs out of Casper is a vendor the WRVC has used, and I am currently waiting to confirm an appointment to meet with Helen Wilson, Helen Gordon, and the NIX Signs rep. to select a location and a sign within our budget. It doesn't look like we will be able to coordinate a date that will work for all parties for the 2023 Wind River Rally to return to Hudson.

Future Grant Funding: I met with Kyle Lehto of HDR Engineering regarding grant opportunities and pursuing preliminary engineering reports through Rural Development and Wyoming Water Development. This meeting was very educational, and Kyle and I are planning strategies to tap into more funding opportunities for the Water Treatment Plant, distribution, all infrastructure and sewer lagoon upgrades. My goal is to obtain the funds to repair and upgrade all infrastructure items and establish a future preventative maintenance schedule. In addition, a bid package for new water meters

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will be prepared. Of note, I confirmed with Kyle our 1% tax funds can be used for infrastructure expense, roads, and as matching funds for future grant funding.

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

February 2023

January started off with a mess in many ways. My stepdad came home on hospice after a short hospital stay and passed away peacefully on January 6. I took time to help my mother and support her through the funeral and afterward. I am still traveling to Thermopolis every Friday and Saturday to help her out.

While I was out of the office dealing with pneumonia, pink eye, and then all the funeral and things, Town Hall was being torn up to begin mitigation from the flood damage that occurred over Christmas. A pipe burst in the janitor closet and flooded the main room and the floor in my office. I hear the water was ankle deep in spots. The insurance adjuster came and appraised the damages and Upright Construction was hired to perform the mitigation. All items were removed from the clerk and mayor offices, the electrical room in back, the restrooms, the kitchen, and the janitor closets. These were all stacked in the south side of the hall. The lower cabinets were removed from the kitchen, flooring was taken up, tile was removed, and sheetrock and base were removed so Upright could test and mitigate the damage.

The bill for the mitigation has come in at a little over half of what the adjuster estimated for the entire claim. The bid for repairs is double what the adjuster estimated for the entire claim. We have asked the insurance to reopen the claim and are providing supporting documentation from the contractors for the extensive repairs needed. We are now at a standstill while we investigate how to do the repairs for the money we have received from the insurance. We have asked for other bids for repairs.

There have also been some roof leaks due to the snow accumulation and ice buildup on the building. Major's Construction came out and shoveled the snow off the roof and removed the ice dams and did some minor repairs on the roof. They submitted a proposal to repair the leaks, replace the gutters on the front of the building with the proper size and heat trace as well as install snow bars to prevent ice dams in the future. They also determined that the ridge cap was not properly installed and with the snow and ice amounts, it was able to easily get under the metal and leak into the building. They have proposed to replace the ridge cap as well.

With the offices in chaos and nowhere to do our work, Mayor Oler discontinued the Utility Clerk position and Helen Gordon was let go. I have taken over the utility clerk duties for now. I had Helen come in for a couple of days and help me get bills out and up to speed on LIEAP processes for a couple of days. Now, I have been watching webinars and figuring out the utility billing as I go. It's a learning curve, but I am finding my way.

I was working from home while I was sick and then coming into the office once I felt better, but the musty smell, lack of restroom facilities, and mitigation work was not very easy for me to work around.

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We could not have public in and out of the Hall. The decision was made to relocate the Clerk Office until repairs can be made. We explored several ideas, i.e., putting a job trailer and porta potty outside; setting up in the back of the hall; etc. Then the Hudson Fire Department came to the rescue and offered to let us use the Fire Hall for the time being. Once all the approvals were gathered, I moved my computer and small printer to the Fire Hall. I gather files as needed from Town Hall, and we check the phone messages and drop box daily. We do not have phone capabilities at the Fire Hall, but I have been using my cell phone when necessary. Our new website has been used by many residents to reach out with questions or problems. Things are running quite smoothly, and I am very grateful to the Fire Department for the awesome accommodations! Watch for goodies and food left for your meetings!!

My intern, Taylor, from CWC has been working with me at the Fire Hall and is working on purging and organizing the old files from the upstairs archives. I have printed off the retention schedule put out by the state, and we are following the guidelines. She hauls down several boxes each day and goes through them and shreds old documents and organizes the ones that need to be stored. She has been a wonderful help and is very organized. We have her for this semester which ends in May and then we will revisit with her concerning her plans and our needs.

We have a utility rate study being completed and have met with the gentleman doing the study. He is ready to present his findings and recommendations to the council and would like to request up to ninety (90) minutes of time to present. I will ask for recommendations during the meeting. We are looking at a rate increase in the future for more revenue as well as to pay the loan payments for the new upgrades.

