

THE TOWN OF ROLLING HILLS
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING
May 2, 2023; 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Maines called the Governing Body Meeting of May 2, 2023, to order at 7 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mayor Maines; Council Members Montgomery, Weaver, Rivera and Cielinski; Perry Ehler; and Attorney Silva

CONSENTS:

MOTION to approve the minutes as presented of the Governing Body Meeting of April 18, 2023; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Weaver seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the minutes as presented of the Budget Work Session of April 19, 2023; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Weaver seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the bills and claims as presented for May 2, 2023; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Montgomery seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: Nothing at this time.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR:

Members from the Landfill Board spoke with Council regarding the greens department. A community garden is being built on the property that was exchanged with the Town of Glenrock. A planting model was shared with Council. No water is required; the system is self-sufficient. Everything that comes in that is green will be put in the ground. Currently there are ten beds on a little over 4000 square feet of garden space. Vegetables, wild flowers and herbs are being planted. The produce is free to the public. This section is taking the green waste and helping out the community. The progress of this section will be trial and error as the project starts and will hopefully continue to grow. If the beds fail, then soil is being built and good topsoil will be able to be shared. This project has been asked to be shared throughout Wyoming. A gate directly to the greens area has been constructed. No trash will be allowed in this section. Mixed loads are a lot of work for the landfill personnel; bringing in loads that are separated is helpful. Clean lumber can be taken provided the nails are cut off or removed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Parks and Entertainment: Nothing at this time.

Zoning: Nothing at this time.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Nothing at this time.

Joint Powers Board: Nothing at this time.

Fire Suppression Authority: Nothing at this time.

Landfill Board: Mayor Maines stated the Board is looking for a new member. A dome structure for the greens set up will be constructed. An individual was hired to help with the section for the greens. People are coming in from Casper to keep from being charged; proof of residency may be needed. Talk of having a scale has taken place with future planning in mind. As bins become full more often, more frequent to trips to Casper will need to be made. If there is an influx due to the windfarm, this would be an item for impact funds. Council discussed concerns of illegal dumping when the bins are full. Council Member Montgomery asked if the landfill could be opened on Sunday as most people are home during the weekends and cannot get to the landfill before it closes on Saturday. There are intentions of keeping that option open but it is not in place at this time due to difficulties of people coming in from out of town and the bins being full before the contents can be taken to the Casper landfill. At this time, weeds and noxious weeds can be taken to the greens section in the landfill.

NEWY: Nothing at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Public Works Department Report & Requests: P. Ehler stated the water level on the tank has been raised to summertime levels. Higher demands for water have been seen throughout town. All wells are running good. Alarm issues have subsided. Wells are running 1-2 times per day depending on how much is drawn each day. Chlorine units have been cleaned; they are cleaned twice per year. A hydrant flush was done last Saturday. The water being flushed was relatively

clean. Timberline will be on-site May 15, 2023, to check into radio issues. Sprinklers will be turned on this month. Equipment is ready for mowing. Both heaters in Wellhouse 1 failed. P. Ehler used the old heaters from the shop to replace the failed heaters in the wellhouse. Water meters will start being replaced again. PFAS is a chemical that is starting to attack water systems. It is a chemical that was used in fire suppression. It is a chemical that does not go away. Populations of 3300 people or more are being tested. There is a lawsuit against the chemical manufacturer and it was highly suggested that all towns be part of this lawsuit. Testing will be done for systems smaller than 500 people but it is random testing. Chlorine, sand filtering and ultra-violet treatments are being used to get rid of the chemical.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Antelope Ridge Development Project, Update: Andreen-Hunt is nearly finished with the road base and will be putting down gravel in the near future.

Cedar Springs Wind Farm, Update: Mayor Maines stated a letter and email was sent to all entities regarding an MOU. A meeting was held last week regarding an MOU. The panel is a different group of people and rules have changed. Showing what the money is actually being spent on is more of the trend with the new panel. Showing what past impact funds were used for was being asked. Reporting on the use of impact funds after being granted the same may happen. Entities asked for less money. Mayor Maines told the group that Rolling Hills could ask for \$390,000; less than the model would provide. The MOU is more of an agreement not to argue with other entities. The panel could provide more than what is stated in the MOU. If all impact money is not awarded, there is an amendment procedure to ask for more if an unforeseen impact occurs. It was felt that Converse County, Douglas and Glenrock would benefit in the impact funds for fire and police. Mayor Maines stated he was fine with that so long as when the expenses happen, those three entities actually do pay for those costs. Point of entry for the blades and the employees and fuel trucks, etc., was discussed. Affects to the landfill and blade disposal was discussed with the MOU group. There are no numbers from Glenrock. Converse County is requesting \$1 million. Douglas requested \$500,000 to \$700,000. Natrona County asked for \$100,000; Mills, \$250,000; Bar Nunn, \$0; Evansville, nothing yet; Casper, \$250,000. Impacts on pathways and recreational areas are taken into consideration by the panel. Mayor Maines is continuing to put numbers together from past impact to current impacts. It is the hope that an MOU is agreed to so that the model will not be run by the DEQ.

