

## WORKSHOP MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Wheatland held a workshop immediately following a Special meeting at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 19, 2008, with the following members present; Mayor Hensel, Councilmen Evans, Geile, Madsen and Shoemaker, Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Kahler and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Sandy Lipps.

The workshop was for the purpose of discussion on the increase of the sanitation rates that was discussed when the 2008-2009 budget was adopted. Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler stated that the Town had collected \$300,000.00 from sanitation charges and the 2008-2009 budgeted amount was \$450,000.00. She indicated that there were two ways to approach the issue, one of which was simply a 50% increase across the board, with a larger increase to the schools. She stated that in all fairness the entire rate structure should be considered rather than just a 50% increase at every level. She stated that Torrington had a fairly good Ordinance, however, they charge by the bin for commercial and that is not very feasible in Wheatland as it would be a bookkeeping nightmare. Mrs. Kahler stated that it would be more equitable to charge by volume, with a base rate, rather than a per bin charge.

The Council went over several issues regarding the rates and rate structures. Clerk/Treasurer, Kahler stated that the preliminary figures coming in for transportation to Torrington for disposal is \$281,000.00, so it would be advisable to raise the present rates enough to give some kind of cushion, so that when the transfer issue is resolved, the next rate increase won't be so dramatic. She indicated that it might take two or three rate increases to get enough money to be able to transfer the sanitation out of Wheatland by truck.

Mayor Hensel suggested that the Council take the figures home and work on them and set another workshop to go over them. Mayor Hensel closed the workshop at 6:15 P.M.