

WORKSHOP MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Wheatland held a workshop in the Council Room of the Town Hall for the purpose of discussion on a proposed Ordinance defining “recreational vehicle”, proposed electric rate increase and ideas for the County’s Centennial Year celebration on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 4:30 P.M. Present were: Mayor Dixon, Councilmen Shoemaker, Madsen and Graves, Councilman Evans was on speaker phone. Town Attorney, Doug Weaver, Town Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Kahler and Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandy Lipps.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the proposed ordinance defining “recreational vehicles” and a letter of opposition from Mike Holtz as well as other complaints received. The Council felt that the definition was too broad and need not to apply to utility trailers. Doug Weaver stated he would re-draft the Ordinance for the Council to look at, if they were still uncomfortable they could table it for awhile.

Town Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler presented three options for raising the electric rates to compensate for the wholesale rate increase from the Wyoming Municipal Power Agency. She presented comparisons for 9%, 11% and 13%. The Council discussed the upcoming water rate increase and they voiced concerns about large rate increases in both water and electric. The Council agreed to consider the 11% and Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler stated that she would send it to ESC to determine if it would allow us to retain a margin of approximately \$350,000.00 in the electric enterprise fund.

Mayor Dixon indicated that she had some ideas concerning the County’s Centennial Celebration and a lasting legacy for the Town to provide. There was a discussion concerning the Town having a booth at the Green Harvest Festival, possibly a bell dedicated to the centennial year, children’s events, booth with items such as bumper stickers and playing cards, music of the various era’s (DoWap Boys), then and now pictures, tatoos for the kids.

Mayor Dixon stated that she had been contacted by B.J. Axford to place wireless internet at the airport. He told her that a small wooden plane had come in and needed fuel, as he had went to the internet to Google and it indicated there was fuel at the airport. B.J. had taken him into Town to get fuel and he got enough gas to get to Guernsey. Mayor Dixon is going to see if B.J. could get the fuel off from “Google” to avoid those kinds of issues. She is going to have B.J. give her a price on wireless internet for the airport.