

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
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April 9, 2024

Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was announced.

Governing Body Present: Mayor Sherry Oler, Councilmembers, Zeke Bonella, Kevin Kummer, Helen Gordon, and Brady Hamilton were present. A full quorum was declared.

City Staff Present: Town Attorney, Rick Sollars and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman were present.

Audience: The John and Amber Nations family, Tony Scott and Cressie Mahaffey, Louise and Curtis Barker, Tim Pawol, Mike Dabich, Terri Carrol, Tony Simmers, and other members of the public.

Mayor Oler made an announcement asking those present to silence all cell phones and if they are hard of hearing to please sit in the front row. She stated that only agenda items will be addressed and residents presenting agenda items will have five (5) minutes to address the council.

Public Comments: Louise Barker – Mrs. Barker explained that the God’s Pantry electric meter is not working correctly. She stated that she has had four people look at it and it is not working properly. Mayor Oler informed her that the Town has contacted Rocky Mountain Power to do an investigation on the meter and the electrical usage in the building to determine why the bill is so high. She explained the higher than normal bills to the councilmembers. Councilwoman Helen Gordon would like to see the bills for one year previous. The matter will be tabled for now until we hear back from Rocky Mountain Power. Mike Dabich stated that he looked at the meter and thought something has to be wrong with it because the bill for his entire house was only \$90 last month. Louise then asked why she wasn’t told that the lock on the brush pile gate had been changed. Mayor Oler explained that no one was really notified. She instructed Harry to change the lock and it was done.

Louise then wanted to discuss the issue of the road to her house. She stated that the road belongs to the town and Harry has always plowed it out for her when it snows. She stated that her husband has had six heart attacks and cannot clear the road. Now all of the sudden ‘someone doesn’t want the road plowed’. Mayor Oler informed her that she was not aware the road was being plowed and when she found out, she instructed that it not be plowed because the town cannot do for one person and not do for everyone else. The town only has enough budget to plow the school bus route. There are other people that plow around town for their neighbors. Terri Carroll asked what happened to the DOT truck the town had with a plow? She was informed the plow was no good and the truck would have to go at least 40 mph to plow snow. The mayor explained that the town’s loader is on it’s last legs and is not dependable enough to be used for plowing snow. The town also simply does not have the budget for labor and maintenance required to plow all the streets. There are many elderly and/or disabled people in town and the town cannot plow for them either. Someone asked what the legal ramifications would be if they plowed the streets. Attorney Sollars stated they are on their own, legally. If they tear up the road, they are liable to the town for repairs. If they use an ATV, they must still comply with the regulations.

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Tony Scott -- Mr. Scott stated that he has lived in his house on 3rd street for five years and has never worked on the fence. There is a big tree stump that he believes is on city property. He would like to remove the stump and replace his fence. He said they need to find the right property line in front of their house which a survey would provide and he has had one done. He was informed that he does not need a permit to replace the fence that is currently there as long as the new fence is going to be placed along the same lines.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: correction or approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Council Meeting.

Financial Report: Correction or approval of the March 31, 2024, financial report.

Payment of Bills: Corrections or approval of the payment of bills for April 2024.

Mayor Oler asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the aforesaid council minutes, financial report, or payment of bills.

Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes, financial report, and payment of bills, seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. The motion unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Report - March 2024

Water Meter Replacement Project: Several meetings have been held this month preparing for the water meter replacement bidding and project. I sent a formal request to SLIB requesting an interest rate reduction on the loan and requested an extension of the forgiveness deadline. I attended a zoom meeting on Thursday, April 4, to answer questions, if necessary, regarding my request. 17 interest rate reductions were requested and all were approved by consent agenda. I should receive formal notification and further instruction on the deadline extension. Publication for project bid was delayed again and should be completed in April.

Brush Pile: With weather warming, the town receives daily complaints about the brush pile being closed. Some people are unhappy, others are angry, and people who have received door tag notices to clean their properties, are downright hostile. This issue will be on the agenda this month. Thank you for the help of Councilman Kummer, we now have specific information to consider regarding security camera installation at the brush pile.

