



REGULAR TOWN HALL MEETING

November 19th, 2019

Meeting called to order by Mayor Coleman at 7:00PM

Present: Mayor Coleman, Councilman Ives, Councilman McCarthy, Councilman Wales (Absent)
Councilman Hollander,

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 5th, 2019.

Councilman McCarthy made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 5th 2019. Councilman Ives seconded. All Ayes Motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes from November 7th, 2019.

Councilman Ives made the motion to approve the special meeting minutes from November 7th, 2019. Councilman McCarthy second. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Public Hearing: 3rd Street Vacation

Mayor closed the Council Meeting at 7:01pm.

Mayor opened the public Hearing at 7:01pm

Mayor Coleman now declared the Public Hearing opened for consideration of the 3rd Street Vacation. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with state statues and has been set and advertised in accordance with the statutes. I would ask those individuals who wish to address the council on this

issue to approach the lectern, state your name, and address for the record. Do we have a report on this item? Scott Radden the Town Planner spoke up and gave the report on this item. He stated that the following vacation has been advertised and letters sent out to the land owners in the area. The Town in an effort to correct and relocate the originally platted Third Street to the existing roadway located to the Northwest. Per Wyoming State Statute 15-4-305, he sent out a petition to the majority of the landowners within 300 feet of the proposed vacation. The forty by three hundred foot portion of Third Street and the twenty by forty-foot portion of alleyway were never formally vacated. It is the intent of the Town to formally vacate and replat the property so that the existing asphalted portion of roadway is designated as a public right-of-way. P & Z forwards a due pass for Ordinance 737 to be passed. Again, Mayor Coleman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in favor of this item. Again, is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in favor of this item? Again, is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in favor of this item? Mayor Coleman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to this item. No one spoke up. Again, is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to this item? For a third and final time is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to this item. Mayor Coleman mentioned that after all have spoken and there being no others to speak for or against this item, I now declare the public hearing closed at 7:03 PM.

Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7:03pm.

Awards and Promotions:

Fire Chief, Dave North:

Dave called up Cpt. Justin Melin to give the promotion. Justin stated that Ethan Hecht has been with the Fire Department for a year now and has shown great strides. He has stepped up in the Engineer role and we are glad to have him part of our department. He called Ethan up along with his wife to pin his new badge on.

Bryon Preciado, Chief of Police:

Bryon stated that he has two officers that are being promoted. Jerry Rodgers is being promoted to Lieutenant. Matt Vincent is being promoted to Sargent.

Then Bryon has a couple of employees that have earned awards for their jobs that they have gone out of the call of duty.

First, Kate Acord and K9 Archer:

Officer Kate Acord and K9 Archer have received a quarterly award from the National Police Canine Association. Officer Acord and K9 Archer are being recognized for their efforts and acknowledging their dedication and commitment to the detection and prevention of crime. This award is being awarded on two separate vehicle sniffs that revealed controlled substances.

Once positive sniff let led to a search warrant which revealed 1.53 pounds of methamphetamine and \$15,000 cash.

Terry Good:

This award goes to officer Good who has distinguished himself at the department for exceptionally meritorious service regarding the investigation of numerous crimes against children, sexual offenses, and crimes against persons. These types of cases require a great level of responsibility and diligence and Officer Good's performance during these cases merits the Distinguished Service Medal award of honor.

Casey Gallinger:

On September 8, 2018, at approximately 02:47 hours, Mills Police Department Officer Casey Gallinger was on a traffic stop, when he heard a dispatch of a structure fire at 4201 W. Yellowstone Hwy. Officer Gallinger immediately cleared the traffic stop, giving the driver a warning, and proceeded to the location of the fire, 4201 W. Yellowstone Hwy space B-15.

When Officer Gallinger arrived at the residence, the rear of the recreational vehicle was fully engulfed in flames. Officer Gallinger looked inside the front door, and spoke to people around the residence, to determine if anyone else was inside the residence. Corporal Kevin Norcross, of the Natrona County Sheriff's Department had arrived on scene and advised that he believed that he saw a person in the room where the fire was located. Corporal Norcross also advised Officer Gallinger that Corporal Norcross believed that an oxygen tank had exploded inside the trailer, upon Corporal Norcross's arrival.

Corporal Norcross and Officer Gallinger entered the residence, to determine if anyone was left inside. Corporal Norcross observed a male laying on the floor toward the rear of the residence. Where the fire was located. Corporal Norcross and Officer Gallinger donned gloves and proceeded to pull the male out of the residence, and into the street. Officer Gallinger then directed medical staff to where the male was located, so they could provide much needed medical attention.

Footage from Officer Gallinger's body worn camera showed that the sleeping area of the residence was fully engulfed, and smoke filled the rest of the residence. As Officer Gallinger and Corporal Norcross pulled the male to safety, they pulled the male over several oxygen bottles, which lay strewn across the floor. Shortly after Officer Gallinger and Corporal Norcross pulled the man from the residence, several explosions came from inside the residence. The force of the explosions was great enough that windows in neighboring residences were broken, and debris was cast into the air, some of which landed several hundred feet away.

Speaking with fire investigators, it is believed that the area where Officer Gallinger and Corporal Norcross pulled the male from, would have been engulfed in flames within a minute or less.

Officer Gallinger was sent to the Wyoming Medical Center to get checked out for smoke inhalation, as a precautionary measure.

