

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
380 West 8th Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:10p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was announced.

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

City Staff Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman and Town Attorney, Rick Sollars were present.

Audience: Bill Carson, James Gores, Jeff Gee, Carl Engler, Dave Houle, John and Lettie Strickland

Public Comments:

Utility Rate Study Presentation: Mr. Bill Carson from Midwest Assistance Program presented the rate study for the Town. Mr. Carson explained how the information was obtained for the study from Revenue and Expenses for the prior four years. Some of his charts were not copied correctly and he will forward those to the Town Clerk when he returns to his office. When he asked about commercial rates, it was discussed that Hudson is undercharging for commercial rates. Lander charges double for commercial rates.

Mayor Oler thanked him for his time and effort and stated that the Town will be looking into the rate structure and making changes accordingly.

Consent Agenda:

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

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

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

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

Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes, financial report, and payment of bills, seconded by Councilman Archie Hanson. The motion unanimously passed.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor's Report
April 2023

Again, I thank our volunteer fire department for their continued tolerance of town business invading their space. I can't thank you guys enough for letting us invade your space.

Town Hall Repair: After our last meeting, I got a little “western” with our local insurance agent and the Claims Specialist in Pennsylvania, but we finally were approved for all our flood damage bids and/or expense! I immediately contacted Upright Construction to get on their schedule. The plumber has been there and has done as much plumbing as possible before sheetrock installation, and the electrician has been there as well. Kathy and I chose cabinets and countertops for the kitchen, vinyl plank flooring for the main area and carpet for her office and my office. I am very hopeful and keeping my fingers crossed we can be back in the Town Hall by the first part of June.

Town Hall Roof Repair: Once the weather breaks and our roof is free of snow, work will begin on our roof.

Wyoming Water Development Commission: A meeting was held with George Moser regarding our application to the Wyoming Water Development Commission for preparation of Hudson's Master Plan. I will have to go before the Commission on May 10th or 11th to support our application. Then in July, RFP's will be sent out; in August there will be a site visit; then in October, I will need to travel to Cheyenne again for selection/interviews of consultants. Thereafter in December, our application will be reviewed and included in the Omnibus Water Bills. This will be a long-drawn-out process, but the benefits far outweigh the inconvenience to have a Master plan for rehabilitating our Water Treatment Plant, our Distribution, and our Sewer Lagoon with the extra bonus of being set-up for approval of funding.

Flood Preparations: Our Flood/Sandbag policy has been posted; we have a pile of sand that was dumped on the south side of Town Hall. The sandbag filling station will be moved to allow residents to fill their sandbags. We have also made plans to clean the overflow ditch (hopefully completed by the time flooding starts) and contact FCEMA and/or the Honor Farm for filled sandbags. We will need to provide transportation from the Honor Farm to Hudson.

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FCAG Meeting/WAM Spring Conference: FCAG was held at the Military Museum in Dubois. If you get a chance to go, the place is impressive. We primarily spoke about goals for the county and WRTA. We all submitted goals for discussion. I submitted a goal to make specific steps for approval of a regional water facility. Mayors of Lander and Shoshoni have extended offers to help me and the town with any issue we encounter. The next meeting will be in Lander, and I will attend.

Meeting with Monte Richardson: I had a breakfast meeting with Mayor Richardson last Friday and during the meeting I asked if he was still willing to spray mosquitos in Hudson again this year. He confirmed yes to plan on Lander doing that for us. I also asked about their vibrating pavement patching equipment, and he said it will need to be warmer, but he was happy to help us out with that as well. We talked about grant resources, and he offered the services of Chari for help with budgeting and grant writing. Rajean also does grant writing and we are welcome to ask either of them for help.

Water Meters: I pinned Kyle down regarding the water meter bidding process. It looks like we need to have a solid map of our water lines before he can get a bid package together. I understand that we do not have one, so I contacted Kathy of Rural Water, as I was told they provide this service for free. I was promptly told I received wrong information. She was very accommodating and offered her help in the arena of education. I will schedule something later with her, but I believe the organization has a lot to offer us. Back to Kyle, I confirmed he didn't feel we could get a bid package together in time to get a lot of interest due to our timing. He said he has better luck with bidding in the fall. I visited with him about my concerns regarding timing and project completion for the loan forgiveness and compliance with the terms of the loan. He reassured me this would not be a problem.

