

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held March 16, 2021
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 Karla Borders, Lindsey Cox, Mike Bailey, Cory Rota, and Kyle Larson. Council Member Borders led the pledge of allegiance; and Council Member Rota conducted the invocation.

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

City Staff present: City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin S. Watson, City Administrator Tony Tolstedt, 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 Borders moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Communication from the Floor/Response to Citizen's Comments – None.

Consent Agenda – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin S. Watson read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – March 2, 2021 Executive Session; Approval of the Minutes – March 16, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting; Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – March 16, 2021 claims to be paid in the amount of \$518,450.47, Elan credit card to be paid in the amount of \$2,296.57 and payroll & liabilities for 2/26/2021 in the amount of \$460,548.25 for a total of \$981,295.29; and Approval of the Municipal Court Report for the month of February 2021. Council Member Borders moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Council Member Bailey abstaining from the Baileys Enterprises line item on the claims approval list.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 21-001, 3rd & Final Reading: Use & Possession of Marijuana – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read Ordinance No. 21-001 on 3rd and final reading by title only. This ordinance addresses the use and possession of marijuana in the Riverton Municipal Code. Any possession or use of marijuana tickets are currently cited through circuit court and this ordinance will allow for the City to cite it through the Riverton Municipal Court. Council Member Cox moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to adopt Ordinance No. 21-001 on third and final reading. Roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Phytoremediation Study Amendment – Public Works Director Kyle Butterfield presented an amendment to the Master Service Agreement with Inberg-Miller Engineers. The initial growing season of the phytoremediation pilot study program provided valuable information to help guide the future growing seasons. Therefore, this amendment proposes the installation of a new water source to the trees from the municipal distribution system during the second growing season in the amount of \$7,000.00. Council Member Rota moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to approve the amendment No. 60 to the Master Service Agreement between the City of Riverton and Inberg-Miller Engineers for \$7,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing & Consideration of Resolution Nos. 1432, 1433, 1434: Utility Rate Increases – Finance Director Mia Harris presented Resolution Nos 1432, 1433, and 1434 which addresses the utility rate increases for water, wastewater, and sanitation, respectively. City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read each resolution by title only: Resolution No. 1432, Resolution No. 1433, and Resolution No. 1434. Council Member Borders moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one to address the Council regarding the utility rate increases, Council Member Rota moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Borders moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve Resolution No. 1432. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Cox moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to approve Resolution No. 1433. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve Resolution No. 1434. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing & Consideration of Ordinance 21-002, 1st Reading: Adoption of National Electric Code (NEC) – NFPA 70 – Community Development Director Eric P. Carr presented Ordinance No. 21-002. This ordinance updates Section 15.04.010 of the Riverton Municipal Code which will allow for the adoption of the most current edition of the

National Electrical Code (NEC) - NFPA 70, by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as adopted by the State of Wyoming. City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read Ordinance No. 21-002 on first reading by title only. Council Member Rota moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one to address the Council regarding Ordinance 21-002, Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Rota to adopt Ordinance No. 21-002 on first reading. Motion failed with Mayor Gard, Council Members Borders, and Larson voting nay. Council Members Cox, Bailey, and Rota voted aye.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members' Roundtable – Council Member Cox reported on the PAWS meeting she attended; Council Member Bailey commented on the FORCC meeting and the Riverton Ambassadors meeting he attended; Council Rota reported on the upcoming Boy and Girls Club breakfast, commented on upcoming events of the Community Engagement Committees, and formally resigned from the City Council; and Council Member Larson reported on the FCSWDD meeting he attended and commented on the upcoming Airport Board meeting.

City Administrator's Report – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt reported on upcoming meetings: Airport Board, Fremont County Association of Government, Wind River Visitors Council, EDGE Committee. Mr. Tolstedt reminded the community of the contract for service applications that are due on April 1st and expressed his sincere gratitude to Councilman Rota for his diligent work serving on the Council.

Mayor's Comments – Mayor Gard thanked Councilman Rota for his time serving the City of Riverton, expressing his appreciation and willingness to always serve his constituents.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gard adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 8:30 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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