Sherry and I have had several meetings to go over upcoming items, emergent needs (Town Hall repairs), items that may come up (like a flood in the spring with all this snow!) and just bringing Sherry up to speed on the current state of things. Mike had good intentions of helping her through the transition but has had to be out of town for family needs. Sherry is finding her way quickly and grabbing the bull by the horns! While she has a full-time job elsewhere, we are in frequent contact throughout each day, and I am excited to see where she takes Hudson.

There will be a Caselle mini-training in May in Douglas that I am looking into attending. I find these to be very beneficial for my learning as well as networking with my peers throughout the state. Depending on the date of the training, I may not be able to attend because I will be going to Syracuse, NY to see our daughter receive her PhD. But Caselle has their big training in Salt Lake in October and I will be attending that one.

Next month begins the work on preparing the new budget for the next fiscal year. I keep telling myself it seems early, but looking at all the work that has to go into the preparations, and it being my and Mayor Oler's first time doing it, I think it is a good time to begin the preparations! Sherry obtained training videos from WAM for us to watch and I'm sure that will be a big help.

We have several utility accounts that are very overdue. Helen reached out to the residents before she left. I am trying to get up to speed on where those were left off and will be working on trying to collect

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the past due revenues be it from getting them under a set contract amount, filing liens on their property, or take them to small claims court. I have gotten one account under a payment contract so far.

Finally, Hudson Daze will be celebrating its tenth year this June and Becky Nicol has set the date for June 10th and is getting the word out. Hudson Daze – 10 years on County 10. 😊 I am looking forward to participating in this again this year. I'm hoping we will have a good turn out, but as summer is very busy around Fremont County, Hudson Daze falls on the same weekend as Lander's Brewfest.

Water Treatment Plant Report to Council

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Happy Valentine's Day

The Treatment Plant Produced 1,708,445 Gallons in for the Month of January 2023, averaging 55,111 gallons per day. Cold weather and taps flowing to prevent freeze issues continue to affect production.

I experienced a bout with Covid 19 and was under the weather for about a week, so the January Bacteriological sample was taken on January 23rd by John Nation. It was received by the state health lab in the necessary time frame. The testing report was satisfactory with free and total chlorine residuals recorded. Hats off to John for taking care of this.

The storage container for the used operational spare membrane cassette has been completed, however the replacement of the membrane cassettes failed due to the reducing bushings to attach the cassettes to the manifold in the membrane tank were not compatible with the new ones. We had to reassemble the old membranes back into the tank. Suez, now known as Veolia, was contacted immediately upon discovering the issue. They acknowledged the mistake and will be sending the proper bushings. As of today, they have not arrived.

We've had another heating system failures at the plant in January. I did have to call Sweetwater Aire as we couldn't get the unit to run more than 30 seconds. When the tech arrived, he couldn't find the problem, nor could he get the unit to run more than 30 seconds either. He ended up cleaning the flame detector probes which solved the problem. Important note, the furnace in the main building is not adequate to keep a safe temperature when it's lower than -20 degrees Fahrenheit. We experienced a couple of nights approaching -40 degrees which brought the temperature inside the plant down to nearly 40 degrees. A furnace failure at this point would have been a disaster.

Kim has done a good job on snow removal at the plant.

The emergency generator had an issue with starting in the cold weather on the 30th of January. No alarms noted on why, but SCADA showed Shutdown. After temperatures moderated, I had electrician on standby just in case there was an issue clearing the fault and manually running the generator. I was

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able to manually start the unit and place it back into automatic mode and trick in into a test mode. This was successful and we're ok.

The two electrical heaters in our chemical rooms that have failed have been addressed. We have a bad contactor on one which has been ordered and a fixable thermostat issue on the other that was addressed.

I've cut back all I am comfortable with for plant improvement and necessary items to help alleviate the budget crunch were facing. Some online monitoring that is not reportable to the EPA is going to be handled in our lab. Decommissioning, old obsolete and unnecessary online monitoring will save money now and in the future. It's been a struggle trying to get the plant back to where it should be due to not spending for upkeep and maintenance in the past. I'm still Leary of walking into something unforeseen with the ageing plant.

Council Report for the month of February 2023

1/9/23-1/14/23

DMR filed and 2022 is completed with all reports to DEQ.

Tractor is now tuned, brush hog is serviced, and new oil in tractor ready for the spring.

E-coli samples are coming down from last month's readings. Ordered filters for Blowers for need to change #1 Blower. Snow removal is also this week workload. We had some extra leaks from roof this week covered all equipment with plastic to protect assets.

The backhoe alternator has failed ordered a new one was wrong one and as of the 25th I am still trying to get the right one.

On the 12th we moved all the stuff out of Katy's office, Sherry's office janitors closet and back room to give the Up Right construction clean rooms so we wouldn't have to pay for them doing it for us. Got John Nation and Char to help got it done.

Finished up all last minute clean up on the 13th and UP Right started tear out. For mitigation.

1/16-1/21

Was out for the count on Monday due to being sick but back at it on Tuesday after talking with Sherry on Monday started off by trying to get dump truck started ended up towing to water plant to get out of back area cleaned out map room for Kathy office but since then things change she is now as of the 25th at firehall, The 17th painted maintenance office to prep move of my office from town hall to maintenance building got office moved and also painted shop bathroom and made nicer beings will be there for a bit maybe permanent. The week was the move cleaning regular duties as necessary. Glad it is the time of year it made it easier to find the time to do all the extra work to get thing functional. Everything at Lagoon is working this week and other than a filter change and fixing the gate all is ok.

1/23-1/27

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This week started with more snow removal moving computer over to new office and waiting for the famous Wind River Internet people, “not” but as of Wednesday and after our tech I am up and running and able to produce this writing along with other necessary office type duties.

Backhoe is tore apart waiting for right parts to fix, did fix some wiring that was some of the problems and waiting for John Deere to get back with me with the wrong alternator mentioned earlier in this report. We had some heating issues at water plant this week, but Don got it taken care of.

Spent some time getting information to Sherry on some of the lagoon and sewer issues that we were working on now she will try to find the funds for us to make all necessary repairs and replacements. Discovered a few more leaks at town hall due to roof and ice.

132 s ILIINOIS the folks that live there contacted me after 4pm on the 25th and wasn't able to do anything until they moved their truck that was over the meter pit which had large sums of water coming out the 26th with the help of Precision Dirt works we got up the lid got the water turned off and determined that they needed to dig it up turned out that the old meter pit failed and they need a new on got ta new one over to the address to be installed by Precision Dirt works and they are also running new line under the house due to old galvanized water lines should all be completed on the 26th all fixed

1/30-2/3

Cold, Monday walked to work fixed backhoe with the installation of new alternator had a small issue with the ford I think it is due to cold so will minimize filled and treated tank so hopefully when I do have to be out in the extreme cold it will not act up.

Continue study towards level one water, hope to take test sometime in February or fist part of March weather permitting.

We had a request on Tuesday to shut water off at a resident's house due to frost plate breaking on meter shut off valve did not work got water shut off Tuesday night with homeowner dropped off new plate for his plumber house on Indiana and second across from church.

Water is frozen up on Thursday of this week at maintenance building, never had issue all line are inside are warm so must be between building and curb stop wherever that may be tried to locate to much other stuff that is metal to know dug around without any luck finding. Water is working as of Friday the 3rd steamer worked it might be a piece of equipment we may want to consider someday. Heat at town hall is minimum not maintaining well got water running by use of a knife under flapper on toilet that was left. Keith's ideal, worked. We will need to contact gas company to get gas meter unsealed so we can get at least one of the large heaters in backed fired up to insure at least 50 degrees back there, front area is struggling to maintain 50 deg.

2/6-2/10

Changed blower #2 air filter on Monday due to restrictions. Went to Riverton to Sutherlands to pick up insulation installed at town hall where it was missing due to mitigation. This week was Wyoming professional water and wastewater operator week Thank you Governor for the recognition. Sanded on Tuesday school route and intersections leading to highway do to melting and freezing. Also talked with

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Kyle about priorities on lagoon will discuss with council about what is critical and what needs to be done but is not critical. Pros and cons of prefiltration prior to lift station. If appropriate to do so at this time if not at latter date Wednesday did labs and ran them to Riverton, monthly and e-coli meter check at 249 S Missouri found in back yard no reader on pit will wait for new meters do not want to use my last meter beings their water is still working Checked lift station around 2pm on Wednesday and we have a pump that has a faulty seal so Joe McVey with Imperial pumps ordered parts and will install when they arrive in a week or so, still functions just a daily mess to clean up. Had Char at maintenance to clean office and bathroom to make sure she got some hours being town hall is closed. Thursday continue to clean out lift station of raw sewage. Will have to do this till new parts come in. with new subs coming to check town hall hopefully by doing so will result in the lower of the cost to put things back together. As of Thursday I do not think we have decided to have the gas turned on at town hall to run back heater or heaters. Informed John Nation of situation at lift station so he knows what to do extra when he checks on weekends. Finished up week by doing miscellaneous things in shop and else where as needed .

MOTION: Councilmember Brady Hamilton moved to approve the reports and Councilmember Archie Hanson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Business Ready Grant Progress: This is the project for the waterline to Frank's Butcher Shop and nearby residences. Engineers are still preparing to send the project out for bid. Mayor Oler she met with Kyle Lehto from HDR and found out the money is ready. We are just waiting on Frank's to start the work. Councilman Brady Hamilton will call Franks and see what their timeline is to begin the work.

State Revolving Fund Loan: for the Water Treatment Plant upgrades and new water meters has been approved by the Board and we have received the fully-executed loan documents. We have the opportunity to have up to forty-one percent (41%) of the loan funds forgiven, if we meet certain parameters. Mayor Oler reported that she has met with Kyle Lehto and is looking for more information regarding the meters. She stated that Pavillion is using a different meter than originally anticipated. Kyle is looking into the other meters and will advise. Councilman Brady Hamilton advised that he would like the town to partner with Riverton and Lander and get the same meters. This would allow for part sharing if things break. Making less time to have to order parts or keep parts on hand. Discussion was also held on whether or not installation would be included in the bid. Maintenance worker, Kim Houle would like to include meter pits as well. Discussion ensued about the town not having meter pits for about three-fourths of the residences. Meter pits are very expensive at approximately five hundred sixty dollars (\$560.00) each. While they would be good to have, and would make the future better, the town is not able to bill new meter pits to every resident in town. There would also be additional costs of digging up the newly paved streets to shut off the water to install new meter pits. It was decided the costs associated with new meter pits would be too much for

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the town to take on at this time. We may be able to include a few critical location meter pits. Mayor Oler will have Kyle investigate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melinda Sealander – Mobile Home permit and Application for Sewer and Water

Melinda Sealander bought the lots containing the old car wash and would like to put a mobile home where indicated on the map.

Address: 580 Oklahoma (block 48, lots 10, 11, 12)

Mobile Home: 2009 SPRVI 16' X 60' single-wide with porch

Will be placed on two lots of the existing acreage. .46-acre lot with 1 existing home 1147 sq. ft.

Councilman, Brady Hamilton made a motion to approve the Set Back permit and Mobile Home Permit. Councilman, Zeke Bonella seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mayor Oler asked the Council about changing the name of the Set Back Permit to more of a Building Permit. A discussion was held regarding terminology of the various permits and language. It was decided to discuss this further with Attorney Sollars and get more information.

CLOSURE OF TOWN HALL: Water break at Town Hall and remediation information. There was a water break at town hall on Christmas Day. The break has been repaired and the Town is working with contractors to collect bids for repairs. Town Hall has been closed and the Clerk's Office is temporarily relocated to the Fire Hall until further notice. Town Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman gave a heartfelt thank you to the Fire District for opening their doors to her office. She is very grateful to have a warm place to work. Her thoughts were seconded by the mayor and those present.

INSURANCE CLAIM, MITIGATION AND REPAIRS: The town has reopened our insurance claim based on the amount of damages from the water break and the difference between the adjuster's estimate and bids for repairs. Mayor Oler reported that the insurance adjuster estimate came in at less than fifty percent (50%) of the bid estimate we received. Mayor Oler has asked for additional bids. Upright Construction sent the Claims Adjuster more information regarding their bid for repairs.

Maintenance worker, Kim Houle spoke about the need to have heat in the back room of the Town Hall to prevent further freezing. She stated that all heat in the electrical room had been turned off in the summer and was never turned back on before freezing weather. She is working with Black Hills Energy to get the gas hooked back up to the heaters in the back room area. They will have to set a new meter.