It is my belief that Officer Gallinger and Corporal Norcross acted above and beyond the call of duty, when they entered an enclosed space just feet from an active and raging fire, with the threat of exploding oxygen bottles everywhere, and without regard for their own safety, pulled one person from the residence.

Mayor Coleman: Mayor's Award:

The Town of Mills has more than 50 employees that serve its residents every day in ways that most don't begin to understand. I am proud to serve the residents of Mills alongside these men and women. I regret that I don't get to interact with all of them on a daily basis, but I want them all to know how proud am of what they do for this Town. The attitude of service is strong among the employees of the Town. First I would like to recognize Kevin O'Hearn. The Town of Mills has more than doubled in population since 2000. Much of that growth has taken place since 2012 when Kevin O'Hearn began with the Town of Mills. Kevin has helped the Town develop a building department from scratch, most recently working with other administrative staff to complete the process that gave the Town complete jurisdiction of the buildings built within the Town. Kevin also often takes on many task for the Town that are above and beyond the responsibilities typically associated with his position. I appreciate Kevin's ability to work with people to find a solution to navigate through red tape and regulation, he helps bring a balance to the process. The Town of Mills is a better place because of Kevin's dedication and service to the Town of Mills and its residents and businesses.

I also want to recognize Cameron Savage. Cameron officially started his position to the Town of Mills the same week I was appointed Mayor. In that time I have been amazed by the talent that he possess. Cameron always has the best interest of the town in the forefront of his mind.as well as that of his fellow employees. He is the most patient IT manager I have ever been around. He is much cost conscious, and very good at developing low cost high quality solutions to issues he is asked to address.

The last person I will be recognizing this evening is Bryon Preciado. I have not interacted with very many Police Chiefs, but I can guarantee you that if more of them were like Bryon the world would be a better place. I have seen the overall change in the department since his leadership began. I am impressed by his accomplishments and strong leadership. The level of professionalism he has instilled in the Mills Police department has been one of the catalysts driving the changes that the Town so desperately needed as it grows into a first class city under Wyoming statutes. I wish there was a way for every resident of this town to know how hard these 50 people are working for them in mostly anonymity. I would like my fellow residents to know that the Town of Mills is blessed to have these fine individuals working hard on our behalf every day.

New Business Licenses: One new Business and Contractor license are as follows.

Cowboy State Landscape

Councilman Ives made the motion to approve the one new business/contractor licenses.
Councilman McCarthy seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Renewal Business Licenses: 4 Business for renewal as follows:

Air Comfort Complete, CB Plumbing, Can Do Company, Wyoming Insulation

Councilman McCarthy made the motion to approve the four business up for renewal. Councilman Ives seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Ordinance 737, First Reading: An Ordinance Approving A Vacation of A Portion of Third Street Located Between Wasatch Avenue and Midwest Avenue, and A Portion of Alley Located Between Lot 1 and Lot 16, Block 16.

Councilman Ives made the motion to approve Ordinance 737 on first reading. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Approve the Payroll Reports and Expenditures:

- **Fire Employees:** 10-25-2019 to 11-5-2019.....\$16,260.72
- **Town Employee** 10-28-2019 to 11-10-2019.....\$88,791.08

Councilman McCarthy made the motion to approve the payroll reports for the fire and town employees. Councilman Ives seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Pay Bills on Voucher List and the Petty Cash Report and approve the voided and manual Checks:

- **Petty Cash:**\$0.00
- **Vouchers:**\$47,773.47
- **Manual Checks:**
 - Town.....\$27,254.97
 - Court.....\$270.00
- **Voided:**\$0.00

Councilman Ives made the motion to approve the vouchers, and petty cash report and approve the voided and manual checks. Councilman McCarthy seconded. All Ayes- Motion carried.

Council Approval of the October 2019 Bank Reconciliation Report:

Councilman McCarthy made the motion to approve the October 2019 Bank Reconciliation Report. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Council Approval of the October 2019 Court Income Report:

Councilman Ives made the motion to approve the October 2019 Court Income Report. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Council Approval of the Catering Permit for Uncorked Fine Wine and Spirits.
Councilman McCarthy made the motion to approve the catering permit for Uncorked Fine Wine and Spirits for February 21, 2020 in the City of Casper. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Council Authorizes the Mayor to Sign the Marlin Settlement Agreement

Councilman Ives made the motion for the Mayor to sign the Marlin Settlement Agreement. Councilman McCarthy seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Open Discussion:

Ruth Pitts: 826 Platte

Ruth wanted to know if we can put weather stripping on the bottom of the doors so the bugs cannot get in. There is lots of bugs everywhere. Mayor stated we will go and look to see what we can do. Ruth also wanted to know if we are going to get a new ice machine. Right now they have a little table top one and feels bad that the lady has to bring ice with her. Mayor asked Christine if this can repaired and she said no. We need a new one. Ruth also wanted to know if we have any new on what we are going to do with that place on Wyoming BLVD that needs to be cleaned up. Mayor stated that she needs to talk to Bryon the Chief of Police and have him look into it. Finally, Ruth wanted to know when we are going to get the ramp fixed. She feels bad that we have to be separated from the others at town hall. Mayor stated that the bid is out for bid now and should have it done by the March or so.

Executive Session: Personnel Issue

Mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session for a personnel issue. Councilman Ives made the motion at 7:27pm to go into executive session for a legal issue. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Returned from Executive session at 7:36pm. No Action taken

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Ives made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:36pm. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Mayor Seth Coleman:  _____

Attested: Christine Trumbull _____