God's Pantry: The electric bill for the old jail building continues to run high. Thermostats are set to 50 degrees and the monthly electric bill runs around \$100/month. Further discussion is needed.

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Frank's Meats Annexation: Meetings were held and a proposed annexation agreement has been sent to Jared.

Grant Applications: 1) Applications are currently being prepared to cover engineering costs for assessing Hudson's sewer lines, lift station, and sewer lagoon. 2) A grant application was submitted for "phase II" based on the original plans approved for the "Bring Back Svilar Park" project. Phase II focuses on maintenance of the shelter, picnic table and bench replacements, receptacles for garbage and pet waste, and playground equipment for ages 5-12. 3) Statement of Interest is being drafted for Radar Feedback signs, traffic direction signs and a cross-walk. Upon approval, this will be submitted to WyDOT for 2025 planning.

Town Hall Floor: A warranty claim for the replacement of the flooring in Town Hall is pending. All agree the product will not adhere properly without gaps and ripples and it must be defective. The vendor is submitting the claim.

Hudson Daze, Vinich Sports Complex, Gold Star Memorial Park: Meetings and plans continue for Hudson Daze, the Ballpark revitalization, and improvements for Gold Star Memorial Park, including coordinating volunteer help from the local Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and VFW.

Memorial Day Ceremony: the VFW and junior color guard agreed to help with the Memorial Day ceremony, and I will contact schedule a legislative speaker at the ceremony. More information to come...

Brownstone Project: I met with Maralyne and the Wyoming DEQ Brownstone committee. The Brownstone program helps communities and property owners rehabilitate properties. They believe Hudson would benefit by helping property owners on Main Street preserve buildings. Tentatively a presentation to Town Council will happen at May's meeting. I will visit with property owners and invite them to the council meeting. This program is a 100% cost free program paid through the DEQ's philanthropic division.

Fremont County Tax Forum: Spoke at a recent Republican Committee tax forum held in Riverton. I gathered from the discussions, there is overall support to keep the 1% sales tax for roads and infrastructure, but people are hesitant to support the ½% Economic Development Tax. The newly proposed "MOU" isn't transparent enough and taxpayers distrust its intent.

Budget Planning: Kathy and I are beginning the process of budget planning, 'tis the season!

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Town Code Enforcement: We have record numbers of pet licensing. Last week, we received a proposed MOU from PAWS for Life for assistance housing stray dogs/cats and costs. Residents are moving vehicles from roads and some residents are requesting additional time to clean their properties. Most requests have are granted if they start cleaning and the request is reasonable.

Vicious Dog Ordinance: The town attorney sent language used by Lander and Riverton in their ordinances. I personally like the Riverton language, but I have not had the time to re-write our language for proposal. I am thinking of asking Amber Nation to volunteer and form a committee for this purpose and submit public recommendations to council.

Town Clean-up Day: Hopper Disposal verbally offered help to Hudson and I am wanting to pursue a plan, however, they have not confirmed in writing and I have not had the chance to call them to get it.

Easter Egg Hunt: It was really fun chaos with all the kids and parents stuffing easter eggs and we filled a truck bed with eggs! Photos of the egg hunt proved it a great success!

Sorry about the length of my report again! More to come next month... Sherry

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

April 2024

March did not go out like a lamb like I had hoped, and we had a snowy Easter. I am still hopeful we will get some warmer weather, but I should know better than to hope for such things in April in Wyoming.

Town Hall has been busy as usual. There has been a lot of meetings, comings and goings, general traffic, and a few sick days as usual.

There has been a record number of animal licenses sold this month. Several Setback Permits will be on the agenda and a new mobile home permit. People are getting busy! With busy residents comes branches and leaves. I have had numerous residents come in for the key to the brush pile. Some were nicer than others when they were told it was closed until after the council meeting. Some were understanding, others were angry and stormed out.

There was an attempted break in reported on North Missouri. It was reported to the Sheriff's office and the homeowner has an idea of who it was. She has installed cameras on her property.