Weed and Pest Meeting: Kim and I had a morning meeting with the Weed and Pest guys. Confirmed we will continue the weed spraying program we had last year, and I will be applying for a couple of grants for this purpose. They also promised to give us some of their old GIS handheld trackers.

I am continuing to work on building/strengthening Hudson's relationships with other towns and organizations. This may take a while, but I am confident we will be successful.

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CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

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The Clerk's office continues to be busy with many residents discovering we have relocated to the Fire Hall and have been stopping by to ask questions and pay utility bills and see when the Town Hall will reopen. I have been happy to tell them 'The contractors are working on it, and we hope to be back in a couple of months.' Most residents have been very understanding about the move, while others question the need to relocate, the amount of damage to Town Hall, the cost of

The utility billing is getting easier, and Kim was able to get some of the meters read this month. Not many read higher than the estimates were, and I adjusted them to spread over a couple of months so no one will get caught with an overly high utility bill because of our estimations being too low. I expect to hear from several customers about their bill showing zero usage. These were customers that used less than was estimated.

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

I met with Sharon Anderson one afternoon for some pointers and directions in preparing for the budget figures. She was extremely helpful and offered to step in if needed. She is having her knee replacement surgery in early May though, so I am hoping between the mayor and I, we will be able to hammer it out and not have to bother Sharon. I am hoping to begin the preparations for the new budget within the next couple of weeks.

We still have several utility accounts that are very overdue. Helen reached out to the residents before she left. I have been working on trying to collect the past due revenues and have had little success. One bill is extremely troublesome and will be brought up at the meeting on where to go from here. I believe we need to get stricter on shut-off notices and collections. We have several options; shut off notice, then lien on their property or take them to small claims court. I gave Mayor Oler an aging report and will include one for your reference in the packet as well.

Mayor Oler has asked the tenant at the town rental house to move, and she is looking for a rental. Sherry has given her until April 20, 2023, to vacate before we take further action. As discussed last month, the house is not worth the work it would take to repair it to a livable condition. Once we get it vacated, we would like to get it boarded up and have the plumbing blown out and discuss with the council some alternatives for the property.

I have been working on learning how to manage the Grant reporting software for the Business Ready Grant on the Frank's Butcher Shop waterline extension project. The way it is set up is that the Town has to pay the invoices, then submit them to the State for reimbursement as well as provide a quarterly progress report. This has been time consuming to learn, but I am determined to get it figured out.

We have also had a couple of inquiries from clubs asking about using the baseball field. One 4-H club would like to use it for an archery competition in May. I was sure to advise her that there is a sprinkler system in the field, and they will be held responsible for any punctured sprinkler lines. She informed me she will talk to others in the group and let me know if they still want to use it. The other group is a baseball league that would like to use it for practices.

I received a call from Sue Ransom informing me that the school district has changed the locks on the gym, and she is now unable to use the gym for her pickleball and other activities. I would like to look into this with the school district to see what the original agreement was with them on using the gym.

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We continue to work on plans for flooding and have posted the sandbag policy at the post office and Kai's for residents. There is a load of sand at Town Hall to help with filling bags. Mayor Oler continues to stay in contact with Milan Vinich and is on top of how the town plans to protect the town properties. No one knows what the runoff will be like and what may happen, but we hope to be as prepared as we possibly can.

Our Intern from CWC has completed the purging of files stored 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. We will organize the boxes as time permits and hopefully be able to better utilize the upstairs area for file storage, equipment storage, storage for decorations and the like and not have it just be a catch all area. Taylor has been a great asset to Hudson and to the Clerk's office! Her internship comes to an end in mid-May, but she has offered to help out if we have a need for her on any temporary jobs. I would definitely like her organizational skills when it is time to move back to Town Hall.

I haven't heard much about Hudson Daze yet other than Becky Nicol has the date set and will be getting the preparations under way. This year it will be on June 10 since it is the tenth anniversary of the event. As you know from the last council meeting, 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 arrive later in June and are planning some fun activities for them.

I also want to remind you again of my upcoming absence, I will be out of the office from May 9th (Council meeting – take good notes for me so I can do the minutes !) 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 for any pressing matters. It is before the utility cut off and things should be 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 have 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 1,763,611 Gallons in the Month of March 2023, averaging 56,890 gallons per day.

The March Bacteriological sample was collected and made it to the State Lab in Cheyenne on time and was satisfactory.

I 'm submitting a request for approval for purchase of a replacement of the HACH CL17 online chlorine analyzer to be replaced with a Chemtrac HydroACT2 Analyzer requiring less maintenance, reagent expense and cost associated with the HACH analyzer. The quote has come in at \$5,140 which is considerably less than replacing the obsolete CL17 with HACH's new model.

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Great news for the town, and me, Harry Miller is back on board. His wealth of knowledge of the distribution, treatment plant and waste system are assets hard to replace. He also has experience with the disassembly and repairs on the LPM membrane manifolds and other issues with town equipment and infrastructure.

All membrane cassettes are functional, however, LPM #1 still has issues passing MIT's, Membrane Integrity Tests, with air leaking from Tank #1, left side, which had new O rings replaced on all cassettes in tank 1. I'm in contact with Veolia, formerly Suez, tech support for assistance in identifying the cause of the leaking area. I have a scope and took a video of the leaking area and submitted it to Veolia which has been identified as a leaking glued joint on the cassette manifold. All the parts, gaskets and O rings are *proprietary*, and the sizes and composition are not given so must be purchased from them. I must have the replacements in hand before any attempt to disassemble and make repairs. I've not acquired any pricing information on the necessary replacement plastic manifold parts that are defective. Repair on the leaking glued joint is possible with plastic welding and I'm discussing the procedure or alternative methods of sealing the leak without having to replace the manifold components due to the intensive labor and downtime issues.

To add to the dilemma, we have manifold issues with LPM #2, while not as severe, I'm not comfortable with attempting to address until I get all the information together and repairs, even if temporary, made on LPM #1.

Harry shut down the audible low-level alarm on the cemetery tank on Friday. We'll certainly have fewer complaints about this constant noise from residents within hearing distance. I knew we had no audible alarms on the municipal tanks and had blamed the alarm on Wind River Internet's system.

A new safety interlock switch has been installed on the main furnace. No further problems noted with the furnace since. Filters are still removed due to the hoar frost issue and should be cleaned and reinstalled this month.

The permanganate mixer has been installed as a temporary measure and the ratio of permanganate to water has been reduced to 1:5 from 1:4. It's working well, and the weekend episodes of pink water hopefully have been eliminated as well as additional stress on the membrane filters and secondary reactions of iron and manganese precipitating out in the distribution system.

Congratulations to Kim who passed her level I water treatment exam and has received her first license in this area. John is scheduling his Level II exam in Casper this month.

Harry has been issued the Sacramento State University Volume 1 Water Treatment Manual and has been enrolled to get 90 credit hours of credit to get his expired licenses renewed. He may need to get a small number of core credit hours, which is not an issue as there are webinars etc. to obtain these in short order.

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My SOPS and maintenance schedules are in presently rough draft stages, and I'll start implementing them as they are finalized. There are some that haven't been addressed by me since starting but will be implemented. There is one that is not my area of responsibility but will pass on to the Maintenance Forman for implementation. Operators will be reviewing the SOP's individually, and once understood, signing off on each one as they are presented.

Maintenance Council Report for April

3/10-3/17

Picked up Shop compressor kit to do a maintenance oil and filter change this moth some time. Chevy still needs a new battery. The dump truck needs new batteries, and we need to move it to another location to give access to the trailer. So as the snow melts will need to find a place to store it. Also, this month or the beginning of April we need to make access to sandbags in town hall Garage so people can gain access to them. Got the diesel mower switch from the brush sweeper back to the mowing deck that we repaired this last fall. All lawn and weed control items are ready for the upcoming season. Would like to add a few items to be able to maintain city property better. The following items I would like to add a electric battery powered chain saw or a small gas one. And either a gas or electric battery powered hedge trimmer.

Lagoon walk around beings the ice is thinning to get visual on Laterals Cell one are going on and under ice hopefully as things begin to warm up a bit it will free things up without causing damage. Cell two is primarily all under ice still and 4th lateral from road in has a leak in line about 12 feet from valve that will have to be addressed. Other than that, things are looking as well as they can.

