Town of Upton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 08, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Upton, Wyoming was held at 7:00 p.m. March 8, 2016 at the Upton Community Center located at 917 N HWY 116 in Upton, Wyoming.

Present: Mayor Dustin Upton, Councilmen Mark Mitchell, Nathan Todd, Travis Beck, and David Watt (joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m.). Also present: Attorney Mark Hughes, Mark Lindstrom, John Strong, Joe Creamer, Todd Bennington, Neil and Victoria Schiller, Jory Hillman, Kelley Millar, and Rona Barker.

Mayor Upton called the meeting to order by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Beck made a motion seconded by Councilman Mitchell to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the March 8, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Mitchell made a motion seconded by Councilman Beck to pay the following bills: ADI Insurance Agency, $756.00; Alpha Communications, $50.00; Aflac, $122.31; American Welding & Gas, $60.04; Arrow Service, $419.62; AT&T Mobility, $430.00; Black Hills Energy, $6,082.87; Bearlodge Engineering, $1,030.00; B-4 Automotive, $285.61, 170.82; BCBS, $8,977.50; Border States, $323.93; Chase Cardmember Service, $1,334.79; City of Newcastle, $1,622.00; Collins Communications, $28.00; C.W. Waste, $5,964.15; Dakota Business Center, $32.18; Department of Treasury, $11,354.05; Department of Workforce Services, $1,127.57; $364.72; FSB (trf), $670.00; Deposit Refunds, $601.80; DXP, $17.00; Energy Laboratories, $210.00, $110.00; Grimms Pump, $36.91; Hawkins, $236.50; Honnen Equipment, $584.88; Hughes Law Office, $1,557.40; Joe's Food Center, $213.89, $201.27; Kriz-Davis, $705.00; L.N. Curtis & Sons, $1,787.41; Mark Lindstrom, $42.00, $50.00; NCPERS, $16.00; Postmaster, $173.25; Powder River Energy, $352.42, $275.24; Railroad Management Co. III, $176.86; Rasmussen Electric, $250.00; Regional Health, $100.00; RT Communications, $1,159.95; Servall, $76.68; SourceGas, $975.41; Stine Electronics, $815.00; Titan Machinery, $1,357.34; Top Office Products, $90.95; Upton Co-op, $941.96, $146.89; Upton Fire Department, $3,436.34; Walmart Community/RFCSLLC, $509.97; Weston County Gazette, $1,173.75; Wyoming Fire Chief's Association, $130.00; Wyoming Network, $50.00; WPOA, $40.00; Wyoming Retirement, $405.00, $6,099.59; Wyoming State Firemen's Association, $50.00. **SALARIES:** Rona Barker, $2,620.20; Christopher Brooks, $49.87; David Brooks, $1,841.46; Joseph Creamer, $3,021.85; Patrick Crow, $300.14; Michael Hobbs, $2,471.18; Lynn Hofland, $3,163.45; Virginia Jenkins, $55.95; David Larson, $3,116.52; Mark Lindstrom, $3,940.28; Corina McPeters, $148.17; Kelley Millar, $2,042.46; Colleen Moneymaker, $384.64; William Palmer, $2,923.35; Jason Pinter, $1,860.74, Dustin Upton, $103.92. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil & Victoria Schiller, along with Jory Hillman gave a golf course update. Based upon Neil Schiller's request, Councilman Todd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mitchell to have the Town of Upton continue to pay the property insurance with the Upton Golf LLC reimbursing the expense to the Town. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Creamer requested a variance from the Council to put up a carport on his property. He produced a letter written by the adjacent property owner giving permission to build the carport next to her property. Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mitchell to grant the variance. Motion passed unanimously.

Cleanliness of the community center was the next topic of discussion. The Council instructed the Clerks to draft a letter providing expectations for use of the building.

Councilman Todd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mitchell to pass on the second reading: ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2016 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION ON ABATEMENT OF JUNK VEHICLE(S) TO CHAPTER 8.16 OF THE UPTON MUNICIPAL CODE. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Beck, and seconded by Councilman Todd to approve Addendum A to the personnel policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerks comments: deadlines were given for the WAM-JPIC Board of Directors Election ballots; Innovation Awards; Bartley Skinner Award; Community Hero Award; Honorary Member Awards; WAM Board Scholarship; and LTS Board Scholarship.

The police report was submitted by Chief Hofland prior to the meeting. Officer Creamer reported a serious incident involving a breach of peace.

Councilman Watt joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The fire department report was submitted by Chief Strong

Superintendent Lindstrom reported that the Wyoming Water Development Commission voted to suspend the Water Well No. 6 project. The grant portion of the project was forgiven, but the loan portion in the amount of $17,000.00 will have to be paid back. A permit for Water Well No. 6 was granted at that time.

In other business, vandalism of the new park playground equipment was discussed. It was noted that the playground equipment has been used every day.

The city park grant multipurpose building with bathrooms was not recommended by the Wyoming Business Council. It was suggested that the Town reapply at a later date. However, the final decision rests with the SLIB. Mayor Upton will reach out to the Upton Economic Development Board before deciding to attend the March 10th meeting at Torrington.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Watt, and seconded by Councilman Mitchell. All voted in favored. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.