I have fielded several requests from landlords to provide them the total amount they paid in utilities for 2023. If this becomes too time consuming, we may want to look at charging for this service. They can keep track of their own expenses for tax purposes and not get cranky when I don't provide it to them within the hour. Just saying....

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There have been several questions brought up about ordinances and enforcement. I think the sooner we can get the ordinances updated, the better it will be. I know that is a time consuming endeavor, but we should be looking closely at it.

There were several meter readings that came in overly high this month. I have been requesting re-reads for them and filling out work orders. I think we will all be very happy when the new meters are in!

Hudson Daze is heating up! Maralyne, Becky and their crews have gotten more people involved and have been working hard to put on a spectacular event for Hudson this year! I will be there with my games and prizes for the kids and I hear they are trying to get some door prizes donated.

All the current employees signed off on the new Employee Policy and Procedure Manual. It is nice to have that project completed and to no longer be operating under the antiquated one from years gone by.

Our electronic sign is working great! We have had a lot of positive feedback on it. People notice it and we are able to get information out to the public quickly. Maralyne can change it from anywhere so it is a great asset to the town! I simply have not had the time to learn the system yet so we appreciate Maralyne taking that on for us! We are also very appreciative of the Wind River Visitors Council for providing the sign! We have had inquiries into posting other events on the sign that do not necessarily concern Hudson. I think we should discuss that if we get more requests and either charge for it or have a policy that it is only for Town events and news.

Be prepared to file for election next month! This is an election year, and we will have three seats up for election. Brady and Kevin's terms expire and Helen's seat is available for a two year term since MaryAnne resigned less than half way through her term. That seat will then be open for the usual four-year term in 2027.

We have received our Weed and Pest refund for weed spraying last year and I just filed the request for the funding for this year. We have also received our TAD funds from the Wind River Visitors Council. These funds are limited to advertising to promote Hudson.

The mayor and I met with Summit West Accounting to discuss what they can offer the town as far as helping with some of the treasurer duties that take a lot of time. Plus, it would make the yearly audit a whole lot easier if they already know all the information they want! They are preparing a proposal for us to consider. Stay tuned...

After the audit and speaking with Summit we are looking into a less expensive software that will still be capable of handling all of our accounting and billing needs. I have been researching a Quickbooks based program called Clerkbooks. There is not much information on it from other clerks in the state, but the accountants seem to like it. Will keep looking at options.

I am still trying to find time to update the forms for the Town. I completed the new cemetery form and am now working on the Town Hall Rental Form. After the mess that was left after one event this month, and the mayor having to spend her time and effort mopping, putting tables away and washing drinks off of the walls, it was decided that we will require a cleaning deposit no matter if there is a charge for renting the hall or not. It is just something that should not have happened and hopefully having to pay a deposit will prevent it from happening in the future.

Heather Huberty from the Union Whiskey Bar has graciously offered to take on the wagon decorating out front. She will be putting in pansies when mother nature calms down. I am very thankful for her offer because I have the black thumb of death and would hate to see what I would do to the usual beautiful display!

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We have had a couple of requests to reserve Svilar park already so I think it may be a busy spring and summer over there as well.

Like everything, prices are going up and I have received a couple of notices of increase in rates. One from our webpage designer. She has not increased her rates for over ten years and she did not increase them by much. I think they are more than fair.

With the end of the month, comes the flurry of entering meter readings, preparing utility billings, doing payroll and month end duties. I continue to ask Taylor to come help me with stuffing envelopes and filing.

On a personal note, I continue to have residual illnesses cropping up. I have other issues that will require several medical visits to Salt Lake and I will be very busy in the coming months getting my mother moved into assisted living and cleaning out her house. I know I sound like a broken record, but I am concerned about having someone to back me up when I cannot be here. It is difficult for me to keep up or play catch up all the time. I have closed my breeding business because of time constraints. I am hopeful we can find monies for a capable office assistant to work part time. There are very few municipalities in Wyoming that have a one person Town Hall.

March Maintenance Report 2024

Week of March 1st, 2024. Perform daily and weekly duties for maintenance, lagoons and Water Plant. Lagoon warning light on, found pump not working, valve stuck open and bubbler air trap full of water. Friday the Hudson draw took on runoff and began backing up at dirt berm placed against the little Popo Agie River. Not being on call, Bridger was contacted by Precision Dirt Works and he opened up the berm using our backhoe. Don Rood on call for weekend of the 2nd and 3rd.

Week of March 4th, 2024. Perform daily and weekly duties for maintenance, water plant, wwtp lagoons. Seth Woods here for weekly inspection and monthly sampling to send to Energy Labs. Tour ballpark with Precision Equipment from Riverton. Move high speed pump in water plant over to pump area for staging to install. Discuss 2024 flood mitigation ideas with Mayor. Stage sand bagging hopper at lower town parking lot. Assemble new desk for Kathy. Ace Hardware for a set of chains for maintenance shop. Register for WY DOT class in Casper on April 17th for my certification. Jerry Cox from ITC here to install new plc's in blower house at lagoons. Grab a sample for E. Coli to Riverton. Meet HDR Engineering with Mayor, Don Kathy and discuss meter program. Harry on call weekend of 9th and 10th.

Week of March 11th. Perform daily and weekly duties for maintenance, lagoons, and training Steve on the procedures and general duties. Seth Wood came and spent 3 hours training Steve on Lagoon upkeep, and general information. Steve organized and swept the shop, made an appointment with Gayla Crain to check her meter. We then checked and replaced the meter at Crain's, then brought a concrete block up to support broken post up by brush pile, reinstalled the gate and locked it. Appointments were made per work orders for water meters. Studied for my Water Treatment Test. Leaves, branches and debris removed from fence @ front drive of Shop. Inspect generator at water plant, all good except overflow tank cap is deteriorated and crumbling, will order another. Flat bed to county shop for 27 gallons and fuel truck 26 gallons diesel, 30 gallons gas. Steve inspected bad valve for learning purposes, performed maintenance duties on the Chevy, discovered a bad taillight assembly and removed it. A transmission fluid leak indicated that a cooling line was leaking, in need of replacement. Fluids were at acceptable levels. We went to Lagoon and maintenance Blower #2, performed an oil change and filter replacement. The mosquito fogger was placed in the bed of the gas Ford with the backhoe. An attempt was made at

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cleaning the shop sink. Organized sockets. Plowed snow in the morning, then took a E.Coli water sample and brought it to Riverton for testing. We checked on Mary Wakefield work order, decided to wait to check the "meter reader error" at a better time, when weather was dry. Plowed the cemetery. A newer generator was placed in the shop. Steve got information about email and insurance, then spent the last hour studying for the wastewater certificate. Friday, unpackaged the tables and put the cardboard in the dumpster. Then, power broomed the street gutters. Checked out the generator and Honda water pump, all running fine. Then pressure washed the shop floor, and power Sweeper.

March Maintenance week of the 18th. Performed daily duties, checking Lagoon, Landfill, Water Tanks, Cemetery, and Library. Had a meeting with the Mayor regarding Employee policy and procedures. Met with Seth for more Wastewater Treatment Training. We cleaned the visual sediment glass on the vacuum for the Lift Station Pump #1. It was full of fat and other pollutants. Checking the Blowers, all was well. I cleaned the dirt from the Backhoe. I searched the Cemetery for sprinkler heads and identified two (2). Checked the ballfield and the shed in front to determine what needs to be done to repair the doors. Eight pairs of 5" hinges would do. Then, power broomed the sidewalk and driveway in front of the shop. Tuesday; I went up to the Lagoon to maintenance Blower #1. Harry and I went to mark the water lines for the work order at 108 s. Illinois. Harry showed Steve around town, and we inspected the ball field to verify claims that there was no power box or control box for the lights and sprinklers. There were power boxes, and the lights worked. Then took the old, damaged seat out of the Gas Ford and replaced it with a better one. Steve went to the cemetery and located sprinkler heads. Wednesday; Bolted down seats in the gas Ford, loaded old seats onto Flatbed Chevy. Checked meters on west side of Town. Thursday; Replaced taillight on Chevy. Spent most of the day checking rest of the meters. Came back to shop and studied Wastewater Treatment. Friday; Roll wire was loaded and placed at the Brush Dump and old lumber from the Water Plant was loaded and placed in the brush pile. While there, I moved the top and bottom rail up 3" on the gate entry for smoother opening and closing. The driveway behind the shop was raked and swept where the wire had been. Trash was hauled to the dumpster. Mary Wakefield's reader was checked out and repaired. A pinched wire was the problem that prevented a reading. Then I patched a few holes in the roads, one by town hall and one beside Kai's.

March maintenance for week of March 25th. Performed usual daily and weekly duties, including checking the Lagoon, Cemetery, and Water Tanks. Spent about three hours with Don Ruud training Steve at the Water Plant, then another 2 hours with Seth Wood up at the Lagoon. While there, Harry noticed a Lateral Aerator was detached from its base. The stainless hold down clamp was broken as well. Steve and Seth got a come along and t-post to move into original position, after taking 2' of slack from the opposing cable, then resecured. Purchased automotive items were put up. Steve turned in paperwork and coordinated with Kathy. Studied for certification. Tuesday, went to WTP for training with Don, then went to check out water leak with Harry. The bush hanging out over the sidewalk across from Svilar's got trimmed back. Wed.; Harry and I leveled both blower intake tanks. More WTP training with Don in the morning, worked on gas Ford electrical issues. All good except dr window not regulating, need to get a schematic of the truck's electrical. Rear taillight and pigtail replaced in Chevy. Studied wastewater last half hour. Thursday; WTP training for Steve, then painted "no water" and "no sewer" on sidewalk by Svilar's light pole per 811 call. I placed a notice on the fence at Watt's place on 7th St. "no water, no sewer issue", per 811 call to dig for a fence. Went to Svilar Park to install new seats for swings only to discover they need chains, "d" rings prior to install. Checked out benches under pavilion. One is broken and hazardous, decision made to remove. Another picnic table has a broken board on it, needing

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replaced. Friday; More training at the Water Plant. Cut and moved fallen branches both sides of the ditches on 3rd street between Wyoming and Brown. Hauled to Brush Pile. Saturday; Steve came in for training with Don at WTP.

April Maintenance Report 2024

April Maintenance Report for the week of April 1. Performed usual daily and weekly duties. Monday; Went to Svilar Park to repair broken picnic tables and wire mesh on ceiling joists. I cut the broken seat off one picnic table, and repurposed the 2" by 10" for use on another wooden picnic table. The hardware cloth was pulled down from the ceiling, and damaged beyond being able to re staple, so it was put back with bailing wire. Then Harry and I removed the Flammables cabinet from the Fire Hall and placed it in the Shop. Then went and marked a valve at 3rd and Ohio, 280 Ohio. Tuesday; Harry showed Steve how to "massage" (turn curb stops off and on) water valves. We turned two valves off to isolate the water leak on Coal and Oklahoma to assist Precision Dirtworks finding a water leak. The massager and trailer were then pressure washed. I then began cleaning graffiti off the vault toilet wall. Checked on the water leak project again, they were still looking for the source of water leaking.

Water Treatment Plant Report to Council
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The Treatment Plant Produced 1,741,153 Gallons of water for the Month of March 2024, averaging 56,166 gallons per day.

Harry collected the March Bacteriological sample. It made it to the State Lab in Cheyenne on time and was satisfactory.

Issues with the HACH sc4500 controller and Tu5300sc turbidimeter on LPM#1 are still being worked on.

The low value Secondary Standard for low NTU calibration values necessary for proper calibration of the HACH Tu5300sc turbidimeters should be delivered at any time as it was shipped from HACH April 4. I may still need to get an on-site visit from a HACH if the calibrations are not successful with the new Standard.