3/20-3/25

Monday morning tried to make adjustment to discharge level but will need to try and clear a bit of ice to do so, getting things ready to do maintenance on blowers including changing air filter on unit one due to climbing restrictions. Ice levels on cell 1 is down in the 70% bracket with cell 2 95% or so but beginning to thin cell 3 still 100% will lower pond level to help with break up and gain a bit of room for possible infiltration of flood water in the sewer system. Adjusted the effluent to 5 which is about 82800 gallons per 24-hour period, after chipping ice out of the way this adjustment is temporary and will be put back to the 3 to 2 ½ mark after desired level is reached will show John where I did this and where to get reading.

Tuesday most of the day doing meter readings, many of them still not attainable due to large snow amounts Also meeting with water development representative George Moser along with member of HDR along with Mayor, Don, and Kathy. Lift station parts and labor are going to run about 1450 plus shipping parts are finally on the way so sometime due to Imperial pumps schedule will most likely be repaired the first week in April. So we will continue to monitor at least 2 to 3 times daily seven days a week.

Wednesday Talked with Tyler about burning the main drainage ditch ASAP will be meeting with him to show him my concerned areas Blower maintenance done including filter changes due to increase restrictions Ice is thinning so dropping lagoon level has already helped with this. Char to clean office Bathroom and shop a bit to get her some hours this month due to the Town Hall not functional currently. We will be having electrician check out unit 1 at blower house due to not working for several hours could not get it to operate then it did so we have most likely a relay going bad so when he is in town next or passing through without a special trip I have ask him to come and see what is the problem.

Thursday met with Tyler the fire chief to discuss the fire department burning the ditch to help reduce the debris flowing in the ditch in case of flood. Lift station monitoring will continue.

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Beginning study preps for level 2 on my water license.

3/27/2023 – 3/31/2023

Monday started with a meeting with the mayor and Fremont County weed and pest control for a review of the plan. Adjusted lagoon level to 3 inches. We dropped the lagoon level close to 1 ½ feet so slowed it down to drop slowly to get level down for run off and such. River PH was 8.12 and 5.5 c. or 41 degrees.

Tuesday: Start getting DMR reports ready to file for April. Ice at lagoon has dramatically reduced in this last week cell 1 on at about 20% cell 2 is about 80% and cell 3 is still 100 % but thinning. Still waiting for repairs at the lift station but warmer temps have helped a lot easier on the solenoid's so not having the water back fill into the compressor glass as often should not be an issue after replacement of new solenoids. Took snow blade off gator and got set up for spring now and weed sprayer cleaned out and place back in, side by side. Snow removed off area at park for quicker melting around well so can dig up and make repair to break as soon as possible. DMR's filed with EPA so 1st quarter is done. Cleaned blower house of debris and dirt from winter. Cleaned off the marks on weir so as to read them easier had water again in bulbs parts should be here and installed hopefully next week.

4/3/23 – 4-7-23

Spent a bit of time with Harry and Don on Monday. Tuesday most of the day was spent on snow removal Installed new batteries in dump truck was not wanting to start for a bit of time starting fluid used to finally get it going let idle for about 40 minutes to recharge batteries due to long starting process, this truck sounds good but after hearing a bit of history on it I recommend all filters be replaced. I know this is an expense perhaps not necessary due to no more than we use this truck but filters have a 2015 date written on them so with Zeak being a mechanic for the county perhaps he could give his input. Note from what Harry shared with me on this truck the filters may be older than marked due to ex-mayor instructed to rinse and reuse. I also learned that the computer I was instructed to destroy the hard drive and discard to dump the first month of my employment, had valuable information on all our equipment among other detailed list of assets. This information was shared to me by Harry Miller. I think a policy or ruling should be made to protect all information and that all hard drives in the future should be gone through from a IT tec to reserve and transfer invaluable information. Found old large map for the lift station so am excited to learn more about it and it will help me figure gallons flowing to lagoon so great find. Thursday trained John again on labs this time was quarterly labs we also adjusted laterals loser and changed discharge from 3 to 4 to continue to drop lagoon level

