

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Mayor Pam Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Council members Don Steveson, Ann McColley, Daren Downs, John Butts, Tom Voss and Tyrel Owens. Also present were, City Attorney Dublin Hughes, Police Chief Derek Thompson, Public Works Supervisor Greg Stumpff and Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2024. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS VERBAL: Chloe Smith and Peyton Crinklaw with Weston County's Unstoppable Generation were present to discuss the goals for their new organization.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING:

1. Renegade Plumbing-Heating & Air, LLC request for Plumbing License – Master Plumber: Michael Baughman; Apprentice Plumbers: Hector Aragon and Isidero Sanchez. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Gualtieri read a letter from Randy Dingis on behalf of Dudley Dingis Estate requesting sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$79.13. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. Discussion was had. Motion carried. She then read a letter from Joshua Cox requesting sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$211.80. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this requests. Motion carried.
3. Pokey's Smoke House and Barbeque requested a 24-hour catering permit beginning on March 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to March 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the Rocky Mountain Elk Federation Ladies Event Banquet to be held at the Weston County Event Center. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. Discussion was had. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilman Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Tom Voss to move the Standing Committee Reports on the agenda, placing them before the Department Head Reports. Discussion was had regarding amending the current ordinance pertaining to the agenda. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Tyrel Owens stated that the Sanitation Committee had met and had discussed the time frame of the replacement of the garbage truck. They recommend moving the replacement time to be less than ten (10) years. Landfill No. 1 remediation was discussed along with the replacement of roll off containers, which the Committee does not recommend at this time.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

1. Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty referenced updates for the new website.
2. Public Works Supervisor Greg Stumpff recommended hiring Dan Dahl for a full-time general labor position at the rate of \$18.00/hr. with one year probation. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. Discussion was had regarding the hiring process. Motion carried. Supervisor Stumpff then recommended Nick Rowe for a permanent position with a \$0.50/hr. raise as he has completed his probationary period. Tom Voss moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to accept this recommendation effective February 6, 2024. Motion carried. A reminder was given to the Personnel Committee regarding the meeting set for 4:30 p.m. on February 21, 2024. He also requested a water/sewer committee meeting to be scheduled to discuss recent issues and future plans. Reports were referenced, Councilman Voss inquired about the RV station; it should be repaired prior to camping season.
3. Police Chief Derek Thompson reported on calls of service since February 5, 2024 to date: NPD 199, WC Sheriff 81, Upton PD 39, NVFD 3, WCFPD 52, UVFD 4, Newcastle Ambulance 26, Upton Ambulance 3. He then stated that David Larsen had been hired as the Director for the Joint Powers Board.

4. City Attorney Dublin Hughes reported that he had contacted Central Wyoming College and Collins Communications regarding lease agreements. Both entities agreed to the EPI inflation rate making Collins Communications lease amount \$3,100.00 and Central Wyoming College lease amount \$1,100.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Gualtieri referend the water contract with the Newcastle Country Club. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to sign this contract. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Gualtieri referenced Wyoming Community Gas Joint Powers Board Representative; no appointment was made.

New Business: Public Works Supervisor Stumpff referenced water sales outside city limits; this will be added to the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Tom Voss to pay the claims against the City dated February 20, 2024. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to suspend the rules and go into executive session referencing W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) personnel, at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried. Tom Voss moved, seconded Ann McColley to return to regular session at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Daren Downs to grant Public Works Supervisor Greg Stumpff the ability to give an extended leave of absence to an employee for 180 days. Motion carried.

Councilman Don Steveson referenced the Sanitation Committee, inquiring about contracting garbage services out. Discussion was had; the Sanitation Committee may look into this option again. Tom Voss moved, seconded Don Steveson to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Claims: A Spiritual Cleanse Carwash, PD washes, \$24.00; Ad Pro, supplies, \$90.82; Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$95.00; American Solutions for Business, checks, \$276.77; APWA, membership, \$417.00; Big Horn Tire, foam tires, \$10,601.30; Black Hills Energy, energy services, \$12,579.85; Black Hills Truck & Trailer, parts/supplies, \$3,164.85; Bomgaars, supplies, \$2,417.10; CPS Distributors, parts/supplies, \$2,828.49; Culligan, bottled water, \$26.00; Cummins, repairs, \$5,818.03; Dana Kepner, supplies, \$13,862.76; Decker's, supplies, \$149.27; Eastern Wy. Equipment, supplies, \$3,844.22; Farnsworth, portable sanitation/transport, \$2,700.00; First Northern Bank, PD vehicle lease, \$2,252.73; Gateway Auto Travel Center, fuel, \$7,428.53; Heartland Kubota, parts, \$494.54; Herculock, parts, \$177.23; Taylor Ide, mileage, \$108.54; Ketel Thorstenson, audit, \$6,112.11; Lab Corp., testing, \$32.80; Marco, copier fees, \$874.39; Mastercard, training/supplies/fuel, \$1,297.24; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$2,545.23; Newcastle Equip., repairs, \$2,250.00; NVFD, locks/awards/wifi, \$2,396.96; News Letter Journal, notary stamp, \$23.22; One Call of WY., CDC/CON, \$43.00; Tim Ottaway, deposit refund, \$100.00; Powder River, energy services, \$1,538.90; Range, phone/internet, \$1,877.86; Short Stop, fuel, \$1,362.24; Skaggs, PD apparel, \$977.94; Greg Stumpff, reimburse/TV, \$163.29; USA Bluebook, rod key, \$249.36; Valli, maintenance, \$141.48; Becky Vodopich, cleaning, \$300.00; Woody's, supplies, \$99.18; Wy. First Aid, supplies, \$326.57

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer