

City of Rock Springs)
County of Sweetwater)
State of Wyoming)

City Council met in regular session on January 7, 2020. Mayor Timothy A. Kaumo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present included Councilors Glennise Wendorf, David Halter, Keaton West, Tim Savage, Billy Shalata, Rob Zotti, Jeannie Demas, and David Tate. Department Heads present included Jim Wamsley, Dwane Pacheco, Rick Beckwith, Paul Kauchich, Dave Lansang, and Matthew L. McBurnett. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a Flag Ceremony was performed by Boy Scout Troop #4.

Election of Council President

Moved by Councilor Savage, seconded by Councilor Tate to appoint Rob Zotti as the new Council President for 2020. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Demas, Tate, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried with Councilor Zotti abstaining.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councilor Tate, seconded by Councilor Shalata to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

2020 Council Standing Committees

Moved by Councilor Shalata, seconded by Councilor Wendorf to approve the 2020 Council Standing Committees. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, and Tate. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing on a request filed by Gerard Tschabitzer of 1st Arrow Corporation for Preliminary Plat approval for College Estates, a proposed 27 lot, single family residential subdivision in the City of Rock Springs, Wyoming (Resolution #2020-01)

Dan Kennedy – JFC Engineers & Surveyors – thanked the Governing Body for the opportunity to review this project. Any technical questions are welcome. None were asked.

Gerard Tschabitzer – 1st Arrow Corporation – Mr. Tschabitzer stated that he is a resident of Pinedale and has a vested interest in the prosperity of the city of Rock Springs, and housing is needed in the area.

A Public Hearing on a request filed by Gerard Tschabitzer of 1st Arrow Corporation for the Rock Springs Master Plan Official Land Use Map be amended from C (Commercial) to LDR (Low Density Residential) and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Rock Springs be

amended from B-2/B-2CD (Community Business) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) for a property generally located southwest of the College Drive/Stagecoach Boulevard intersection, consisting of 10.832 acres in Rock Springs, Wyoming (Resolution #2020-02 and Ordinance #2020-01)

No comments received.

A Public Hearing on a request filed by Philip Stanton, representing Vern and Thalia Stanton that the Rock Springs Master Plan Official Land Use Map be amended from PRE (Parks/Recreation/Environmental) to LDR (Low Density Residential), and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Rock Springs be amended from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-2 (Low Density Residential) for the property located at 200 Willow Street in Rock Springs, Wyoming (Resolution #2020-03 and Ordinance #2020-02)

No comments received.

PETITIONS

No comments received.

OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

Animal Control Monthly Report—November 2019

Rock Springs Renewal Fund Financial Statements—October 2019

Moved by Councilor Tate, seconded by Councilor Wendorf to approve the Officer and Staff Reports and place them on file. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Joint Powers Combined Communications Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019

Joint Powers Telecom Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019

Moved by Councilor Shalata, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve the Council Committee and Board Reports and place them on file. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the City of Rock Springs to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the 2020 Specific Purpose Tax initiative

Letter from YWCA of Sweetwater County thanking the City for its support of the 2019 Festival of Trees

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the Correspondence and place it on file. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Bills and Claims for January 7, 2020

