



TOWN OF MILLS

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REGULAR TOWN HALL MEETING

July 10th, 2019

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

Present: Mayor Coleman, Councilman McCarthy, Councilman Ives, Councilman, Councilman Hollander, Councilman Wales

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 26th, 2019.

Councilman Wales made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 26th, 2019. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes Motion carried.

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

ARC Iron Garage, PV Asian Cuisine, Remodeling Unlimited

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

Renewal Business Licenses: 18 business for renewal as follows:

A and B Seamless Gutter, A & V Endeavors, Action Glass, Advanced Chemical Solutions, Barns By Design, Behavior Care Specialists, City Service Electric, Coleman Repair, Daylight Donuts & Yellowstone Grill, Decks Unlimited, Don's Paint Shop, Double Diamond Vapors, Kiddo's Cabin, MC Construction, M & M Trailer Court, Mills Horse Palace, Overhead Door, Quality Conscious Carpentry.

Councilman Wales made the motion to approve the eighteen business up for renewal. Councilman Hollander seconded. Councilman McCarthy asked if Mayor needs to abstain from voting if he is related to Coleman Repair. Mayor stated that he is not related to this business. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Approve the Payroll Reports and Expenditures:

- **Fire Employees:** 6-15-2019 to 6-26-2019.....\$13,576.29
- **Town Employees:** 6-10-2019 to 6-23-2019.....\$100,221..27

Councilman Wales made the motion to approve the payroll reports for the fire and town employees. Councilman Hollander 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:**\$88,270.92
- **Manual Checks:**
 - Town.....\$3,748.00
 - Court.....0.00
- **Voided:**\$24,227.16

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

Council Approval of the Media and Social Media Policy for the Town of Mills.

Councilman Ives made the motion to approve the Media and Social Media Policy for the Town of Mills. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Council Approval of the USA Trucking MOU Amendment.

Councilman Wales made the motion to approve the USA Trucking MOU Amendment. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Council Approval of the PSCC Agreement.

Councilman Wales made the motion to approve the PSCC Agreement. Councilman Hollander seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Open Discussion:

Alvin Gruver: Mills Resident

Alvin wanted to know why there is two pay periods listed. Are the Fireman not town employees? Why they are not listed together? Mayor Coleman stated that the fireman are paid on a different pay cycle than the town employees. They get paid every 12 days and have their own pay period. The town employees get paid every 14 days and have their own payroll. Then Alvin wanted to know why there was \$24,227.16 in voided checks. That is more than what people make. Looks suspicious to me he stated. Town Clerk, Christine spoke up about this. She stated that since the town has had to move the offices around and she is working off a different printer, the checks have to put in different. They printed wrong. She stated that you are more than welcome to come to town hall and look over the checks. Christine also stated that she does not void a lot of checks. Finally, Alvin state what is the PSCC agreement? Mayor stated it is an agreement with the City of Casper for dispatching services. He wanted to know who all pays into this? Mayor stated it is all of Natrona County.

Leah Juarez: Mills Resident

Leah wanted to know what the town just hired for. We thought you were looking for a Fire Chief. The press release stated it was an Emergency Management Service Administration position and Fire Chief. Will Dave be the Fire Chief or is this a new position that we are hiring for? Mayor stated that listing Dave's title as the Emergency Management Service title will fill a void that the town has had for a while. Dave will be able to perform homeland security issues that will arise. He is qualified in that area. The state has had this position unfilled for many years. He would be approved by the Governor and we would like to put him forward for this position to represent Natrona County. So Leah asked this is not a separate position. He will also be the Fire Chief? She wanted to know what his job responsibilities are what are his qualifications of the position. She asked why he is doing administration. Does he know how to fight a fire and save lives? She wanted to know how many people we interviewed for the position. Mayor stated 10 people. She wanted to know the names of all of them and what can we tell them about them. Mayor stated he is not at liberty to discuss about the other candidates. So Leah asked that what Dave will be doing will fill the requirements of a Fire Chief? Mayor stated yes. Leah asked Councilman Wales on Monday did he vote for a Fire Chief or did he vote for a person for Emergency Management Service personnel. Wales stated that he voted for a Fire Chief. She then explained her qualifications and how she could be fire chief. Leah went on to say that the Council should be ashamed of themselves.

Wayne Coleman: Mills Resident

He stood up and stated how proud he is and that the council is doing a great job.

Kim Perez:

Kim asked why the fire department will have two administration positions. Where are the positions now? Why do you need multiple administration position? Does the budget support

that? Looks to her that we will be top heavy in the administration role. Again, how many people did you interview for the job? Mayor stated he interviewed 2 people out of 10. What were the qualifications of the top 2? Mayor stated as far as what? Both had multiple qualifications. She stated who had them for Fire Chief? The thing that gets me, is that you were hiring for a Fire Chief. Councilman Wales voted for a Fire Chief. Was there a seconded vote for when the position changed names? Was Councilman Wales made aware of the new name of the position? You Mayor changed names of this position. Mayor stated that Dave North is the Fire Chief of the Town of Mills. Did you just say that he is emergency services and homeland security and not the Fire Chief? Mayor stated no. Kim wanted him to explain himself. Mayor stated that the emergency service title will deal with homeland security position. The other part of his position is Fire Chief. They are both wrapped into one position. Kim wanted to know why we changed the name of the position. Again, the Mayor stated that Dave will wear many hats just like other employees of the town do. His role will be in a combination of emergency management and Fire Chief. So Kim said he will be the Fire Chief? Mayor stated yes. Kim wanted to know if this position was posted. Mayor stated that the position was posted for a Fire Chief. Kim asked will he be able to fight fires and drive a truck? Mayor stated we have it all covered. She wanted to know more about the 10 applicants. Mayor stated again that he is not going to discuss this. This is a personnel issue and he is not going to talk about. Kim read the recent press release that went out and the headline talked about emergency services personnel not Fire Chief. Which is it? Kim asked Councilman McCarthy did she know what she was voting for. She replied a Fire Chief. Kim stated that 99% of the people in the town has a lack of confidence in him as Mayor. Kim wanted to know how Councilman McCarthy voted in the special meeting on Monday. She replied I abstain from voting because I did not get the answers to the questions I asked. So I could not vote any other way. Kim stated does that really help the town that you abstain from voting. Councilman McCarthy stated that she is here for the town and the residents. She stated that there will be no extra pay for the job that Dave will be doing. Kim wanted to know if that the Fire Chief and Emergency Management position are one pay. No extra pay involved. Mayor stated it was budgeted for and it is one position. Mayor stated again, that Dave North is the Fire Chief for the Town of Mills. Councilman Ives asked Kim does she know what a Fire Chief actually does. Kim stated yes she does. Councilman Ives stated that they normally do not fight fires. Kim kept asking her questions. Councilman Ives stated that she does not have answer to you to what I have to say. I voted for the best person that I thought could do the job. We have seen the resumes and have talked. Kim asked if she has seen all 10 applications. Kim asked who has seen all the applications. Kim asked Wales how many application he saw. He stated none. She also asked Councilman Hollander if he saw the resumes and applications. He said no. The Mayor wanted to make it clear that it is the Mayors responsibility to make the appointment and it is the Councils job to confirm or not confirm the appointment. Kim stated how the council can be effective if they do not have all the information to make a decision.

Alvin Gruver:

I would like to answer the question about Fire Chiefs about fighting fires. He looked right at Councilman Ives and told her that she should go back and read her books again. Councilman

Ives stated they go and delegate and administrate at the fires. They are only a fire fighter if someone gets hurt or they don't have enough. Mayor stated we have one Fire Chief and 3 captains. Our Fire Chief will not on duty 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The Fire Chief is the main administration person of the department. Our public works department head does not drive a garbage truck. Alvin stated that any Fire Chief he knows has some sort of fire experience. After yelling and calling the Mayor a comrade, and losing his cool said that the Mayor is not in charge and it is our town not yours. Mayor stated that if there is going to be disrespect I am going to have to have you leave. Alvin stated to the Mayor you have to earn respect. He stated that Fire Chiefs usually come up the ladder.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Hollander made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:26p.m. Councilman Ives seconded. All Ayes-Motion carried.

Mayor Seth Coleman:  _____

Attested: Christine Trumbull  _____