

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 8, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOVELL TOWN HALL.

Present: Mayor Tom Newman, Council Members: Carol Miller, Bob Mangus, Dan Anderson, and Michael Grant. Others present: Town Administrator Jed Nebel, Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts, Ed Allred, Public Works Director Adrin Mayes, David Peck, Audrey Bay, Gareth Robertson, Angela Chavez, Debbie McConnaughey, Elaine Jarvis, Jerry Christian, Teresa Stover, Tim Stover, Kelly Young, Natalia Cothren, Alex Cothren, Sue McKinny, Lily McKinny, Shane McKinny, Sherry Snell, Mike Snell, Dawn Belston, Wendy Files, Leandra Rasmussen, Heather Sawaya, Mary Blau, Logan Blau, Celeste Morley, Jake Jolley, Trisha Mangus, Ken Bartle, Judy Richards, Phyrn Opp, Karyn Spragg, Phyllis Fringer, Fred Moore, Mark Leonhardt, Jennifer Leonhardt, Pat Baxendale, Matt Dufresne, Pam Anderson, and Mike Anderson.

With a quorum present, Mayor Tom Newman called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Debbie McConnaughey spoke to Council about why she feels that the Town of Lovell should allow chickens to be raised in the town limits. Mayor Newman thanked Debbie for coming and scheduled a public meeting to be held at the Lovell Community Center on April 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss chickens further.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the regular meeting held March 11, 2025, and bills for payment were presented by consent agenda. Carol Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Administrator Nebel read Ordinance No. 1020 by title. Ordinance 1020 is pertaining to malt beverage permits, catering permits and extended hours once a year. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1020 on its first reading. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Newman proclaimed May 1, 2025, as Arbor Day. Tree City USA is an Arbor Day Program to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Mayor Newman proclaimed April 2025 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Administrator Nebel read Ordinance No. 1021 by title. Ordinance No. 1021 is an ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021 on its first reading. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Administrator Nebel read Ordinance No. 1022 by title. Ordinance No. 1022 is an ordinance providing for the annual appropriation of the Town of Lovell for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Carol Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1022 on its first reading. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with a surplus property list. Council would like us to start advertising so we can sell the surplus property.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with the Northeast Park Concession Stand Use Agreement. The agreement is with Little League. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the Northeast Park Concession Stand Use Agreement and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with the Cleaning Agreement for the parks. Carol made a motion to approve the parks cleaning agreement and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with our crime insurance application with WARM Insurance. Bob Mangus made a motion to approve the application for crime insurance and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with an agreement with Western States Fire Protection Co. for annual inspection of the Community Center alarm system. Bob Mangus made a motion to approve the agreement with Western States Fire Protection Co. pending legal review and to authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with Change Order #5 for Constitution Park Phase 2 with an increase of \$19,670 to be used for some finishing touches. It will be used for ADA parking area and sidewalk to the splash pad, extra sidewalks and gravel. Bob Mangus made a motion to approve Change Order #5 for Constitution Park Phase 2 and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel requested that we strike the Tillett Release and Hold Harmless from the agenda. We need more information.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with a credit application for Dana Kepner Company, LLC. We will order water meters and supplies from them. Carol Miller made a motion to approve the credit application with Dana Kepner Company, LLC and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with Budget Resolution 2025-2 to reallocate funds to purchase some fleet vehicles and a utility vehicle. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with the court collections report, Lodging Tax Committee appropriation request, and Shoshone Municipal Pipeline Annual Reports.

Administrator Nebel talked to the Council about doing a public meeting with our community on the mountain bike trail. The meeting is going to be on April 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. There has been a lot of buzz around the state about the trails. Administrator Nebel said Wyoming Business Council works with Harvard Growth Lab to do studies in communities to help them prosper and grow. The Town of Lovell is in the running for this great opportunity.

Public Works Director Adrin Mayes let Council know that TCT & Drover Construction are going to start fixing the alleys that need repaired after the fiber optic line installation project.

Carol Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Second by Bob Mangus All in favor. Motion passed.

PENDING APPROVAL: _____

Mayor Thomas M. Newman

ATTEST: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts