

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
380 West 8th Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
March 14, 2023

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:03p.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: Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman and Town Attorney, Rick Sollars were present.

Audience: Dave Houle, Marsha Anderson, Danny Svilar, Mary Wakefield, and Lauri Shoopman.

Proclamation for National Service Recognition Day: Lauri Shoopman, Director of the Foster Grandparent Program, addressed the council and explained the background for National Service Recognition Day. Mayor Oler recognized the importance of recognizing those in our community who serve others. Mayor Oler signed the Proclamation proclaiming March 17, 2023 as National Service Recognition Day for the Hudson Community.

Public Comments: Marsha Anderson next addressed the council regarding hosting the Van Life Rally in Hudson in June. Marsha advised that Amy Hamilton has agreed to allow the vans to park and camp in their field out by the calving sheds. Josiah is excited about returning to Fremont County. Marsha said the rally provides for all insurance, sanitation, and other needs. Kai's will be catering a meal and there will be local bands performing during their stay. Marsha further advised that the van life participants would like to do a community service project during their stay. She is thinking of replacing the fence and painting the crosses at the Goldstar Memorial Park. They also plan to have a band on the patio of the Union Bar and asked the council to consider waiving the open container law and blocking off 2nd Street and Main to allow participants to walk freely between the Union and Svilar during the event. They have spoken with WRTA Bus lines about running a shuttle from the camp to town.

Attorney Sollars asked about security and how they plan to watch for underage drinkers or someone buying alcohol for kids. A discussion was held regarding requirements for security and Marsha agreed to contact the Fremont County Sheriff's Office to look into hiring an off duty deputy. The possibility of more than just the van life participants coming for the bands was discussed and Marsha stated that they welcome anyone who would like to come.

Councilman Brady Hamilton moved to waive the open container ordinance for June 17th from noon to midnight for the areas from 1st Street to 3rd Street to include the sidewalks, Memorial Park, and one block east of the highway with areas to be blocked off. Councilman Archie Hanson seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Danny Svilar stated the businesses are very excited to have the rally back again and it will certainly be a great boost to Hudson. The Rally will take place from June 15 through June 20th. Marsha stated that she has been working with Helen Gordon to look into getting some grant funding to help pay for the bands for the rally. She stated they need council approval to apply for grants.

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Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to approve Helen Gordon and Marsha Anderson to apply for grant funding for the Van Life Rally and authorization for Mayor Oler to sign said grants. Councilman Brady Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marsha Anderson then asked what happened to the funds from the Hudson VFW when they took the post away. She wrote to the VFW regarding repair of the memorial in Goldstar Park. Eagle Bronze put it in and they said they can come and clean it up and fix the plaque. Marsha advised that it was believed that the funds went to other VFW posts in the state. Rick Sollars stated he thought it went to the Lander post. Councilman Zeke Bonella stated that the Hudson VFW did a large donation to the Fire Department before they were disbanded. There could be some funds around to help repair the memorial.

Danny Svilar stated that Svilar Park is not as accessible as it should be and would like to follow up on who owns the lot adjacent to the park and get it cleaned up.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: correction or approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

Financial Report: Correction or approval of the February 28, 2023, financial report.

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

Mayor Oler asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the February 14, 2023, council minutes, financial report, or payment of bills. There were none.

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

Mayor's Report

March, 2023

Firstly, I would like to thank our volunteer fire department for their continued tolerance of town business invading their space. I cannot thank you all enough for letting us use your space.

Town Hall Repair: Our insurance claim was sent to another benefit specialist. After discussion of the bids, I told him Upright was cheaper and would be fine for repairs. He said he would negotiate a price with Upright for the repairs and he hoped to close out the claim by March 10. We may still have to pony up some money for the repairs, but that amount should be minimal. We also discussed loss of revenue and displacement

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expenses incurred and Kathy submitted a letter for a displacement expense claim of around \$5,000. I am anxious to start repairs.

Town Hall Roof: Materials for the roof repair are ordered and when our roof is clear, the work will begin.

Wind River Visitor Council: Helen Wilson, Helen Gordon and I are working with Casey @ Nix Signs for the new digital sign install in Hudson. I was hoping to install it in front of Town Hall by the cart or on the side of the building. Options will be forthcoming and more information to follow. We have received our WVRC annual check and it's posted to the Hudson Daze line item to defray event costs.

Future Grant Funding: By the "skin of our teeth" we successfully met the application deadline to the Wyoming Water Development Commission for preparation of Hudson's Master Plan. After the plan is complete, it will be a working model to support all future grant applications involving the WTP, distribution and the sewer lagoon.