3/10/23

Amendment to my report filed last week. The pavement roller for salvage is on hold due to needed to get all interested parties to sign off first, also scheduled for salvage is the Blade for the dump truck it is to heavy for the truck we have. Also, the sand spreader is due to needing several thousands of dollars of repairs and not being able without hiring someone to pick up to place in dump truck because town does not have a machine capable of lifting it and getting it into truck. Waiting to hear from Federal salvage on this also Harry mentioned the Rick has in the past picked it up for us to place in truck but charges he believed 300 or 400 to do so

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MOTION: Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to approve the department reports, seconded by Councilman Archie Hanson. The motion unanimously passed.

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 the Town is responsible for managing the grant and submitting invoices and reports to the state. Ms. Shoopman will reach out to the engineers on the project for updates and reports.

Also, regarding Frank’s Meats, Mayor Oler would like to investigate annexing them into the Hudson Town Limits. Right now, the town provides them with sewers and the BRC will provide them with water. The Town could receive sales tax, liquor license fees, property taxes as well as the water and sewer if they were annexed in. Attorney, Rick Sollars asked what the town was charging for sewer right now to Frank’s and stated that the City of Lander charges almost double the base rate for customers using city utilities that are not in city property. Rick will investigate before the next meeting.

STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN Kyle Lehto of HDR is working with Mayor Oler to investigate the meter purchasing requirements. We will need a GIS map completed. Bill Carson stated that his company could help with that. The town has some maps, but most are outdated or incomplete. Mayor Oler stated we have a deadline of June 24 of next year to meet compliance and forgiveness requirements. Kyle advised they have better bidding luck in the fall. Rick Sollars inquired as to the location of the current meters. Some are in crawl spaces, some on the side of the house, some are in a meter pit on the property, and there are some that do not have a meter but are receiving water. These will all need to be located and mapped.

CLOSURE OF TOWN HALL/INSURANCE CLAIM: The Insurance company has paid the claim and work has begun on the repairs. We have chosen kitchen cabinets and flooring. Upright Construction is confident we will be able to move back in as soon as June. The roofing will begin repairs tomorrow.

FLOOD SEASON & SANDBAGS The Town has had numerous residents asking about possible flooding this spring and what preparations are being made. We have a sandbag policy posted at the post office, Kai’s and on our webpage. Will discuss cleaning of the irrigation ditch and obtaining pre-filled sandbags from the Honor Farm in Riverton. Mayor Oler reported that she has had sand delivered to the Town Hall and it is available for residents once they pick up their sandbags. There are also sandbags available at the Wyoming Honor Farm, but we do not have a semi and trailer to transport

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them to Hudson. The town cannot ask for any help from the State or Federal Government until we are officially declared an emergency situation due to flooding.

Mayor Oler met with Jeff Kimber of Precision Dirt Works regarding cleaning the ditch. Councilman Bonella stated that the ditch will flood before it will ever be dry enough to burn. Discussion was held about the best way to clean the ditch. Mayor Oler will have Kim Houle look at the cost of renting a better backhoe vs. hiring Precision to do the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET FY2023-24: The Mayor and Clerk are hopeful to have a draft budget prepared by the end of the month and will be meeting soon to prepare a rough draft. There will be a Budget Work Session scheduled for May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. for the Mayor and Council members.

ORDINANCE 854

Mayor Oler explained the emergency Ordinance to submit the town's request to the County Clerk asking for our 8 Mil levy.

ORDINANCE 854

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF HUDSON, WYOMING RELATING TO FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF GENERAL TAX TO BE LEVIED TO MEET THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF SAID TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2023, AND ENDING AT MIDNIGHT ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2024, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilman Zeke Bonella made a motion to declare an emergency for the purpose of Ordinance 854. The motion was seconded by Councilman Archie Hanson. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion to pass Ordinance 854 on an emergency basis was made by Councilman, Archie Hanson, seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella and unanimously passed.

Mayor Oler will execute the Ordinance and the Clerk will send it to the Fremont County Clerk's office.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT/EPA SANITARY SURVEY: The EPA Sanitary Survey will be happening in early June and there are some expenditures as outlined in Don Rood's report that need to be approved so we can have the items installed and working before the survey. The council discussed the estimates from Mr. Rood and agreed to approve the \$10,000 expenses.

Councilman Zeke Bonella made a motion to approve the necessary expenditures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Archie Hanson. Motion carried.

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AGING REPORT: Town Clerk Shoopman presented an aging report regarding overdue utility bills. There are several utility accounts that have not been paid for a surprisingly long time. Discussion was held regarding the cost of repairing curb stops and according to the town code, the repairs to the curb stop are to be charged to the owner of the account. It was decided that the Town will be much more aggressive in collecting past-due accounts. We will draft a letter with dates, asking for immediate payment or entry into a payment agreement contract. If the account continues to go unpaid, the town will pursue shutting off the water. If the curb stop does not work, other avenues will be taken to stop the flow of water including digging up the line and capping it off. Accounts will have to be paid in full, including curb stop repairs, before the water service will be restored. The Town Clerk will post this notice in the newsletter and on the utility bills in May giving everyone thirty days to bring their account current or making arrangements for a payment agreement contract before taking the next steps of shut off.

RENAMING OF SETBACK PERMIT: Mayor Oler would like to streamline the permit and rename it to include a generalized “Building Permit” which will include the current setback parameters. There will be no change to the current permit with the exception of the name.

Motion to rename Setback Permit to Building Permit was made by Councilman Archie Hanson, seconded by Councilman, Zeke Bonella and carried unanimously.

EXCAVATION PERMIT: Mayor Oler presented a copy of the Dubois Code regarding excavation permits and explained that she would like the Town to adopt the same. A discussion was held on changes to the code and the Excavation Permit was approved on first reading. Changes will be made before the second reading in May.

RATIFY verbal approval of the Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution for the County. Mayor Oler stated that the Council needs to ratify the verbal approval of the Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County that had a deadline before the Council Meeting.

Councilman Zeke Bonella made a motion to Ratify the Resolution Approval of Resolution #2023-2 Adopting the 2023 Wyoming Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Archie Hanson and passed unanimously.

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WIND RIVER VISITOR COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSAL: Mayor Oler presented the WRVC Budget for FY2023-24 for approval by the Town Council. Councilman, Archie Hanson made a motion to approve the budget proposal. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion carried.

Mayor Oler stated that the WRVC may have some funding available to do some more work toward completion of Svilar Park upgrades. She would like to get the contact information of those that were on the Bring Back Svilar Park committee and get further information. Councilman Bonella said he would get her the information.

Recycling Old Roller: Mayor Oler reported that the old roller from the maintenance shop has been picked by Fremont Recycling and is now gone. We also have some other items that they will pick up at a later date.

Payment of Costs for Frozen Water Line: Town Clerk Shoopman presented a letter from Todd Smith asking that the town pay his costs of having his water line thawed out stating it was frozen at the main. The Council reviewed the invoice and discussed the charges. It was determined that the water was not frozen at the main and that the responsibility for the line maintenance lays with the resident from the main to the property. His request was denied by council and Ms. Shoopman will prepare a letter to him.

There were two individuals in the audience that wanted to address the council that were not on the agenda. Mayor Oler informed them that they should have submitted a request to be on the agenda but would let them speak at this time.

Mr. Engler wanted to discuss asking the town to abandon the alleyway behind his property. He stated that no one uses the alley. Attorney Sollars explained the process of abandonment and informed Mr. Engler that he will need to submit a formal request to the council in writing with drawings and that if the town agrees to abandon the alley one-half of the property easement for the alley would go to each landowner. Mr. Engler agreed and thanked the council for their time.

John and Lettie Strickland appeared and reported that there was a sewer leak in their basement that morning. John stated that the sewer main ran over and flooded their basement. He further stated that it was the main sewer line that had a blockage and not their personal line. He contacted Maintenance Foreman, Kim Houle at 6:30 a.m. to report the flooding. Attorney Rick Sollars advised them that they have to file a formal claim to the Town and the claim must follow statutory requirements. The Stricklands stated they would submit the claim.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Archie Hanson to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:44 p.m.

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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 8:16 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

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Councilman, Archie Hanson

Councilman, Zeke Bonella

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Councilman, Brady Hamilton