

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

City Council met in regular session on January 7, 2025. Mayor Max Mickelson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present included Councilors David Thompson, Jeannie Demas, Daniel Pedri, Larry Hickerson, Rob Zotti, Randy Hanson and Rick Milonas. Department Heads present included Bill Erspamer, JJ Syvrud, Jim Wamsley, Paul Kauchich, Rick Beckwith and Alex Visser for Matthew L. McBurnett. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

REVISED AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Zotti, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the Revised Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Council President

Moved by Councilor Zotti, seconded by Councilor Hickerson to nominate Jeannie Demas as the new Council President for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Special City Council Meeting Minutes and City Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024

Council Committee and Board Reports

- A. Police Civil Service Commission 2024 Annual Report
- B. Sweetwater County Joint Travel & Tourism Board Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Audit Report

Correspondence

- A. Letter from the Wyoming Historical Society thanking Mayor Mickelson for his dedicated service
- B. Notice from the Project West regarding a living tribute to the City of Rock Springs through a tree planting in the Bridger Teton and Shoshone National Forests

Moved by Councilor Hickerson, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BID OPENINGS

Class A Biosolids Disposal Area

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
1.H and M Field Services	2608 Pueblo Trail Rock Springs, WY 82901	\$99,287.50
2.Wylie Construction	P.O. Box 576 Rock Springs, WY 82902	\$139,364.00
3.DeBernardi Construction	514 G Street	\$174,223.45

	Rock Springs, WY 82901	
4.Searle Bros Construction	149 Pollux Drive	\$118,232.00
	Rock Springs, WY 82901	

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day Proclamation- January 15, 2025

Mayor Mickelson proclaimed January 15, 2025 to be Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day to create a pathway for continual awareness, support research, promote education among medical professional and disseminate information while supporting those affected by it.

Carrie Williams thanked the Mayor and Council for taking the time to make the proclamation. Her daughter was diagnosed with Intestinal Malrotation, and has been through many surgeries to correct it. She would like to raise public awareness regarding symptoms.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day- January 9, 2025

Mayor Mickelson proclaimed January 9, 2025, to be Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and called upon citizens to reflect on the way in which our lives have been touched by the officers who stand guard over our community.

Chief Bill Erspamer addressed the Mayor and Council to express his thanks for the recognition. He stated that it is appropriate to recognize the men and women who work for the Police Department and their constitutional policing.

PETITIONS

J.T. Larson, Representative for House District 17, encouraged the Mayor and Council to reach out should they have any concerns during the Legislative Session. The bills that he is working on include industrial siting impact assistance fees for federally permitted projects, and the Wildfire Liability Protection Bill.

Shirley Cukale addressed the Mayor and Council stating that she was back to represent citizens who are afraid to speak up. She asked the six Councilors who voted in favor of allowing dogs in the Cemetery if they were making sure the dogs were not using the space as a bathroom. She stated that she does not feel that they asked constituents how they really felt about the matter and that she would be back to revisit it.

John Kolb, Senator for District 12, also encouraged the Mayor and Council to reach out with any questions and to let them know that he looks forward to working with them during the upcoming Legislative Session. Councilor Hickerson asked Senator Kolb if the property tax reform no longer tied to corporate taxes would be cause for concern in the future. Senator Kolb stated that this allowed for another property tax class; however, future legislative corporate body could increase taxes. This gave the State a mechanism to separate from residential. Currently the State collects enough taxes to do what is needed, but cutting property taxes is a cause for concern for groups that receive a mill (for example, fire). Mayor Mickelson stated that he and the Council would be reaching out; among the 800 bills, some will infringe on their ability to conduct

business as a municipality. There are concerns about the work that was done by the regulatory reduction folks that affect the City's ability to ensure that people are receiving that they are paying for when they are constructing. Senator Kolb stated that as it works through the system, an attempt to improve it could be made if it cannot be totally stopped.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Bills and Claims for January 7, 2025

