

**Town of Rock River  
Regular Meeting  
April 4, 2022**

Mayor CJ Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: council members present were, Scott White, Bobbie Bowers, and Lana Clark. Skip Voss was not present. A quorum was established. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Employees present were Chief Water Operator Rick Stricklin, Maintenance man Eric Clark, Treasurer Jody Gallegos, and Clerk Andrea Lamb.

White made a motion to accept the March 7, 2022, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Bowers, all ayes, motion carried.

**Maintenance Department Report:**

Clark made a motion to accept the maintenance report as presented, seconded by Bowers, all ayes, motion carried. Copies of the report are available in the clerk's office.

**Water/Wastewater Department Report:**

Rick talked to the council about installing a sprinkler system behind the town hall. He had gotten 3 quotes, ranging from \$56,000.00 to \$26,000.00. The quote for \$26,000.00 could be less \$8,000.00 if the town did not include the trees at the south end of the parking lot. The council tabled the issue so that Skip Voss could be present for the discussion. Bowers made a motion to accept the water report as presented, seconded by White, all ayes, motion carried. Copies of the report are available in the clerk's office.

**Treasurers Report:**

Council scheduled a budget workshop for April 19 at 7:00 pm. White made a motion to have the treasurer invest another \$100,000.00 in the WyoStar, seconded by Bowers, all ayes, motion carried. Clark made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, seconded by Bowers, all ayes, motion carried. Copies of the report are available in the clerk's office.

**Public:**

Braeden from Sunrise Engineering was present. Braeden summarized the last of the solar project. There is very little to complete, the dirt work that needs to be done is no longer buried in snow so that should be done soon. The PC panel for the solar reporting was replaced but there is still an error message being reported. Also, Mark has a meeting set up with the attorney to go over the claim for the revegetation project.

Steve Bruce was present from Inberg-Miller Engineers to introduce himself and let the council know they would like to bid on any upcoming projects.

**Vouchers:**

Bowers made a motion to pay all the approved vouchers as presented, seconded by White, all ayes, motion carried.

**CREDIT CARD**

intuit	admin	\$26.00
sherweb	admin	\$59.96
Amazon	admin	\$41.37
		<b>\$127.33</b>

**BILLS**

17339	Ace	admin	\$17.99
17340	Blue Cross blue Shield	admin	\$2,991.33
17341	Capital Business	admin	\$144.38
17342	Carbon Power	All Depts	\$2,946.41
17343	City of Laramie	transfer station, parks	\$659.39
17349	CNA surety	admin	\$100.00
17344	Dearborn	admin	\$33.03
17345	Energy Labs	water	\$376.50
17346	Ferguson	water	\$201.50
17347	Film Tec	water	\$1,825.00
17348	Hach	water	\$201.96
17350	Mountain West	admin, water, sewer	\$249.75
17351	Nicholas and Tangeman	impact assistance	\$1,578.98
17352	Rocky Mountain Air	water	\$1,272.62
17353	Sunrise Engineering	impact assistance	\$1,758.50

transfer	Town of Rock River	admin	\$944.00
17354	Trihydro	Transfer Station	\$6,450.00
17355	Verizon Wireless	admin, water	\$210.98
17356	Wyoming retirement	Admin	\$37.50
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			<b>\$21,999.82</b>

## PAYROLL

17332-17337, DD	Payroll	Admin	\$11,181.36
	eftps	Admin	\$3,376.02
17338	Wyoming Retirement	Admin	\$2,394.12
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			<b>\$16,951.50</b>

**TOTAL****\$39,078.65****Unfinished Business:**

The mayor read Resolution 2022-02, a resolution to put the 5<sup>th</sup> penny tax renewal on the ballot.

**RESOLUTION 2022-02**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PLACING RENEWAL OF THE OPTIONAL  
ONE PERCENT (5<sup>TH</sup> PENNY) EXCISE TAX ON THE BALLOT  
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.**

WHEREAS, the voters of Albany County supported the implementation of the optional one percent excise tax (commonly referred to as the “5<sup>th</sup> Penny tax) in 1980, and have approved renewal of that tax every four (4) years since that initial approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie, along with the Town of Rock River and Albany County have used the funds raised from the imposition of that tax for the general operations of the services provided by the respective government entities; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Rock River proposes to continue to provide the services at the same levels as are currently provided that are directly supported by the funds acquired from that optional one cent tax; and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide those services that are currently funded from the proceeds of the optional one cent tax at the current levels it is necessary to continue to receive the income from that tax in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the Town feels that the services supported by those tax dollars include basic services,

WHEREAS, there is ninety nine percent (99%) of the funds generated by the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny tax that is returned to the County in which it was generated, as opposed to approximately thirty one percent (31%) of the regular excise tax imposed statewide that is returned to the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF ROCK RIVER, ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING that the Town hereby supports the placing of the optional excise tax as authorized under Wyoming Statute §39-15-204(a)(i) at a rate of one (1) percent on retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services within Albany County for continuation of the tax at the specified rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Albany County Board of County Commissioners as required by Wyoming Statute § 39-15-203 (a)(i)(B) in order to place the issue on the ballot.

Clark made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-02, seconded by Bowers, all ayes, motion carried.

Council discussed the Medicine Bow Conservations district project. They provided the requested information. White made a motion to contribute \$15,000.00 to the riverbank restoration project for Medicine Bow Conservation District and the Rock Creek Water Users Association, seconded by Clark, all ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

There were no building permits.

Scott White requested to have a couple items on next month's agenda:

He would like a solid comparison of the power bills in regard to the solar panels from the engineer.

He would also like to further discuss the idea of a sprinkler system behind town hall.

With no further business White made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bowers all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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Attest: Town Clerk

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Mayor

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