

**Town of Sedgwick
Record of Proceedings
November 9th, 2020**

Members Present: Wayne Price, Peggy Owens, Teddy Morgan, Bill Boler, Dora Devie, Dale Jones, Danny Smith
Employees Present: Heather Moore, Richard Kehm

Call to Order: The Town Board met in regular session. A quorum was verified, and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Mayor Wayne Price

Roll Call

Danny Smith	Here	Teddy Morgan	Here
Peggy Owens	Here	Bill Boler	Here
Dale Jones	Here	Dora Devie	Here

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of Agenda

Dora Devie made a motion to approve the agenda with said changes, Dale Jones seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- A few grammar corrections made, along with spelling errors on both sets of minutes.

Motion: Approve the minutes

Dora Devie made a motion to approve of the minutes of 11.9 & 11.21 as corrected, Danny Smith seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried

Bills (Published in Julesburg Advocate)

- A few clarification questions regarding bills. Only answered questions regarding the bank accounts (one was to change the name our bank in Quickbooks from First National Bank to Points West)

Motion: Bills Roll Call Vote

Danny Smith made a motion to pay the bills, Dales Jones seconded. (Roll call vote – All Voted for, None Against) motion carried

Public Comments – reminded they will have 3mins.

- Kurt Hodel
 - Expressed his inability to understand Capital Outlay, and how to follow the Audit when it comes to tracking fund transfers. (Dan Pederson assisted in explanations, then asked to address further questions during the Actual Designated Budget Hearing Time)
 - Lastly, he indicated that there was a water leak on his property, in-between the meter and the house, feels the town should be responsible.

Mayors Report

- Highline Electric asked if the Town will still allow them to use the fairgrounds to stage poles for the upcoming project. This was previously allowed with the Lions Club, I told them we will continue the agreement with them.

- A new heater at the water treatment facility was needed to be replaced, I did give the consent to do so.
- Spoke to the public asking them to honor the time to speak and the time for the Board to deliberate. They will have time to speak after the board deliberates. To the Board, honor the public speaking time at the hearing, and refrain from interrupting them. Make notes on items to bring up during Boards deliberation.

Town Maintenance Report- Wayne Price

- Plow truck is here working great.
- Fixed the lights on the signs coming into town, would like to see new signs made.
- Trimming trees has continued.

Clerk's Office - Heather Moore

- New Phone system is working wonderfully
- Elements Engineering has dropped off a 95-page report that has been submitted to the state for approval to convert from gas chlorine to liquid
- Been reviewing the budget in detail
- The 298-page Code book is done for review, I have also converted into a workable PDF (Took a week to complete) and posted it on our website for all to view
- COVID Funds are due to expire soon, Sedgwick Emergency Manger has suggested we purchase some UV lights for sanitation. Will lone out to our local businesses, this would save the county from bringing theirs down for our businesses that are borrowing theirs.

Motion:

Dora Devie made a motion to approve the purchase of UV lights at the discretion of the Town Clerk, Dale Jones seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

6:30pm - Highway Use Hearing

- Between \$11000 to \$12000 is received for use of highway and roads. This is to repair and maintain the roads. This report is sent to the state as an annual requirement.
 - No comments or questions from the public

6:45pm Highway Use Hearing is now closed

6:45pm – Budget Hearing

Comments from the public

- Kurt Hodel
 - Pointed out that the Town has increased the spending from 2015 to current. Feels that last two years of spending is extensive
 - Doesn't understand why the revenue has an "other" tax column. Wants to know what it was for
 - He believes the Town will need to come up with millions of dollars for our water projects to come, we need to save.
 - Dan Responded explained the Grants, and that the loans that are available to municipalities, not with 0% to 3% interest.
 - The 2020 budget has him concerned
 - Dan responded to Hodel attempting to clarify and assist Hodel in understanding.

- Continued to say he “questions the competency level” of Elements Engineering. Because they have taken so long to produce the Master Plan for the Town.
- Nelly “Tiny” White
 - I 100% agree with Kurt Hodel.

Dan Pederson

- General Government Summary was discussed first.
 - Walked the board through the expenditures, with explanation to why and how they affect the budget. The tax breakdowns, and payroll allocations between funds.
 - Showed the board where to locate the funds set aside for the purchase of the Community Center.
 - Board asked questions about how to follow line items and what all goes into them.
- Explained the separate funds and which funds can move funds around in, and which ones are not allowed.
- Teddy Morgan asked about the expenditures for the Master Plan, and under revenue what is Misc.?
 - Dan explained that it’s a 50/50 matching grant, meaning the town pays half, and the state pays half from the grants.
 - Misc. Revenue is the revenue from dog licenses, copies, building permits, business licenses smaller items like that.
- Dale Jones asked are we in deficit as some rumors are saying around Town. Some say we are over budget, is this true?
 - Dan responded that it’s not his believe it’s true. He explained specific line items might go over, but as long as the total fund expenditures don’t go over this, it’s not a violation. If we ever did go over in a “fund”, then we would have to do a supplemental budget and submit it to the state.
 - Also explained that all spending during a year must be entered into the budget, even if you did save up for a few years, then spent it this year. For instance, the Plow Truck the Town saved up for 2 years to finally purchase it.
- Recommends that the board spend time refining the budget before the December meeting. Recommends we continue the hearing till next meeting. Giving time to really understand.
 - This led to the decision to hold a workshop for the board to gain in-depth information and understanding of the budget.
 - Kurt Hodel asked for clarification on how Dan came up with the revenues. Also was needing assistance understanding how transfers work and show up on the budget. Dan also pointed out to Hodel, that he keeps saying our spending in general fund projects a high amount, but that he should remember that \$230,000 is a transfer to the Water Fund, NOT actually spending it.
 - Hodel left the meeting with saying he still feels the deficit is a concern, and feels this budget is reckless.
 - Dan Clarified, the way the budget sits today, it shows a deficit of around \$130,000 not the high number that is being claimed by rumors, and it is due to purchasing a community center and preparing for the water project engineering expected. And anytime you have large spending like this, you will show a deficit. But that’s why you save up for it or plan for it.

8:10pm – Budget Hearing Adjourned (Continuing December 14th at 6:30pm)

Old Business

- None

New Business

• **Rick Lechman- Sedgwick Fireman Pension Plan**

- He did not come to ask for assistance last year. But Is asking if the Board would consider helping this year to keep the fund solvent. Two years ago, the Town contributed \$1000.
 - Dale Jones asked the Town to step up and contribute \$3000. Because our fire department has really been there for us, look what they did to keep water in the Town when we had to repair our Main Waterline.

Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to contribute \$3000 to the Sedgwick Fire Pension Plan, Teddy Morgan seconded. all were in favor, motion carried

• **Resolution 20-10 – Employees Heath Benefits**

- Enacting health insurance to start 1/1/2020 for full time employees, costing \$21,000 per year.
- Allows the official changes to the employee handbook

Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 20-10, Dale Jones seconded, four in favor; Dora Devie and Teddy Morgan opposed, motion carried.

• **Electrical Request**

- Town hall door light, the light will allow us to see at night when we leave, also provide light to the handicap ramp. Estimate at \$199
- 50amp outlet located at the Museum exterior, with a lock box, for vendors to use for a fee of \$20 a day. Estimate at \$500

Motion:

Dora Devie made a motion to accept both of the bids for the electrical work at Town Hall and the Museum, and we set a fee of \$20 per day for vendor usage, Peggy Owens seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

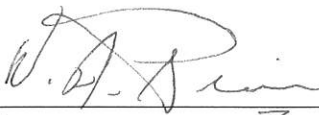
• **Poll Results on the Lions Club as a Community Center**

- The poll sheet was sent out, one to each utility bill location, with the ability to request additional poll sheet. This pole asked the residence if they support the idea of the Town purchasing the Lions Club as a Community Center.
- Results are: 45-Yes's and 6-No's

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:

At 8:38pm Dale Jones, made a motion to adjourn, Teddy Morgan seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.



 Mayor



 Attest: Town Clerk