Flood Preparations: We have received several inquiries regarding sandbags. I spoke with Milan Vinich about flood mitigation resources. Milan met with Kim to inventory supplies in the Homeland Security Trailer at the WTP. She also took him to look at the sandbags stockpiled at the old Fire Hall. I also spoke with Brian Rohrbacher about a sandbag fill gathering with plans to stack them on pallets, store them in the old Fire Hall and be ready for delivery, if needed. There is a "flood summit" in April in Casper, but I won't make it. Milan has promised to share all information with me. Kathy had a great suggestion to create a Hudson flood policy regarding how and where to get sandbags and to post it. I think it is a great idea and FCEMA sent out information that we can use as a model to that end.

WAM/Legislative Update: I spent several weeknights "burning the midnight oil" sending letters to Senators and Representatives asking for their support of several bills up for consideration. In the end, I feel like my efforts were specifically rewarded when the Direct Distribution bill passed. Hudson will receive an additional \$13,000 in revenue in the coming year and the year after. Also a bill passed that increases the cap on bidding construction projects from \$35,000 to \$75,000. Lastly, a property tax relief bill passed granting low-income earners a 50% rebate of paid property taxes. Obviously there is more that passed, but those are the highlights I thought are most important to Hudson.

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FCAG Meeting: the last meeting was a flop because I could not stay connected with the group on Zoom. The next meeting is Thursday in Dubois at 1:00. I plan to attend in person as I would like to meet one on one with Mayor Richardson regarding the potential of trading our WYDOT dump truck for some other equipment that we could get more use from (for example a blade for the Chevy pick-up). Also, Kim has problems operating our large zero turn mower and I believe Dubois was looking for something similar. I am hoping to do some trading with Mayor Neveau as well.

Water Meters: we are in the final stages of purchasing the new water meters. Kyle Lehto is finding out if we can purchase the product directly from the supplier and then proceed with bidding for installation of the meters. If we don't already have answers by the time of the council meeting, we will by the end of the week.

I met with several people this month and some of those topics are on the Meeting Agenda. I am working to build/strengthen Hudson's relationships with several organizations. This may take a while, but I am confident we will be successful.

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

March 2023

For being the shortest month of the year, February seemed to go on forever. Maybe it was just the weather, but I know it was very busy and never ending!

The Clerk's office was busy this month with many residents discovering we have relocated to the Fire Hall and have been stopping by to 'get the scoop' about Town Hall. I have been fielding questions and updating with the information that 'we are in the bidding and insurance process and hope to be back in Town Hall soon.' Most residents have been very understanding about the move, while others question the need to relocate, the amount of damage to the Town Hall, the cost of repairs, etc. We are trying to keep the community updated, but so far it is all just waiting for answers from insurance and schedules from contractors.

I am finding my way around the utility billing process and learning more as I go. I've watched several webinar videos on Caselle which have helped a lot. I was able to do the billing and get everything out on time this month so that was encouraging. My intern was snowed in for several days and couldn't get down the mountain so while she would normally help with folding newsletters and stuffing envelopes, I took them home and recruited grandkids to help me.

We have received our annual grant funding from the Wind River Visitor's Council. This will be used for advertising and supplies for Hudson Daze in June.

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We also received notice that the legislature passed a bill which will net Hudson an additional \$13,000 in our direct distribution funds in the coming year and in the following year as well.

We have a utility rate study being completed and have met with the gentleman doing the study. He will be here to present the findings before the council meeting this month. We are looking at a rate increase in the near future for more revenue as well as to pay the loan payments for the new upgrades.

Mayor Oler and I continue to be in contact regularly throughout the day and have had several meetings to go over upcoming items. Even though she still has a full-time job elsewhere, she is doing great at running the town and knowing what is going on. She has been working with various people to find more grant funds and keeps on top of pending items and follows up on them. I am excited to see the changes she brings to Hudson.

Sherry and I have been watching webinars, studying what we can and trying to get as prepared as we can to begin the preparations for the new budget for the next fiscal year. We are hoping to be able to tap some help from Sharon Anderson if needed. She left with such a wealth of knowledge and can help us if we get stuck, I'm sure.

We still have several utility accounts that are very overdue. Helen reached out to the residents before she left. I am still trying to get up to speed on where those were left off and will be working on trying to collect the past due revenues be it from getting them under a set contract amount, filing liens on their property, or taking them to small claims court. I have gotten one account under a payment contract and have been in contact with others and they have made some payment arrangements. I am trying to get a handle on overdue accounts and get them caught up as much as possible.