Wyo Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax Collections	\$642.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$76,565.56
Wyoming Retirement System	Military Contributions	\$1,690.76
First Bank of WY	Credit Card Charges	\$14,836.71
City Treasurer	HSA Contributions	\$319,800.00
Acquisition Associates Petchip	Veterinary Supplies	\$5,980.00
Agee, Cameron	Housing Assistance	\$60.00
Airgas USA	Parts & Supplies	\$765.59
Alsco-American Linen	Parts & Supplies	\$2,695.31
Amazon	Parts & Supplies	\$2,638.14
Amigos Equipment	Wastewater Supplies	\$234.96
Amundsen Construction	Utility Refund	\$63.06
Anderson, Aleesa	Housing Assistance	\$70.00
Aster Bio	Sample Testing	\$500.00
AT&T Mobility	Wireless Utility	\$3,468.93
Atherton, Joey	Housing Assistance	\$23.00
Atwood, Ashley	Deposit Refund	\$625.00
Bennett Paint & Glass	Labor & Repair	\$2,548.56
Best Value Rentals	Housing Assistance	\$558.00
Bitter Creek Enterprise	Housing Assistance	\$205.00
BLR	Subscription Renewal	\$564.99
Canford, Mellum	Housing Assistance	\$4.00
Carrier Corporation	Contract Agreement	\$1,491.00
Carrington Pointe Apartments	Housing Assistance	\$7,001.00
Castle Cleaning	Cleaning Services	\$1,950.00
Castle Rock Veterinary	Veterinary Services	\$5,144.58
CDW Government	IT Supplies	\$643.08
Centurylink	Land Line Utility	\$364.99
City of GR	Training	\$2,550.00
City of RS	Health Insurance	\$292,569.43
Communication Technologies	Labor & Repair	\$55.00
Copier & Supply	Copier Maintenance	\$285.97

Covey, Ronald & Anne	Housing Assistance	\$1,227.00
CRUM Electric	Parts & Supplies	\$1,128.70
Cruz, Brenda	Housing Assistance	\$5.00
Davenport, Demetrius	Housing Assistance	\$71.00
Davies, Cassidy	Housing Assistance	\$349.00
Debernardi Construction	Labor & Repair	\$22,187.50
Desert View Animal	Veterinary Services	\$4,495.39
Diamond Vogel Inc	Chemicals	\$540.00
Dominion Energy	Gas Utility	\$36,520.75
Elwood Staffing	Temp Staff	\$1,981.20
Environmental Express	Wastewater Supplies	\$91.41
Eusek, Sarah	Deposit Refund	\$466.00
Faigl, Christine	Housing Assistance	\$380.00
Falcon Enterprise	Wastewater Supplies	\$1,808.00
FedEx	Shipping	\$664.78
Forsgren Associates	Contract Agreement	\$117,392.34
Fremont Motors	Police Supplies	\$245.72
Galls	Police Supplies	\$300.88
Gardner, Sierra	Housing Assistance	\$30.00
Garnica, Yolanda	Housing Assistance	\$70.00
Genicianna Gomes	Housing Assistance	\$71.00
Grainger INC	Wastewater Supplies	\$1,446.98
Guardian Alliance	Applicant Pre-Screening	\$440.00
Hach Chemical	Chemicals	\$241.05
Harbor Freight Tool	Parts & Supplies	\$64.99
HD Supply	Wastewater Supplies	\$1,178.70
High Security Lock & Alarm	Alarm Monitoring	\$525.00
Hill's Pet Nutrition	Veterinary Supplies	\$705.32
Homax Oil Sales	Parts & Supplies	\$951.75
Home Depot	Parts & Supplies	\$8,077.89
Howard Supply	Parts & Supplies	\$420.23
IMLA	Education	\$549.00
Infosend	Bulk Billing	\$802.89
International Code Council	Education	\$2,123.72
Intl Assoc for Property & Evidence	Membership Dues	\$7,000.00
Intl Assoc of Fire Chiefs	Membership Dues	\$2,770.57
J&D Cleaning	Cleaning Services	\$360.00
Jackson Group Peterbilt	Labor & Repair	\$1,541.32
Jeramy or Kalli Spicer	Utility Refund	\$45.94

JM Electrical Services	Wastewater Supplies	\$779.23
Joint Powers Water Board	Contract Agreement	\$6,769.90
Kenworth Sales	Fire Supplies	\$802.42
Kimberly Circle Apartments	Housing Assistance	\$581.00
L.N. Curtis & Sons	Fire Supplies	\$2,072.92
Law Enforcement	Education	\$445.00
League of Historic American Theatres	Membership Dues	\$425.00
Ledgr Vending	Concessions	\$1,995.81
Lexicon	Retainage	\$50,183.16
Life Assist	Fir Supplies	\$3,823.11
Lockhart Rental	Housing Assistance	\$553.00
Macias, Veronica	Housing Assistance	\$80.00
Magenheimer, Natasha	Housing Assistance	\$31.00
Mann, Cassandra	Housing Assistance	\$10.00
Marincic Property	Housing Assistance	\$787.00
Masek Golf Car	Contract Agreement	\$399,156.00
McFadden Wholesale	Parts & Supplies	\$2,661.55
Motion Industries	Wastewater Supplies	\$597.09
Murdochs	Parts & Supplies	\$518.95
Myers, Katherine	Housing Assistance	\$5.00
Nunez, Lilia	Housing Assistance	\$62.00
O'Farrell Timothy	Housing Assistance	\$235.00
Orkin Pest	Pest Control	\$178.00
Parker, Carrie	Deposit Refund	\$462.03
Pedri Investments	Housing Assistance	\$434.00
Penoff, Christopher	Housing Assistance	\$249.00
Personnel Evaluation	Applicant Testing	\$100.00
Pest Patrol	Pest Control	\$150.00
Pilot Butte Broadcasting	Advertising	\$600.00
PMS Custom Screen Printing	Staff Shirts	\$1,217.00
Point Emblems	Police Supplies	\$1,572.50
Porter, Doug	Housing Assistance	\$50.00
Post & Associates	EAP	\$750.00
Real Kleen Janitorial	Janitorial Supplies	\$1,470.05
Redi Services	Portable Restroom Rental	\$1,320.00
Reeves Co	Police Supplies	\$34.68
Reichenburn, Acura	Housing Assistance	\$24.00
Revival Animal Health	Veterinary Supplies	\$699.04
Rock Springs Creekside Apartments	Housing Assistance	\$4,466.00

Rock Springs IV Center	Fire Supplies	\$1,659.28
Rock Springs Municipal Utility	Water Utility	\$21,319.36
Rock Springs Newspapers	Advertising	\$3,848.21
Rock Springs Renewal Fund	Parts & Supplies	\$119.65
Rock Springs Winlectric	Parts & Supplies	\$387.81
Rocky Mountain Power	Power Utility	\$102,418.18
Rodriguez, Sheanna	Housing Assistance	\$28.00
Ron's Ace Rental	Parts & Supplies	\$63.40
Royal Flush Advertising	Advertising	\$724.00
RS Apartments	Housing Assistance	\$4,145.00
RS Refrigeration	Parts & Supplies	\$150.19
RS/GR/SW County Communications	Appropriation	\$412,824.86
Sanchez, Jeremy	Housing Assistance	\$175.00
Skaggs Companies	Fire Supplies	\$150.00
Smith Psychological Services	Applicant Screening	\$400.00
Society for Human Resource	Membership Dues	\$244.00
Southwest Real Estate	Housing Assistance	\$5,494.00
Standard Plumbing	Parts & Supplies	\$240.00
State Fire DC Specialties	Parts & Supplies	\$735.00
State of WY-Board of Veterinary Medicine	License Renewal	\$50.00
Strickland Alicia	Housing Assistance	\$30.00
Sun Life Financial	Life Insurance	\$1,444.89
Surfaces Inc	Carpet Pad	\$570.00
Sweetwater County-Board of Health	Water Testing	\$500.00
SWCO Health Department	Water Testing	\$100.00
Sweetwater County Solid Waste	Mattress Disposal	\$70.00
Sweetwater Heights	Housing Assistance	\$359.00
Sweetwater Trophies	Parts & Supplies	\$181.00
The Christmas Light Professionals	Contract Agreement	\$22,193.74
TNVC Inc	Police Supplies	\$48,402.12
Trujillo, Bernard	Housing Assistance	\$19.00
Turf Equipment	Golf Supplies	\$121.53
Uline	Police Supplies	\$2,266.03
Uniforms2Gear	Police Supplies	\$574.81
UPS	Shipping	\$50.09
USPS	Postage	\$2,113.00
Valcom Salt Lake City	Contract Agreement	\$5,138.20
Vazquez, Brittany	Housing Assistance	\$31.00