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Marsha Anderson asked how much water there was in the flood damage and how it escalated so quickly. Kim Houle explained that the water was ankle deep in some spots and that the floor drain in the kitchen did not work and she had to push the water into the bathrooms. Marsha Anderson stated that she feels like the mitigation was overdone based on the amount of water and damages. Kim stated she didn't feel it was overdone and advised that she was a contractor in the past. She stated that she has known Dave from Upright Construction for a long time and he is a good man. Kim further stated that Seth from Upright has had huge success dealing with insurance companies. Marsha asked how the town will ever be able to come up with the money to make the building functional again and stated again that she feels like Upright went overboard. Kim disagreed with that statement and explained all that goes into mitigation and what all has to be removed when it gets wet from water damage. Marsha stated that it is ridiculous that the building cannot be used and asked if water damage on the floor constituted having to tear out toilets and sinks and cabinets on the wall. Marsha does not think Upright was truthful in their assessment of what needed to be removed and basically gutted the building. Kim stated that they had to remove all that to test for asbestos and mold and she was happy to report that they found neither. It is all ready to go back together as soon as the town awards the bid. She also stated that another option would be to do the repairs ourselves and buy the materials. Kim does not want to get a bad repair job from low bidders. There will be more bids coming in this week.

ROOF REPAIRS: At this point Mayor Oler advised that with the recent snow accumulation, there have been some roof leaks from the ice dams building up and ice melting and running under the eaves causing leaks inside the building. The most damage was from a large ice jam on the front side of the building by the mayor and clerk offices. We have a proposal for replacement of the gutters, heat trace, and installation of snow bars as well as replacement of the faulty ridge cap and repairing flashing in several locations on the roof. The council members reviewed the bid for the roof repairs and had discussion about needing the roof repaired before repairing the flood damage. A motion was made by Council Member Zeke Bonella to approve the bid for the roof repairs and gutter replacement on Town Hall. Council Member Brady Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Oler will accept the bid and return to the contractor.

UTILITY RATE STUDY: Mr. Brian Boettcher from Midwest Assistance Program in Casper has put together a rate study for the Town and would like to present his findings and recommendations to the Council. He will need approximately ninety (90) minutes to present to the Council. The Clerk explained to the Council that Mr. Boettcher would like to come and present at the March council meeting. Discussion was had on time allotment and it was decided to ask him for the documents to review before his arrival so the council can be up to speed and the Council will set up a meeting for him to present his recommendations one hour before the March Council meeting. The Clerk will advertise the next Council meeting as starting at 5:00 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m. and explain the presentation should residents wish to attend.

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BUILDING PERMITS/DIGGING PERMITS: Mayor Oler wanted to discuss having a permit for digging on town property from local residents or contractors. This would ensure any damage to Town property from residents or contractors from digging up lines that go into the street will be repaired correctly when the digging is complete. Discussion about digging on individual property ensued. Where is the line? It should be anywhere past the property line onto town property. When they cross their property onto town property, they need a digging permit stating they agree to restore the town property to its original condition. Councilman Archie Hanson questioned if we already have an ordinance in place for such activities. The Clerk will investigate and see what she can find. Councilman Brady Hamilton advised that most other towns in Fremont County require compaction inspections for permits. Who will Hudson have inspect before the repairs are covered? Mayor Oler stated this issue needs more insight and will do some more research on it. Town Clerk, Kathy Shoopman advised that there is an email blast through WAMCAT she can pose the question to other municipalities. The members decided that would be a good idea and asked her to send out the question.

Councilman Brady Hamilton questioned the Town's current fee schedule for Tap Fees, Cemetery fees, etc. and would like to review those. It was stated that the rate study may cover those fees as well and the council can review the fee schedule after the rate study presentation. Clerk Kathy Shoopman advised this was another question that could be put out via WAMCAT eblast.

OTHER COMMENTS: Maintenance worker, Kim Houle advised the council that the lift station is currently failing due to a blown seal. She is using John Nation as back up to run checks on the lift station and clean it until the repairs can be made.

Mayor Oler advised that Kyle Lehto with HDR is in touch with her and has been discussing various funding for failures with water systems and sewer systems in municipalities. They are working together on a DEQ/EPA grant that is available right now. The application deadline is February 28.

Kim Houle mentioned ways that some waste can be recycled for other uses. Councilman Brady Hamilton questioned is the town wanted to look into replacing the sewer lagoons to a fully mechanical plant. Kim advised against this explaining that the required skill level for a plant is higher which would mean more schoolings and more costs. She further advised that if we can repair the lagoons we have now, it will be fine for years if all the fixes are able to be made.

Kim explained about the cells and updates to the aeration system, inspections, etc. Kim feels lagoons are more than adequate for Hudson. She said she will have to drudge the lagoons this summer.

Mayor Oler stated that she will continue to work with Kyle on getting grant funding and thinks the money is promising for the town.

ADJOURNMENT:

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There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Archie Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Brady Hamilton. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Mayor, Sherry Oler

Excused

Councilwoman, Mary Anne Robeson

Councilman, Archie Hanson

Councilman, Zeke Bonella

Councilman, Brady Hamilton

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