

Town of Upton
Regular Town Council Meeting
June 23, 2022

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Town Council of Upton, Wyoming, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at the Upton City Hall located at 725 2nd Street in Upton, Wyoming.

Present: Mayor Travis Beck, Council Members Justin Norman, Dennis Stirmel, Joe Watt and Nicholas Trandahl. Staff present included Clerk/Treasurer Kelley Millar and Superintendent Mark Lindstrom. Public attendance included Nicki Toth.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., Mayor Beck opened the budget hearing asking for public comment. Nicki Toth asked the Council why the Parks & Recreation budget was over \$188,000.00 and the Golf Course budget was only \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00 each year. She noted there was a High School golf team with the hopes of a Middle School team at some point in the future and that the course had over 800 hours of volunteer work committed last season with specifically more than 100 hours from her husband (Tim Toth) and an additional 100 hours from her. Mrs. Toth also added that golf was a great outdoor recreation activity. Mayor Beck thanked her for her efforts and time at the course and for being present at the meeting, then he shared that surrounding courses are also struggling to operate and that Newcastle in particular holds a large fundraising event that keeps that course operating. Council Member Watt asked about operations at the course being more of a volunteer effort in the past; Mrs. Toth offered that the volunteerism at the course, and in general, was a thing of the past as families do not have the time or resources to give more of their time and she asked if anyone knew how to write grants. Mayor Beck answered that grants often times have matching requirements and that the Golf Association had previously reported that they were unable to obtain grant funds because the Town owned the property. Clerk/Treasurer Millar added that a recreation grant, specific to golf course irrigation, had a match requirement of 50%. Council Member Watt noted that the irrigation infrastructure would be about forty years old at this point and likely in need of replacement throughout the system. The idea of a bond issue was briefly discussed, as were options and ideas for fundraising. Mayor Beck closed the hearing at approximately 7:21 p.m. after public comment was wrapped up.

COUNCIL MEMBER STIRMEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER TRANDAHL SECONDED a motion to approve the proposed budget amendment in the following particulars:

Increase the General Fund Budget by \$3,000.00 by budgeting \$3,000.00 from general fund cash reserves. The funds will be used for building repairs to the Cedar Pines clubhouse as required by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$2,000.00, for the utility costs in the amount of \$500.00, and for equipment rental to fix a leak on fairway #1 of the golf course in the amount of \$500.00.

Council Members Norman, Trandahl and Stirmel and Mayor Beck voted aye. Council Member Watt voted nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Council, **COUNCIL MEMBER STIRMEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER NORMAN SECONDED A MOTION** to adjourn. All ayes, **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Travis Beck, Mayor

Attest: Kelley Millar, Clerk-Treasurer

Unofficial Minutes of the Special Meeting June 23, 2022