City of Rock Springs	Expenses	\$10,897.25
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$69,204.32
Wyo Dept of Revenue & Tax	Sales Tax	\$518.14
VSP of Wyoming	Vision Insurance	\$2,759.00
2XL Corporation	Supplies	\$2,074.80
ABI Winterhawk Recovery LLC	Housing Assistance	\$597.00
Ace Hardware	Parts	\$1,447.83
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$1,921.47
Applied Concepts Inc.	Equipment	\$5,559.00
Baker, Brenda	Reimbursement	\$67.71
Best Value Rentals, LLC	Housing Assistance	\$720.00
Bicoastal Productions LLC	Entertainment	\$4,000.00
Carol Tirre	Utility Refund	\$35.44
Carrington Pointe Apts.	Housing Assistance	\$4,177.00
CDW Government	Toner	\$356.41
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$4,599.06
City Auto DBA Carquest	Parts	\$1,285.32
City of Rock Springs	Health Insurance	\$339,979.74
CML Rentals	Housing Assistance	\$667.00
Control Temp. Specialists	Repairs	\$3,423.00
Cricket Ventures, LLC	Radios	\$989.91
Crum Electric Supply Co Inc.	Bulbs	\$616.79
Darktrace Limited	Software	\$1,428.00
Desert View Animal Hospital	Services	\$337.24
Dominion Energy	Gas	\$34,540.03
Dustbusters Enterprises, Inc.	Road Salt	\$1,141.00
DXP Enterprises, Inc.	Safety Equipment	\$348.75
Eva Peroulis	Utility Refund	\$113.00
Faigl, David B.	Housing Assistance	\$474.00
First Choice Ford	Parts	\$400.92
Force America Distributing LLC	Supplies	\$1,906.46
Fortuna, John A.	Housing Assistance	\$38.00
Fossen, Michele	Housing Assistance	\$636.00

Gagnon, Thomas R.	ComDev Refund	\$455.00
Galls, an Aramark Company	Uniforms	\$649.75
George Coggle	Utility Refund	\$149.83
Harbor Freight Tools	Parts	\$111.43
Homax Oil Sales, Inc.	Supplies	\$652.98
Infinity Power & Controls	Repairs	\$671.20
Infosend	Billing	\$4,020.37
IRA Green, Inc.	Uniforms	\$745.64
Jackman Construction, Inc.	Contract	\$63,225.00
Jeff I Spicher	Utility Refund	\$45.38
JM Electrical Services	Repairs	\$1,065.92
JME Fire Protection, Inc.	Inspections	\$569.92
Kiefer Aquatic	Supplies	\$138.50
Kimberly Circle Apts.	Housing Assistance	\$581.00
Lockhart Rentals	Housing Assistance	\$523.00
Lorimer, Ken	Reimbursement	\$14.00
Matthew Ware	Utility Refund	\$383.23
Max Fire Apparatus, Inc.	Repairs	\$208.44
Memorial Hosp of SW Cty	Testing	\$5,540.00
MES-Rocky Mountains	Supplies	\$5,115.46
Metolius Mountain Products	Chalk	\$48.29
Morgan Valley Polaris KTM	Replacement	\$575.90
Mountaineer Animal Clinic	Services	\$323.05
Mountainland Supply Co	Supplies	\$393.65
MPH Industries Inc.	Repairs	\$128.01
Murdochs Ranch and Home	Supplies	\$328.94
Nevada or Sarah Amack	Utility Refund	\$55.44
Nicholas, Gary	Housing Assistance	\$850.00
NMS Labs	Testing	\$52.00
Nu-Art Memorial Co.	Services	\$684.00
Nu-Tech Specialties Inc.	Supplies	\$932.06
O'Farrell, Timothy J.	Housing Assistance	\$339.00
Pablo & Picasso Painting	Painting	\$20,746.00
Penoff, David	Housing Assistance	\$570.00
Porter, Doug	Services	\$50.00
Power Engineering Co.	Services	\$307.00
Premier Vehicle Installation	Services	\$13,954.08
Questica, Inc.	Services	\$2,335.01
Rapid Fire Inc.	Project	\$4,388.00