The delivery of the 20-horsepower electric motor that was delivered by mistake has still not been resolved. We were not billed for the motor but resolution as to how the return will be handled is still being worked out between AmbientH2O and the pump manufacturer.

The motor to be reused on the new High Service Pump is still awaiting new motor bearings. Both upper and lower bearings are being replaced but have only received one end of the bearing set to date. I'll need to have the motor ready for operation before installing the pump.

Good news for help in purchasing through a government coop. I sent a link to all involved via email. Sourcewell-mn.gov. Coop Purchasing.

Don

Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to approve the department reports, seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. The motion unanimously passed.

Wind River Visitor Council Update: Helen Gordon reported on the latest happenings at the WRVC. She said not much has changed since last month. They are working on their budget.

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Old Business:

REQUEST FOR GRAVEL FROM PIT: Mayor Oler reported on Mr. Sollars' research and it was determined that if there is any value to be given away, it is not allowed. The town needs confirmation from Mr. Parker that the resources will be used and we are awaiting his response.

SEWER LAGOON & LIFT STATION REPAIRS: We are still waiting for the parts for the lift station repairs. It is becoming very frustrating.

ORDINANCE 811: Mayor Oler reported that she has received a lot of information from her research on ordinance language for 'vicious animal' as opposed to specified breeds and updating the Ordinance. She has not had time to type up a new ordinance yet with the new language. Once that is done, the language will be submitted to the council for approval or changes, then there will be a public meeting on the matter. Once it moves forward from the public meeting, the new ordinance will have to pass three readings in council to become effective. Amanda asked about trapping animals and where they go from there. Mayor explained they are working on an MOU with PAWS in Riverton. There is a program to spay feral cats, but it costs \$65.00 per cat.

NEW BUSINESS: The following permits were submitted for discussion and approval:

Livestock Permit: Permit for three (3) horses. Block 18, Lots 1-11

Jerrica Flom
124 N Indiana

After a short discussion, Councilman Brady Hamilton moved to approve the Livestock Permit. Councilwoman Helen Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SET-BACK PERMITS:

Gayla/Van Crain Carport (no cement slab)
416 S Illinois

Councilman Zeke Bonella made a motion to Approve the Crain Setback Permit. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and passed unanimously.

MaryGay Crawford Pouring concrete and putting a 4' addition on current carport
580 S Ohio

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Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to approve the Crawford Setback Permit which was seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed.

Glen/Amelia Gregory	Singlewide Mobile Home 76' x 16' (See MH Permit)
441 W 2 nd	Pole Barn 36' x 50' to be built. Floor to be poured soon.
Vacant Land	Privacy Fence to be built all the way around property
(corner of Kansas)	Block 78, Lots 1-4

Mayor Oler explained the construction plans for the Gregory property. After a short discussion, Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to approve the Gregory Setback Permit. Councilman Kevin Kummer seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mobile Home Permit:

Glen/Amelia Gregory	2000 Atlantic 76' x 16'
441 W 2 nd	All new updates and remodel to mobile home

Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to approve the Gregory Mobile Home Permit. Councilman Kevin Kummer seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT RATIFICATION: Mayor Oler reported that she applied for an Outdoor Recreation Grant for Svilar Park Phase II. The application had a deadline to apply and the approval needs to be ratified. She explained that the grant is a continuation of Bring Back Svilar Park and the upgrades involved in Phase II. Helen stated that this grant requires no matching funds if it is approved.

Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to ratify approval of application for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brady Hamilton. Motion passed.

DEQ SPURR PROGRAM: Mayor Oler reported on the DEQ Spurr program. The DEQ has a philanthropic portion that helps property owners to fix their properties. She stated that she and Maralyne attended a Zoom call about the program. There is no cost to the town at all. She has asked the Spurr Program representative to give a presentation at the May council meeting. She would like to see the Main Street properties be brought up to code and restored. Mike Dabich stated that the

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properties should be assessed before any work is agreed to be done. He stated that the old El Toro building is falling down. Rick Sollars asked if the agreement is between the DEQ and the Town or the property owner. Mayor Oler stated that the DEQ has parameters in place to ensure that the property is structurally sound and that the property owner must be in agreement.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION: Mayor Oler reported that she had a meeting with Rural Development and the Sewer lagoon engineering report is required for the town to reduce our match obligation for the grant.

Councilman Zeke Bonella made a motion to authorize the Mayor to apply for this grant opportunity and Councilman Kevin Kummer seconded. Motion carried.

HUDSON DAZE: Open Container Variance: There will be liquor sold during Hudson Daze and it has been requested to allow open containers on June 14th - 15th from Svilar's Parking Lot to Town Hall and over to and including Svilar Park so the public may enjoy Hudson Daze activities. Councilwoman Helen Gordon questioned liability to the town if someone drinks and then drives home. There will be law enforcement in attendance at the events. Helen requested that there be specific hours attached to the variance and not just a weekend free for all. Discussion was had and hours were agreed upon by council members.

Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to waive the open container ordinance for June 14 from 4:00 pm until midnight and for June 15, from 10:00 am until midnight during Hudson Daze Activities. Councilman Zeke Bonella seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Frank's Waterline/Annexation: Mayor Oler reported on the Frank's waterline project and proposed annexation. Mike Dabich asked who was going to be paying for this project. Mayor Oler explained it is partially funded by a grant from the Wyoming Business Council and the town will need to kick in some funds as well as some funding from Frank's. The town will potentially recoup their investment within five years from additional revenue.

At this point in the meeting most of the audience attendees left the meeting.

Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to authorize Mayor Oler to sign the Annexation Agreement with Frank's Meats subject to any revisions to be approved by legal counsel. Councilman Brady Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to approve and award the low bid for the waterline project to Ramshorn Construction in an amount not to exceed \$312,760.00. Councilman Zeke Bonella seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

BRUSH PILE: Discussion regarding the brush pile. The Mayor reported that we have been forced to close the brush pile due to illegal dumping problems. Councilman Kevin Kummer reported that he found a company used by State Agencies that sells Security cameras. The cameras come with boxes to bolt and protect the camera. They have a 30' night range and a 90' day range for photos. They are high resolution. The town would need to place the cameras where they could identify the driver, and the load as well as the vehicle. Mike Dabich stated that the town did not set a good example in the past by letting them dump the remnants of the Hesco barriers up there and that people have been dumping other trash all over up there. The town can only control what we are responsible for. If someone dumps illegally elsewhere, there is nothing we can do about it. Once the cameras are installed and working, the brush pile could be left open during business hours of 7:00 am-4:00 pm during the week and opened up on Saturday morning and closed on Sunday afternoon when the oncall person comes to check the lagoons. The cost for the cameras would be less than \$800 plus a yearly subscription per camera of \$218.

After discussion, Councilwoman Helen Gordon made a motion to approve purchase and installation of security cameras up to \$1,800.00 and to change the access hours to the brush pile as discussed. Councilman Zeke Bonella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER/OLD TOWN HALL: We have requested a use analysis to be done on the meter by Rocky Mountain Power due to higher than normal bills. This matter was discussed during public comment.

CHROMEBOOKS: The Mayor opened a discussion on purchasing Chromebooks for Council use and doing away with printed packets. By doing this, it would free up some of Kathy's time spent preparing for each meeting and reduce the amount of paper that is wasted. Most of the council would like to just have the chromebooks kept at Town Hall which was agreed to.

Councilman Brady Hamilton moved to approve purchase of chromebooks up to \$700.00. Councilwoman Helen Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FY 2024-25 BUDGET WORK SESSION: Mayor Oler informed councilmembers that it is budget time. We need to set a date for a Budget Work Session in May. The Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget is due to the State in June. Discussion was held and a working Budget Session will be held May 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. and Kathy will prepare dinner for council.

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
April 9, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council. Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Attest:


Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Approved:


Mayor, Sherry Oler


Councilwoman, Helen Gordon


Councilman, Kevin Kummer


Councilman, Zeke Bonella

Excused
Councilman, Brady Hamilton