Even with all the snow on the ground, we are gearing up for various activities. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Fire Hall this year due to the amount of snow still in the park. The hunt will be on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. Any candy donations are welcome to be dropped off at the Fire Hall during business hours.

There has been some water damage and issues at the town rental house. Sherry and I met with the tenant and her mom and it was decided that due to the damages, condition of the property and health of the tenant, Mayor Oler will ask her to vacate the house. She would like to get it boarded up and have the plumbing blown out and discuss with council some alternatives. I think everyone would agree that the house should not be inhabited in its present condition and would take more money than it would bring it up to a livable condition.

We have been working on flood plans with emergency management and have had numerous calls about how the town plans to protect the residents and availability of sandbags and such. Mayor Oler has been in contact with Milan Vinich and he and Kim have done an inventory of what the town has on hand for supplies. No one knows what the runoff will be like and what may happen, but being prepared in advance is a good idea.

I have been approached by several residents about beautifying the parks. The fence around Memorial Park is in sore need of repairs or replacement. Mayor Oler is looking at a new grant from WRVC for outdoor areas that maybe this could fall under.

Our Intern from CWC has made great gains in the upper level of the old fire hall at Town Hall. She has sorted and organized and shredded and cleaned for hours and hours. I downloaded the Records Retention Schedule from the State website and we have followed it in deciding what to keep and what needs to be destroyed. Any historical and significant documents have been preserved and kept as well as documents that we are required to keep for a set amount of time. These will all be organized and stored appropriately upstairs once we get it all

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cleaned out. We have her until May when CWC breaks for Summer and are hoping to complete this project and others by that time. Taylor has been a great asset to Hudson and to the Clerk's office!

Hudson Daze will be coming up soon as well. This year it will be on June 10 since it is the tenth anniversary. The Van Life Rally was unable to find a comparable time frame with the Wind River Visitor's Council and the Town to hold their rally this year, but some of the business owners have stepped in and are working with them to have them come to the area anyway and possibly have some live music in the park and fun things to do around Hudson without any input from the visitor council. Marsha Anderson and Danny Svilar have asked to be on the Agenda to discuss plans in the works.

Just a note of my upcoming absence, I will be out of the office from May 9th (Council meeting – take good notes for me!) through May 16th. We are traveling to Syracuse, New York for our daughter's graduation with her PhD. I am making plans for Taylor to be here to man the phones and take Utility payments. I will be available via cell phone and checking in by email. It is before the utility cut off and things should be fairly quiet, I hope. But I have faith that between Taylor and Sherry the Clerk's office will be in good hands.

Once again, I am so very grateful to the Fire District for allowing us to invade the Fire Hall and provide a nice warm place to conduct business. I hope they are still able to work around my boxes and stuff scattered about. I try to keep it contained. Again, thank you so much! We appreciate all that you do!

Water Treatment Plant Report to Council

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The Treatment Plant Produced 1,715,959 Gallons in for the Month of February 2023, averaging 61,284 gallons per day.

The February Bacteriological sample was collected and made it to the State Lab in Cheyenne on time and was satisfactory. The collection was difficult last month due to closed roads and severe temperatures which made the sampling impossible most of the month. The sample must be collected and delivered to the Lab within 30 hours and not frozen to be tested.

The proper bushings for our new membrane cassettes finally arrived. I had to pick them up at the facility in Riverton as they had not delivered them due to the town hall being closed and the driver failing to read the sign on the door. They had been stored on the dock for several days. The Lagoon sample coolers were also being held on their dock. I picked them up also gave the manager instructions as to where the deliveries were to be made.

We installed the new cassettes in tank #4, LPM #2, disposing of 2 non repairable cassettes on Tuesday March 7. We salvaged reusable parts from the disposed cassettes and placed the four remaining usable units in the storage tote for future use if necessary. John Nation, Justin Davis, Kim Houle and I participated in the event as a team effort and training exercise.

LPM #2 failing MIT's (Membrane Integrity Tests) after membrane replacements. New Membranes are holding fine. Found air leak on Tank #3, cassettes 5 or 6. Scheduling O ring replacement asap.

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LPM #1 still has issues passing MIT's with air leaking from Tank #1, left side, which had new O rings replaced on all cassettes in tank 1. Tank #3 has leakage that has not been addressed yet.

We had another heating system failures at the plant on Monday the 12th. I did have to call Sweetwater Aire as we had lost power to the main furnace. Jerry Cox at ITCET was not available. This happened after checking the furnace due to low output temperatures and the plant being down to 54 degrees. John and I had checked all breakers and found no issues there. The tech found the problem after about 20 minutes of trouble shooting. The safety interlock door for the unit is defective due to a rotation problem from opening and closing the control panel door putting the switch position out of sync. We can keep the furnace operational until the new interlock switch is obtained and installed by rotating the switch manually. The part is over 10 days out.

ORC from Torrington's WTP called on March 8 to discuss the Town of Opal's Mayor contacting him about RO plants. He told the mayor, Tony Ritzdorf, operation and maintenance was critical and couldn't be neglected. I agreed with the Torrington operator's statement as we discussed what happened here in Hudson with our RO unit.

He asked for permission to give Mayor Ritzdorf my phone number, which I agreed to. The mayor called me shortly thereafter and we discussed the same issues. He called from Hudson but was in a hurry to get back home and didn't have time to have me come out and show him our RO unit. Opal is considering a RO plant for their town, and he was gathering information. We shared contact information and will discuss more later.

The pink and brown water issue is hopefully going to be put to rest. I've purchased a small mixer to hopefully solve the suspected settling problem in the day tank the permanganate pump draws from. The overfeed and underfeed for concentrations are raising havoc in our system from a consumer's standpoint. This is NOT a health issue, but an aesthetic issue. More operator training and monitoring is being worked on.....

Kim has done an excellent job on snow removal at the plant. The hand work is appreciated. She is taking her level 1 water treatment exam in Casper on the 15th of this month. I'm expecting John to level 2 test soon.

The routine sanitary survey for Hudson's drinking water is taking place on June 8 of this year. Prep is taking place for this endeavor. The CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) is also being readied. I expect John and Kim to be involved in the final preparation and disseminating this report.

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Council report for March 2023

2/13-2/17

This week as started off with a continuation of issues not yet resolved with lift station, got second street cleared a bit of snow in road by intersection to highway Business owners and home owners need to be more mindful of chocking road ways down due to their snow piles, recommend that snow piles be on property owners land as much as possible to keep roads wide enough for traffic. There are other areas of concern but had several people complain of this intersection so now taken care of took about an hour. Gas company contacted this Monday to try to get gas on at town hall it will be a few days for the Planner to call to discus our meter it doesn't show up so it may be a while. Will keep posted on this situation. Went over some old town repairs and lining that was done in 2009 that has proven to have failed towards lagoon, so I am proposing we consider having more sewer line inspections this year to start marking off bad and good areas. This should be done a maximum of every five years the whole system but as I have purposed before, to try to break town up into five sections on a rotation will insure our system is working and clear. I know these cost add up, but if they are kept up like we should instead of wait till it breaks approach, in the long hall saves money, and emergencies always cost more due to the fact it is an emergency. I know we will be going over new budgets soon so this along with other items of concern I hope to bring to attention.

Tuesday we got a door and a seat 200 a piece for the white chevy got a new instrument panel ordered and will be put in Friday the 24th then I can start to get new old parts put on will most likely need a new battery also, there is some minor body work that I will do to the passenger rocker panel so will need to pick up[a few things from Napa in order to get this done. So for less than 1200 to 1500 hundred we will have one truck that will not need much, other than up keep touched base with Joe McVey with Imperial pumps on eta for getting pump fixed still waiting for parts. So, no news yet.

Wednesday lift station is getting worse with the one pump, there may be a cycling issue going on will have it verified and corrected if true. Snow removal today, by hand Don wanted John nations to do some of the larger areas himself using backhoe. Will do the lagoon are on Thursday. Got the used parts for the chevy and also got the lagoon snow drifts plowed along with continued lift station watch.

2/20-2/24 The weekend the lift station was watch by John Nation and logged in book by myself called out on Saturday to place cone to warn drivers of issue with a large hole developed by ice on 3rd and the hwy. Monday lift station still working but still leaking 181 Illinois over sewer issue located it for them so that their plumber knows where main sewer line runs if they cant resolve back in 2009 we had it lined in that alley will keep a close eye on the situation dropped off 2003 chevy to have new instrument cluster put in an picked up supplies to do the body work for passenger side of the truck parts are to be in for lift station before Monday the 27th

2/27/23- 3/3/23

Started off this week with getting snow removed around gates so as to have a wider arc , started repairs to the chevy door removed and drivers seat and started body work on rocker panel Tuesday confirmed part are in for lift station repaired fence at water plant to adjust as not to drag on ground, continue to monitor lift station helped get sand bags for restraint due to flooding into their basement continue to work on Chevy. Wed the 1st did labs and added signs to order with Dons Bluebook order along with lock out kit for shop, fixed ford due to failure of fuel filter I had no clue how that much fuel could come out of the engine department Thanks to Zeke and my husband, Dave's help I learned how to replace and with great relief realized I didn't loose a truck So thank you for another lesson on repairs will order another fuel filter so I have one on hand Joe with Imperial pump solutions showed up at 11:30 am and by 11:45 am we started repairs on lift station took a couple hours but mechanical seal has been replace and once again I learned something new, very dirty job, continued to work on Chevy should be ready to paint by early next week. Called out to hose on corner of

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6th and Ohio due to frozen lines informed Resident that they would have to call plumber our meter was fine this was on Saturday the 4th
3/6 -3/10

Monday started with Sow Removal at all town properties and fire hall. Lift station seem to be back to operating as attended although now I am logging which pump is running. I need to have John with me at least an hour per week to be able to egress into lift station to log hours on pumps and to verify canisters on compressors do not have water in them. This is something by all rights should be done at the bare minimum of once a week and eventually with a new lift station would be daily items to be done and if there were two would be done now. Have issues getting to River due to high snow loads both on the way I need to access and safety to access river due to large snow amounts. Contacted DEQ regarding this requirement per quarter. My snowshoes are not large enough to distribute my weight never used before and tried them over the weekend not a good result. It would most likely be an all-day event to walk in and the high danger of not knowing where the river edge is to chip ice. Katherine McCrea with DEQ DMR compliance told me that to mark it on the form as an environmental issue that we could not take sample due to condition and safety due to snow and Ice. So, we will not be doing the PH sample this quarter. Water samples taken from 264 N Ohio due to resident complaint on turbidity sample taken and dropped off to Don at water plant renter was very concerned for her safety, after 20 minutes of talking with her she I think is no longer worried. On Tuesday spent a few hours at water plant helping change out membrane cassettes. Lift station this Tuesday had water in both compressors bulbs that had to be emptied call into Joe McVey to see all the potential reason why both are filling up will have to keep a close eye on this due to pumps will not prim when air compressors bulbs are full of water. Lift station is proving to be a failing structure that needs to be address sooner than late. Water plant on Tuesday to help change out some cassettes and o rings for 3 hour and 40 minutes John helped me early afternoon to work on lift station to verify working right and then back to babysitting the lift station. Towns rental property has a broken line, and the basement is full of water Renter said she hasn't had hot water for months it only worked for a couple weeks so who knows how long water has been leaking into basement.
Response to work order for 608 Oklahoma

City plumbing has been called, basement full of water. like stated in council report in past this rental is a Liability to the town. It has mold and now with the water in the basement this will be greatly increased. This house has no insulation. water issues, and now again with water in the basement it continues to degrade the overall structure. The Renter has no clue when to notify with issues, example when I was there yesterday, she stated, " I had hot water for about two weeks have not had hot water now for I think 3 months." Has this issue been leaking for over three months jeopardizing the very foundation that the structure sits on and of course increasing the mold within the structure. I highly recommend condemning the structure or selling it. If we want to retain the property, put it to better use as a overflow structure for city storage but the house is trash. Tear it down and have a lot that could be rented out to a Mobil home of sorts. I have included this with in my counsel report.

Respectfully

Kimberly Houle

Wednesday the 8th e-coli sample done. Chevy has been painted not the best finish but matches, Rental house has had pipe fixed but water heater may need replaced, Lift station solenoids to keep water out of compressors are bad so we are babysitting until new parts come in again painted the balls orange so we can see better from the top of the lift station. We even manage to work a bit off and on on Lagoon operation manual

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I am taking my level 1 water test on Wednesday the 15th so hope I pass 1st time.

Thursday continue to keep an eye on Lift station and work on cleaning shop up garbage removal from town hall due to Tayler cleaning up records from up stairs and working on Lagoon operation manual between other duties.

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

Old Business:

BUSINESS READY GRANT PROGRESS – This is the project for the water line to Frank’s Butcher Shop and nearby residences. Councilman Hamilton may know more on their timeline. Mayor Oler reported that she has been in contact with Kyle Lehto. Kyle has sent a redline to the engineers on the project advising them of some changes. The Town is also responsible for managing the grant and submitting invoices and reports to the state.

STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN for Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and new meters has been approved and we have received the fully executed loan documents. Kyle Lehto of HDR is working with Mayor Oler to investigate the meter purchasing requirements. There is the possibility of saving some money by going with meters that can be read by just driving by without the uplink. The loan only provides for the meters and did not include engineering or installation. If we go with the drive by readings, we can likely fund the installation and engineering.

Councilman Bonella stated he thought there was money included in the loan for upgrades to the treatment plant. Mayor Oler advised upon her review, there was none included. She is looking for additional funding everywhere she can and has reached out to other mayors for ideas.

Rick Sollars advised that there are funds available from USDA that has a rural water grant and that some state grants money can be used as match funds for Federal grants.

CLOSURE OF TOWN HALL/INSURANCE CLAIM: The Insurance Adjuster is in negotiations with Upright Construction to hopefully come to an agreement to do the repairs. We have also submitted information for costs of displacement and lost revenue due to the closure. Mayor Oler stated we have been displaced for three months now and work hasn’t even begun on the Town Hall. She will call Tim Robeson and Dave Case. Attorney Sollars asked what the adjuster was trying to negotiate and why. They should have to pay the claim. He offered to call the adjuster if Mayor Oler did not get a favorable response.

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NEW BUSINESS:

FLOOD SEASON & SANDBAGS The Town has had numerous residents asking about possible flooding this spring and what preparations are being made. A discussion was had regarding where residents can obtain sand bags and where to go for sand. For the town to be able to put the Hesco barriers back up, it would have to be declared a disaster first. There are more Hesco barriers in the trailer but they belong to Homeland Security. We cannot use them until there is an actual flooding event warranting their use. They are also for use in Lander and Riverton. We need to make sure we take care of Hudson first. Brian Rohrbacher would like to get a group together to fill and store sandbags. The sandbag filler is at the treatment plant and there are also a couple of homemade fillers in the back room.

Mayor Oler wants to have sand available at Town Hall to fill bags. She wants to make sure the diversion ditch is clear and open before run off. Councilman Archie Hanson said he will go look at the ditch and advise.

Mary Wakefield addressed the council and offered help with food for people filling bags and help with the media as well. Mayor Oler and the council thanked her for her offer and thoughtfulness.

BUDGET FY2023-24: It is time to prepare for the new budget. Mayor Oler would like to schedule a Budget Work Session in early May for planning and be ready with final approval to take place in June.

RENAMING OF SETBACK PERMIT: Mayor Oler would like to streamline the current setback permit to a generalized Building Permit which will include setback parameters. A discussion was held regarding parameters of the Town Code. The Code does not include fences, decks, porches, garages or skid structures. We will need an Ordinance Amendment and three readings to pass. This matter was tabled for the time being.

EXCAVATION PERMIT: With the hard winter Hudson has experienced, there are likely to be many broken pipes when things thaw. There could be digging up of lines. Mayor Oler stated that the Town should have an excavation permit in place to ensure that town property is restored to original condition and compaction after excavation. There was discussion about who, what, why, where and how to track it all. There would have to be an Ordinance passed. Attorney Rick Sollars will send what is used in other municipalities as a starting point for discussion and review. This matter was tabled for further review.

WRVC GRANT FUNDS: Mayor Oler advised council that there are grant funds available for outside areas renovation such as a walking path, or park upgrades through the Wind River Visitor Council. She

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would like to discuss the application process and look at completing the Svilar Park upgrades. Jenny Hamilton has the information on the playground and grill. Brady Hamilton will get the information on the original plans for the park. Mayor Oler would also like to investigate possibly funding a walk path along the river.

LONE PINE LOG MILL: Mayor Oler reported that she met with Josh Williams of Lone Pine Excavation. He would like to research putting a pole mill to pressure treat wood. He has been hoping to get a grant from the University of Wyoming. If he is successful, he can come to council to discuss. He would like it somewhere up on the hill by the cemetery and water towers on town land he could lease. There is concern with the location, logging trucks on town streets, water contamination, and ground water in the area as well as underground river water.

UTILITY RATE STUDY: Mr. Bill Carson from Midwest Assistance Program in Casper met with the council before the meeting and advised he will come again next month with a presentation on the utility study.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Archie Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Excused

Councilwoman, Mary Anne Robeson

Councilman, Zeke Bonella

Approved:

Mayor, Sherry Oler

Councilman, Archie Hanson

Councilman, Brady Hamilton