Real Kleen Janitorial	Supplies	\$593.59
RMT Equipment	Parts	\$96.52
RS Chamber of Commerce	Appropriation	\$17,375.25
RS Creekside Apts.	Housing Assistance	\$3,169.00
RS Municipal Utility	Water/Sewer	\$20,372.93
Rock Springs Winlectric	Supplies	\$1,309.63
Rocky Mountain Air Solutions	Supplies	\$97.73
Rocky Mtn. Comp. Solutions	Maintenance	\$30.27
Rocky Mountain Power	Electric	\$54,920.65
Rocky Mtn. Climate Control	Equipment	\$7,465.00
Ron's Ace Rental & Equip Sales	Parts	\$3,009.90
RS Apartments LLC	Housing Assistance	\$223.00
RS Refrigeration	Parts	\$40.23
RS Sweetwater Cty Airport	Appropriation	\$130,909.50
Runcool Hood Louvers	Parts	\$324.00
Safe Sett Inc.	Refund	\$50.00
Samuel or Joan Lamorie	Utility Refund	\$95.13
Sanchez, Jeremy	Services	\$175.00
Self, Tim	Housing Assistance	\$469.00
Sesac, LLC	License	\$460.00
Shadow Mountain Water of WY	Supplies	\$7.00
Six States Distributors/TruckPro	Lights	\$50.53
Skaggs Companies, Inc.	Uniforms	\$1,122.00
Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms	Uniforms	\$1,091.95
Skips Tire	Services	\$65.00
Southwest Embroidery	Jackets	\$54.00
Southwest Real Estate	Housing Assistance	\$1,347.00
Springview Manor Apts	Housing Assistance	\$2,634.00
Standard Plumbing	Parts	\$79.18
Staples	Supplies	\$1,036.75
Staples Advantage	Supplies	\$118.78
State Fire DC Specialties	Equipment	\$349.25
Sun Life Financial	Life Insurance	\$1,528.86
Sunroc Corporation	Supplies	\$2,760.00
Sweetwater County Clerk	Appropriation	\$56,369.14
Sweetwater Co. Sheriff's Ofc	Testing	\$1,000.00
Sweetwater County Solid Waste	Disposal	\$179.20
Sweetwater Heights	Housing Assistance	\$1,379.00
Sweetwater Now LLC	Advertising	\$600.00

Sweetwater Plumbing & Heating	Parts	\$3,414.95
Sweetwater Trophies	Supplies	\$2,000.00
TargetSolutions Learning LLC	Training	\$2,916.00
Terry Parker	Refund	\$400.00
Thatcher Company	Supplies	\$635.13
The UPS Store	Supplies	\$497.46
Thomson Reuters-West Pmt Ctr	Training	\$550.73
Timothy or Christy Babbitt	Utility Refund	\$57.68
Tire Den Inc.	Tires	\$1,309.94
Tolar, Andrew W.	Housing Assistance	\$23.00
Trujillo, Danny	Housing Assistance	\$125.00
Union Pacific Railroad	Lease	\$100.00
Unique Signs & Design	Signage	\$525.00
United Site Services	Portable Restroom	\$217.95
UPS	Shipping	\$137.46
USA Blue Book	Parts	\$2,649.51
Vaughn's Plumbing	Parts/Service	\$1,323.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$4,680.79
Walmart Community BRC	Supplies	\$3,692.28
Ware, Ted	Housing Assistance	\$805.00
Webb, Regina	Services	\$175.00
Westech Engineering Inc.	Testing	\$300.00
Williams, Penny	Services	\$175.00
Willow Street Rentals	Housing Assistance	\$1,315.00
Wylie Construction Inc.	Services	\$23,438.00
Wyo Dept Transportation	Transfer	\$2,295.88
Wyo State Board of Pharmacy	Training	\$80.00
Wyoming Law Enf Academy	Training	\$1,559.50
Young-at-Heart Sr Cit Cnt	Appropriation	\$15,343.75
	Total:	\$1,012,887.05

Report Checks for December 23, 2019

Employee Garnishments	EE Ded.	\$1,739.29
Internal Revenue Service	EFT	\$132,160.40
AXA - Equitable	EE Deferred	\$137.50
ICMA	EFT	\$2,797.77
Nationwide Insurance	EE Deferred	\$170.00
Ivy	EE Deferred	\$862.50
Ivy	Section 529 Plan	\$525.00

Great West Retirement	EE Deferred EFT	\$9,216.46
Great West Retirement	Post Tax EFT	\$465.00
Miscellaneous Reimbursement	EE Misc.	\$150.81
Flexible Spending Acct./BCBS	EE BCBS Flex	\$7,131.95
Wyoming Child Support	Child Support Pmts.	\$3,088.00
	Total:	\$158,444.68

Moved by Councilor Wendorf, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the bills and claims for January 7, 2020. Motion carried with Councilor West abstaining.

Salaries for December 23, 2019: \$623,210.04

Moved by Councilor Wendorf, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the salaries for December 23, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Parks & Recreation Department for permission to fill a vacant Recreation Supervisor position at the Civic Center

Moved by Councilor Shalata, seconded by Councilor Wendorf to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from the Parks & Recreation Department for permission to apply for a Wyoming State Forestry Grant for community tree planting, in an amount up to \$10,000

Councilor West stated that this application may be stemming from comments he made at a previous meeting about trees at the Golf Course, and he thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for their efforts to obtain more beautification funding.

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Shalata to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from the Urban Renewal Agency for permission to apply for a State Historic Preservation Office CLG Grant for architectural and engineering fees relating to the First Security Bank Building project

Moved by Councilor Wendorf, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Black Rock, Inc. for a Liquor Catering Permit for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet on February 8, 2020, from 4 p.m.—11 p.m. at the Sweetwater Events Complex

Moved by Councilor Tate, seconded by Councilor Shalata to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #151 to extend their serving area, along with a street closure to include B Street from 2nd Street to Broadway, for a Membership Event on August 22, 2020, from noon—midnight

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-01 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION VARIANCES FOR THE COLLEGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING, AND COVERING A 9.072 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 27, RESURVEY TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 105 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, COUNTY OF SWEETWATER, STATE OF WYOMING, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Shalata, seconded by Councilor Wendorf to approve Resolution 2020-01. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, and Tate. Motion carried with Mayor Kaumo abstaining.

Resolution 2020-02 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE “OFFICIAL LAND USE MAP” OF THE ROCK SPRINGS MASTER PLAN FROM C (COMMERCIAL) TO LDR (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR ONE TRACT OF LAND TOTALING 10.832 ACRES AND LOCATED IN SECTION 27, RESURVEY TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 105 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, COUNTY OF SWEETWATER, STATE OF WYOMING, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Zotti, seconded by Councilor Wendorf to approve Resolution 2020-02. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, and Tate. Motion carried with Mayor Kaumo abstaining.

Resolution 2020-03 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE “OFFICIAL LAND USE MAP” OF THE ROCK SPRINGS MASTER PLAN FROM PRE (PARKS, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENTAL) TO LDR (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR ONE (1) TRACT TOTALING 6,098 SQUARE FEET AND LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 105 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, COUNTY OF SWEETWATER, STATE OF WYOMING, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Savage, seconded by Councilor West to approve Resolution 2020-03. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, Tate, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY A. KAUMO, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, AND MATTHEW L. MCBURNETT, AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR

DISBURSEMENT, RECEIPT AND USE OF GRANT FUNDS WITH THE SWEETWATER COUNTY JOINT TRAVEL AND TOURISM BOARD, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Shalata, seconded by Councilor Wendorf to approve Resolution 2020-04. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, Tate, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY A. KAUMO, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, AND MATTHEW L. MCBURNETT, AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, **TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT, RECEIPT AND USE OF GRANT FUNDS WITH THE SWEETWATER COUNTY JOINT TRAVEL AND TOURISM BOARD**, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Shalata to approve Resolution 2020-05. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, Tate, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-06 A RESOLUTION **ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING, THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING AND THE CITY OF GREEN RIVER, WYOMING**, AND AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY A. KAUMO, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, AND MATTHEW L. MCBURNETT, AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, TO EXECUTE SAID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Savage, seconded by Councilor Shalata to approve Resolution 2020-06. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilors Wendorf, Halter, West, Savage, Shalata, Zotti, Demas, Tate, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2020-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS FOR ONE (1) TRACT OF LAND FROM COMMUNITY BUSINESS (B-2/B-2CD) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1), FOR ONE (1) TRACT TOTALING 10.832 ACRES AND LOCATED AS HEREBY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27, RESURVEY TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 105 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, COUNTY OF SWEETWATER, STATE OF WYOMING, was read by title on first reading.

Ordinance 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS FOR ONE (1) TRACT OF LAND FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2), TOTALING 6,098 SQUARE FEET AND LOCATED AS HEREBY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 105 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, COUNTY OF SWEETWATER, STATE OF WYOMING, was read by title on first reading.

Mayor Kaumo stated that with it being a new year, he would like to give a State of the City Address. As year one of the current City Council closes, he stated that it is an honor to represent Rock Springs as its Mayor and he commended City employees, elected City officials and the many volunteers who serve on the City's boards and commissions or for events for their service to the City. Mayor Kaumo also thanked his wife and family for supporting him in his endeavor as Mayor as well as the City Councilors' families for their support of Council Members as well. He stated that funding continues to be an issue and an aggressive approach will be taken to secure additional funding through the legislative process and the search for available grants will continue. The State's economic condition continues to decline, leaving fewer dollars available for cities and towns. The Direct Distribution from the State will be closely followed.

Statewide unemployment is at 3.8% compared to 3.9% in 2018, and the statewide economy remains steady considering that many jobs have been lost in the coal and natural gas fields; regardless, a revenue decline is expected. As the City moves into 2020, it will be conservative as oil prices and State revenues continue to decline sharply. The most recent disbursement for the City's share of sales tax for November 2019 activity was at \$1,432,112.05; which is 9% below what was received in January of 2019 and 13% below what was received last month.

The City has made positive changes to departmental function, which provides cost savings that are now being utilized to improve services to the community. The City's goal is to be transparent in all that is done and the Governing Body constantly strives to improve the quality of life for its citizens. The Bitter Creek reconstruction has seen much progress, which will remove residents and businesses from the flood plain in our downtown area, along with creating a more appealing creek channel with walking and bike paths to connect the east side of Rock Springs to the west side. In addition, the City is well on its way to reconstruct the First Security Bank building downtown, after receiving support from the Wyoming Business Council for funding of Phase I of this project. The State Lands and Investment Board will also meet this month for final approval of this funding. Mayor Kaumo thanked all who have helped to make this project happen, along with the City Council for their support of the project.

The City's first electronic charging station was installed downtown for electronic powered vehicles, which allows patrons to charge a vehicle while they shop, attend events or visit restaurants downtown with the only request being a donation to the URA efforts. A Golf Simulator has been installed at the Rock Springs Civic Center, which offers citizens options for recreation during winter months. City Leagues will begin shortly on the simulator.

Mayor Kaumo also announced that beginning in 2020, the City will begin its path towards eliminating the gas chamber used to euthanize animals when necessary. Although the City rarely utilizes the chamber, a policy will be implemented to include expanding the lethal injection and Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) programs for animals that find themselves in the City's shelter who cannot be adopted.

Infrastructure needs will also be addressed through the Specific Purpose Tax coming up on the upcoming election ballot, with the City identifying 6 critical projects to be proposed to tax-payers on this ballot. He encouraged voters to do their research, as questions and educate themselves prior to the upcoming election to clearly understand each of the projects and their importance to the City of Rock Springs.

Mayor Kaumo looks forward to the challenges ahead and working side-by-side with City staff and elected officials, as well as other city/county/state and federal agencies in a proactive manner to improve our great City. He thanked everyone for their support and wished all a healthy and happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

By: _____
Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor