Clearmont Town Council

**Regular Meeting**

# March 20, 2023

# 6:00 P.M.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Clearmont Town Council met for a regular meeting at the Clearmont Town Hall, March 20, 2023. Mayor Chris Schock called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Councilor present were as follows: Mayor Schock, Councilman Poppenga, Councilwoman Switzer, Councilman Buhr, and Councilwoman Betz. Also present were John Kiser, Pete Bassett, Maintenance, and Vivian Ramsay, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

The Town Council Meeting had five visitors, Sheriff Dominguez, Amy Rowe, Cheryl Roebling, Wade Dunkin, and Cynthia Vannoy from Sheridan Media.

Amy Rowe and Cheryl Roebling discussed the plan for 2023 Clearmont Day. They encouraged the council to participate to make it a successful celebration. Discussion was held.

Sheriff Dominguez presented a brief yearly review for Clearmont. He stated that the annual report can be retrieved on the Sheridan County website.

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Betz moved to approve the Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Buhr. Motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Switzer moved to approve the February 20, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Buhr. Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORT OF TREASURER AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Poppenga moved to approve the report for the Treasurer and approve the bills. Vivian Ramsay reported that the beginning balance for Feburary 2023 was $531,808.32 with $21,059.14 in checks, $38,952.50 in deposits and an ending balance of $549,701.68.

Discussion was held. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Betz. Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL, CLERK, and MAINTENANCE**

Mayor Schock updated the progress on Well #3.

Mayor Schock discussed the repayment status for DWSRF #226. He stated that he has submitted a letter to SLIB requesting to have the loan reamortized. SLIB will get back to the Town about how to proceed after their April board meeting. He also said that the accrued interest needs to be paid off in order to apply for the 50% off principal forgiveness.

Mayor Schock stated that the Water Street/Clear Creek Ave. Waterline Replacement project was granted through the Local Government Project ARPA grant. He said the project will be most likely to be slated until 2024.

Mayor Schock reported that the Notice of Intent to Vacate letter has been sent out to the property owners within 300 feet of the vacating site. It has been published through the press.

Mayor Schock asked if the Town would continue to purchase flowers for Clearmont Women’s Club to plant around town. Discussion was held. Town council agreed to spend up to $500 to purchase town flowers and it will come out from Parks and Recreation maintenance account.

Mayor Schock said that John Kiser’s last day is May 10, 2023. He asked the council to think about hiring him as the backup water operator.

Council: Councilwoman Betz said she appreciated and has received many thanks for the town’s snow removal work.

Councilwoman Betz asked about the water loss report. Vivian Ramsay reported that the amount of water that was billed was more than the amount was recorded from the water house. Discussion was held.

Clerk: Vivian Ramsay stated that the WAM Summer Convention is June 7-9 in Cody. She encouraged the council to attend.

Mrs. Ramsay asked if the Town would be considered to become a vendor of the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Town Council asked what it would involve, and Mrs. Ramsay said she would contact the program director and report back.

Mrs. Ramsay asked the council to think about WAM Convention Awards nominations, including Bartley Skinner Award, Community Hero Award and Honorary Member Award.

Mrs. Ramsay stated that Leadership Training Services (LTS) scholarship and WAM scholarship are available.

Mrs. Ramsay stated that WAM is accepting proposed 2023 Resolutions for the 2023 WAM Summer Convention. She encouraged the council to participate.

Maintenance: Pete Bassett reported that the cost to replace the water meter at the pump house is going to be $3,824. Discussion was held. Town council agreed to order the water meter and parts.

John Kiser said that they will start replacing old water meters when the weather gets nicer.

John Kiser stated that all the water operators will be attending the rural water conference April 17-21 in Casper. He said he will be on call if any emergency occurs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Switzer moved to approve the Sheridan County Emergency Operations Plan 2022. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Betz. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Switzer moved to make a motion to appoint Chris Schock as the primary voting delegate and Jennifer Betz as the alternate voting delegate for the 2023 WAM Summer Convention. Motion seconded by Councilman Buhr. Motion carried 5-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE**

**NEXT MEETING**

Budget Work Session, April 14, 2023 @ 8 A.M.

Regular Meeting, April 17, 2023 @ 6 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Betz moved to adjourn at 6:52 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Switzer. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Chris Schock Town Clerk, Vivian Ramsay