

Work Session

Yampa Valley Housing Authority, reviewed the geographic location of the authority and services provided and update on Brown Ranch. Information on Yampa Valley Housing Authority <https://yvha.org/>

Chief of Police, Scott Scurlock reviewed current and historical data on the number of tickets issued and direction from the Town Council. Chief spoke to discretion on traffic citations and misdemeanors arrests and such, we as police officers have for discretion is called the totality of circumstances helps us determine if we issue a citation, give a warning, issue a summons or take them to jail. Each case is individual and that discretion is important to an officer. Chief provided examples of how discretion would be applied in a situation, speeding in the school zone. Chose to give a warning versus a ticket. Our goal is to get the individual to obey the law (voluntary compliance). He trains the officers to think about the situation; why are they speeding, what are they doing, and would it be better served to give a warning or issue a ticket. The idea is to receive voluntary compliance, if we have not received voluntary compliance, we go to enforcement which allows the judge to give her opinion on a legal ruling on whether or not this is acceptable. All of our interactions with citizens are recorded on the body cameras authorized by the Town Council. Town Councilmembers support enforcing the law; and not take a lackadaisical approach to traffic violations, as in the past. At the council in their strategic planning retreat, it was made very clear that speed limits, traffic citations, and such were of high importance to the safety of our community; this chief of police has taken that directive and carried it out. The council is appreciative of the police department.

Staff & Councilmember Reports

Staff reports will continue at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Banks called the regular meeting of the Hayden Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Reese and Councilmembers Bell, Carlson, Corriveau, Gann, and Hicks, present. Also present were Town Manager, Mathew Mendisco, Town Clerk, Sharon Johnson, Police Chief, Scott Scurlock, Public Works Director, Bryan Richards, and Community Development Director, Tegan Ebbert.

OPENING MOMENT OF SILENCE Mayor Banks offered a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Banks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT AND UPDATE None

PUBLIC COMMENTS Michael Brown, Ridgeview, has been a resident since 2019 and the first time he heard about the snow shoveling was when he went to the chief's house to complain and apologized to the chief. He read the code comment by the chief from his phone. He was cleaning sidewalks for elderly; his is not connected to a sidewalk with vacant lots next door. He swore, called the council names and left the meeting.

Laurel Martin, 225 S Chestnut, Hayden, CO, was stopped, by the chief, 4-5 weeks ago for not having on headlights and obstruction of view. Waste of time. She approached the dais to show a picture in her phone, without request. She believes it is a waste of time and harassment.

Marsha Tice, 415 Meadowbrook Ct, Hayden, CO. I don't have any complaints on the police department or any of you guys. I lived in Aurora and they never shoveled. We know we are in a throughfare from Craig to Steamboat. It is nice to see police pulling over people. We have a school and kids trying to cross the street. Others have said they need to slow down. I see what you do and I think everyone is doing a good job and you are not doing so dang bad.

Eric Owen, 169 S 4th St, Hayden, CO, works at the school and likes their presence. He appreciates that it has changed the behavior of drivers, especially during pick up and drop off. I believe it is a safer place for our kids around the school.

Alisa Brown, 303 Little Bend Circle, Hayden, CO. Apologized for her husband, Michael, as he gets a little rattled when he speaks in public. He said Ridgeview, which is where we lived in Craig. She agreed with her husband that it doesn't make sense, with a sidewalk that goes to nowhere. Town didn't plow for two snow storms.

Robert McCarty, 345 W Jackson Ave, for councilmember Hicks, that Town of Hayden wasn't taking care of the weeds.

PROCLAMATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT ITEMS

Consideration of minutes
for the Regular Meeting –
February 15, 2024

Consideration of
amended minutes for the
Regular Meeting –
February 1, 2024

Consideration of bill
payment voucher –
February 26, 2024 in the
amount of \$33,082.08

Consideration of bill
payment voucher –
February 28, 2024 in the
amount of \$668,112.79

Consideration to approve
bill payment voucher –
February 29, 2024 in the

Mayor Pro Tem Reese moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Carlson seconded. Roll call vote. Councilmember Corriveau – aye. Councilmember Carlson – aye. Councilmember Hicks – aye. Councilmember Gann – aye. Councilmember Bell – aye. Mayor Pro Tem Reese – aye. Mayor Banks – aye. Motion carried.

amount of \$74,519.47

Consideration to approve
Hayden Tree Board
Bylaws

Consideration to appoint
Rachel Fleming to the
Hayden Parks and
Recreation Board

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consideration
to Approve Contract with
Routt County Humane
Society

Councilmember Hicks recused herself. Mayor Banks moved to approve. Councilmember Gann seconded. Roll call vote. Councilmember Bell – aye. Councilmember Gann – aye. Councilmember Corriveau - aye. Councilmember Carlson – aye. Mayor Pro Tem Reese – aye. Mayor Banks – aye. Motion carried.

Review and Consideration
to Approve Mountain Rail
Coalition MOU

Mayor Banks moved to approve. Councilmember Carlson seconded. Roll call vote. Councilmember Carlson – aye. Councilmember Hicks – aye. Councilmember Gann - aye. Councilmember Bell – aye. Councilmember Corriveau – aye. Mayor Pro Tem Reese – aye. Mayor Banks – aye. Motion carried.

Review and Consideration
to interview and select
Town of Hayden On-Call
Engineering Firm

Brandon Bear and Scott Forester with SGM. Scott is in the municipal team and assist municipalities to assist in resolving their issues. They answered questions from the Town Council. Mathew asked to describe a technical concept in a non-technical way "Chlorination". Bob asked about boots on the ground versus making decisions from an office and how many dedicated to local governments, municipalities.

Cort Nickel, Senior Project Manager and CJ Walker, Manager Sunrise Engineering. Bob wants to see you as an extension of us and had to shave millions of dollars on the street project, should have been a service from the firm. Need a better commitment and service. Early engagement and regular communications. Ensure project documents are interpreted the same. Construction meetings are important in measuring contract specs and scope of work. Construction managers are available.

Councilmember Gann moved to approve Sunrise Engineering as Town of Hayden On-Call Engineering Firm. Mayor Pro Tem Reese seconded. Roll call vote. Councilmember Gann – aye. Councilmember Corriveau – aye. Councilmember Bell – aye. Councilmember Carlson – aye. Councilmember Hicks – aye. Mayor Pro Tem Reese – aye. Mayor Banks – aye. Motion carried.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

STAFF AND
COUNCILMEMBER
REPORTS AND UPDATES
CONTINUED

Mayor Pro Tem Reese indicated that Chief, Town Manager, Town Clerk follow our direction. If people have a complaint against them, be upset with us as we direct them.

Councilmember Hicks agrees with the rest of the council and in three years in Hayden, she never saw police in town; it took a fire behind my house to get folks to comply to the code enforcement. Benefit the health and safety of the community. She has seen an improvement and asks to give our law enforcement a chance. We live in a community that we all have to support.

Meeting on March 21st is moved to March 27th

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Banks adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Recorded by:


Sharon Johnson, Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF March 2024.


Ryan Banks, Mayor