Verizon Wireless	Wireless Utility	\$2,183.14
Ware, Ted	Housing Assistance	\$2,153.00
Watson, Morgan	Housing Assistance	\$38.00
Waxie	Janitorial Supplies	\$498.89
Western Wyoming Beverage	Concessions	\$837.12
Willow Street Rentals	Housing Assistance	\$323.00
Willyerd, Arrayia	Housing Assistance	\$38.00
Wyo Foss	Housing Assistance	\$1,030.00
Wyoming Apparatus	Fire Supplies	\$440.74
Wyoming Embroidery	Police Supplies	\$258.50
Wyoming Machinery	Parts & Supplies	\$277.32
Wyoming State Fire Marshal's	Education	\$122.40
Wyoming Waste Service	Garbage Collections	\$37.50
Young At Heart Senior Center	Allocation	\$14,388.50
Zamboni & Co	Parts & Supplies	\$378.76
	Total	\$2,114,561.35

Report Checks for December 23, 2024

Great West Life & Annuity	EE Deferred	\$13,818.03
MissionSquare	EE Deferred	\$2,534.44
Paycom Payroll	Payroll Service	\$748,389.23
Fiduciary Trust Co. of NH	457 Plan	\$762.50
Flexshare	EE Health Equity	\$19,651.33
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	Section 529 Plan	\$400.00
	Total	\$785,555.53

Moved by Councilor Demas to approve the bills and claims for January 7, 2025. Motion carried with Councilors Pedri & Thompson abstaining.

Salaries for December 23, 2024: \$748,389.23

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Hickerson to approve the salaries for December 23, 2024. Motion carried with Councilors Pedri & Thompson abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Police Department for permission to fill a vacant Sergeant position

Mayor Mickelson commented that we are very proud of what our Police Department does to keep the community safe.

Moved by Hanson, seconded by Councilor Thompson to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from the Police Department for permission to fill a vacant Animal Control position at the Animal Control Shelter

Mayor Mickelson noted that from March 2024 to December 2024, Animal Control was given \$30,000 in donations to fund spaying/neutering. He stated that the number of animals processed is mind boggling, around 200 dogs a month. At some point we are going to have to figure out how to complete the transition to become a no kill center, something must be done with the actual facility.

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

Request from the Park & Recreation Department for acceptance of the final BerryDunn Needs Assessment, Resource Analysis and Strategic Plan

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

Request for nine malt beverage permits from Sarah Wurst for the Rock Springs Grizzlies Hockey Games on January 10, February 8, 14, 22, & 28, and March 1, 7, 8 & 12 from 4 p.m.- 11 p.m., at the Family Recreation Center Ice Arena

Moved by Hickerson, seconded by Councilor Pedri to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2025-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE ROCK SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL FORMALLY DECLARING A VACANCY TO EXIST IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 4, was read by title.

Councilor Zotti clarified that the Mayor would be accepting letters of interest as of tonight, and votes would be cast at the next Council meeting.

Moved by Councilor Hanson, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve Resolution 2025-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-02 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH AMPLIO SERVICES GROUP, LLC, A VIRGINIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING MAX MICKELSON, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, AND MATTHEW L. MCBURNETT, AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Zotti, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve Resolution 2025-02.
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-03 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UINTA COUNTY, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF GRANGER, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF LABARGE, WYOMING; THE CITY OF KEMMERER, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF DIAMONDVILLE, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF OPAL, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF COKEVILLE, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF AFTON, WYOMING; THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING; THE CITY OF GREEN RIVER, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF BEAR RIVER, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF LYMAN, WYOMING; THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, WYOMING; AND THE CITY OF EVANSTON, WYOMING, **REGARDING THE AMOUNT AND SCHEDULE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF IMPACT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SITING KEMMERER POWER STATION UNIT 1 PROJECT**, was read by title.

Councilor Hickerson asked Mayor Mickelson for clarification on this Resolution. Mayor Mickelson stated that the original MOU read that the Rock Springs City Council had approved and caused him to sign and he was not comfortable signing that because Council had not acted. Changes were made to allow the Council to affirm or deny.

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Hanson to approve Resolution 2025-03.
Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL UPDATES

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

By: _____
Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor