

Wheatland, Wyoming  
September 27, 2005

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
TOWN OF WHEATLAND

A special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Wheatland, Platte County, was held in the Council Room of the Town Hall at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, Sept. 27, 2005 to discuss the Main Street program.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dingman and upon roll call it was found that the following were present; Councilmen Wilhelm, Hensel and Wilson Councilwoman Allen. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler. Stacy Reichardt, Kathy Lebsack and Ross Archie.

Mayor Dingman stated that the only item on the agenda was the Main Street Program and he introduced Stacy Reichardt. Mrs. Reichardt stated that the Main Street program was created in 1977 as a National Trust for Historic Preservation and has expanded from there. She stated that Wyoming House Bill 27 created the Main Street program for Wyoming in 2004. She stated that House Bill 27 created a revolving loan fund for design through the Main Street program. She stated that Green River, Dubois and Laramie have pilot Main Street programs up and running already. Mrs. Reichardt stated that downtown is a symbol of the community's historic development, economic health, quality of life and community pride. Downtown is the home of independent, family-owned businesses and those businesses support schools, charities, community projects along with providing job. Downtown is the heart of the community for a mix of goods and services, government, professional and retail services. Downtown is the an important community space where members of the community can meet and interact.

Stacy Reichardt stated that the Main Street program is made up of four primary points; Organization, Design, Promotion, Economic Restructuring. She stated that the organization could be done with a steering committee under WADCO. She stated that WADCO had agreed to contribute to the program by providing support services, such as office space, telephone and limited office staff support. Mrs. Reichardt stated that if the Town were to support the project, a letter of intent needed to be submitted by October 3, 2005 and the application would have to be in my December 5, 2005. She stated that the decision on the communities that would be allowed to participate in the program would be made by a Committee on January 15, 2006. If the Town of Wheatland were chosen there are stringent guidelines and time frames for progress during the three year commitment.

She stated that the Committee plans to select two more communities to be in the pilot program for Wyoming. She stated that the part of the application is a budget for the program and there is no money available at the State level for those expenses. Mrs. Reichardt stated that Town would be expected to make some type of financial commitment for a three year period, however, that figure would depend on the projected budget. She stated that since WADCO would be supplying office space, the other contributed funds would go to salary for at least a part time person. Mrs. Reichardt stated that the preliminary budget could be approximately \$25,000.00 per year. She stated that the statistic indicate that every \$1.00 spent in the program generates \$26.00 back to the community. Mrs. Reichardt indicated that the Town has already done a great job with the downtown area and this program would be the “icing on the cake”.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Allen to participate in the Main Street Program and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of intent. Mayor Dingman called for the vote, the motion failed by a three to one vote.

With no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Dingman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be October 10, 2005.

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Mayor, Joel Dingman

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Town Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler