

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held June 16, 2020
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Riverton City Council was held on the above date and time, duly convened by Mayor Richard P. Gard at 7:00 p.m. City Council Members present were Mike Bailey, Rebecca Schatza, Cory Rota, and Kyle Larson. Council Member Larson led the pledge of allegiance and Council Member Rota conducted the invocation.

Roll call was conducted. Council Member Rota moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to excuse Council Member Borders and Council Member Hancock from tonight's meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Gard declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present: City Administrator Tony Tolstedt, City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson, Public Works Director Kyle Butterfield, Chief of Police Eric Murphy, Finance Director Mia Harris, Community Development Director Eric P. Carr and Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Megan Sims.

Approval of the Agenda – Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey for approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Communication from the Floor/Response to Citizen's Comments – Deborah Starks, citizen of Riverton, approached the Council and spoke regarding the current national pulse on police violence and requested further explanation on how the police department trains for potential violent interactions and the use of force. Mayor Gard and Chief Murphy offered to meet with Ms. Starks to discuss the matter further.

Consent Agenda – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – June 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – June 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – June 16, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting; Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – June 16, 2020 claims to be paid in the amount of \$310,878.67 and payroll & liabilities in the amount of \$204,813.62 for a total of \$515,692.29; Approval of the Municipal Court Report for the month of May 2020 and Plat: WR Heritage Addition, Petitioner, Wind River Heritage Center, Inc. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Rota to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Council Member Bailey abstaining from the Bailey's line item on the claims approval list.

Retirement Recognition: Becki Weber, Animal Control Officer – Chief Eric Murphy presented Animal Control Officer Becki Weber with a certificate of retirement for her outstanding contributions to the Riverton Police Department for her years served. Mayor Gard, as well, expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Weber for her time with the City of Riverton.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 20-002, 2nd Reading: Rezone 207 S 6th St. E – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read Ordinance No. 20-002 by title only. This ordinance addresses the rezone of Lot 5, Block 27 located at 207 S 6th St E from Commercial C-1 to Residential R-2. Council Member Larson moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to adopt Ordinance No. 20-002 on second reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 20-003, 2nd Reading: Rezone 605 E Washington – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read Ordinance No. 20-003 by title only. This ordinance addresses the rezone of Lot 6, Block 27 located at 605 E Washington from Commercial C-1 to Residential R-2. Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to adopt Ordinance No. 20-003 on second reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Bid Award: Streets & Alley Dump Truck w/ Plow Attachments – Public Works Director Kyle Butterfield reported on the purchase of one dump truck vehicle with a dump body, snowplow, sander, and upfitting. Mr. Butterfield stated per Wyoming State Statute, municipalities are granted the Governmental Entities Cooperative Purchasing clause, which allows the ability to purchase vehicles based off a competitive bid from another government entity, which is from a bid submitted to the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve the purchase of the one (1) 2021 Freightliner Dump Truck in the amount of \$187,234.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members' Roundtable – Council Member Bailey commented on the FORCC meeting he attended and informed the community of the upcoming Happy Days event on July 11, 2020; Council Member Schatza commented on Kickin' Trash, commented on the 3 on 3 soccer tournament, and reminded of the upcoming Solutions/Community Engagement meeting; Council Member Larson commented on the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District meeting he attended; and Council Member Rota commented on the construction around town.

City Administrator's Report – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt commented on the tub-grinder fire at the yardwaste facility that happened today, June 16, 2020; commented on the Chapter 56 permit for urban deer reduction; reminded

the Council of the Special Meeting on June 30th as well as other upcoming meetings; and commented on the website regarding the use of any questions or concerns section.

Mayor's Comments – Mayor Richard P. Gard informed citizens of mosquito spraying to being on June 22; commented on the peace parade with the Department of Justice; commented prompt service from both the Police Department and Public Works; commented on the Happy Days event and street dance; updated on the Riverton Medical District meetings; and also commented on the tub-grinder fire. Mayor Gard also discussed the condition of City Hall parking lot due to amounts of litter.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gard adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 8:00 p.m. There was no objection from the Council.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

Richard P. Gard
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin S. Watson
City Clerk/Human Resource Director

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