2023 Street Surfacing Project; WLC Contract: Council reviewed and discussed the contract for engineering services for the 2023 street surfacing project of all new roads, Roundup Road, Rimrock Road and South Coyote Road. Brad Holwegner with WLC Engineering would like to attend a work session with Council on May 9th or 10th to discuss the plans for the street surfacing project. MOTION to approve the contract with WLC Engineering for the 2023 street surfacing project; Council Member Montgomery so motioned, Council Member Rivera seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. A work session will be held on May 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Fireworks: Council discussed the allowance of fireworks in 2023. Per Ordinance 2016-126, Council will decide what days to allow fireworks, July 3rd, 4th, 5th, all or a combination of those days. A resolution will be prepared for the next council meeting specifically setting out the allowed days. Residents will need to apply for a permit to detonate within town limits. Council can cancel the allowance of fireworks at any time. After discussion, fireworks will be allowed on July 3-4, 2023.

2023-2024 Contracts with Glenrock: Council reviewed and discussed the contracts for law enforcement, animal control and IT services with the Town of Glenrock. As drafted, the law enforcement and animal contracts are the same as last year. The IT contract decreased to \$1500 per discussion between T. Montgomery and J. Halverson. MOTION to submit the contracts for law enforcement, animal control and IT services to the Town of Glenrock; Council Member Rivera so moved, Council Member Montgomery seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

2023-2024 Grazing Lease: Council discussed the grazing lease with Rick Ettles on Antelope Ridge. No changes will be made. MOTION to submit the grazing lease to Rick Ettles for approval and signature; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Weaver seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

BCBS Rate Increase: Council reviewed and discussed the BCBS health insurance and rate increase for the next fiscal year. Council discussed the plan that will be provided for employees. The current deductible plan is \$1500. Council was asked to consider accepting the \$500 deductible plan due to rising medical and pharmacy costs. MOTION to approve the BCBS \$500 deductible plan; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Weaver seconded. Council

Member Cielinski inquired about the prescription plan included with the medical benefit. After discussion, All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance 2023-151, Annual Appropriations; First Reading: Council reviewed and discussed Ordinance 2023-151, the annual appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024. Changes were made to expenses per the last budget work session. MOTION to approve Ordinance 2023-151 on first reading; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Weaver seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Hall Internet and Phone Service: Council reviewed and discussed internet and phone service with Visionary (VCN) compared to the current provider, CenturyLink. T. Montgomery stated that phone service is poor or out during inclement weather. The nearest technician for CenturyLink is in Riverton. The VCN quote is higher than the CenturyLink bill without a fax line; however, the internet speed is higher with VCN. A VCN representative checked the line of site from the town hall to their tower and there are no issues nor any extra equipment needed. The phone service would be provided via VOIP and a one-time port fee will be charged to move the current 436 number to the VCN service. MOTION to move internet and phone service to Visionary; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Montgomery seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session.

COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL:

A work session has been scheduled for May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

The Glenrock Police Chief informed T. Montgomery that there have been issues with 4-wheelers in Rolling Hills. T. Montgomery will put a safety notice in the town newsletter.

The Town was informed that ATV and horseback riders are cutting the fence between Antelope Ridge and the sand dunes to gain access into the sand dunes. The fence is owned by the Town. Resident Rick Ettles has been repairing the fence. Signage was discussed. Council discussed cutting a section of the fence out between the area of the grazing lease and the planned residential lot. It would be the owner or lessee of the sand dunes' responsibility to keep people out of their area.

MOTION to adjourn the Governing Body meeting of May 2, 2023, at 9:30 p.m.; Council Member Weaver so motioned, Council Member Montgomery seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Jon O. Maines, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Teresa Montgomery, Clerk/Treasurer