

**Town of Sedgwick  
Record of Proceedings  
November 18th, 2024**

**Members Present:** Danny Smith, Dale Jones, Roger Munson, Traci Sanchez, Peggy Owens, Bailey Nail, Darrin Tobin

**Employees Present:** Heather Moore, Richard Kehm, Kim Quayle

**Call to Order:** The Town Board met in regular session. A quorum was verified, and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Danny Smith

**Roll Call    Mayor Danny Smith    Here**

Traci Sanchez	Here	Bailey Nail	Here
Peggy Owens	Here	Roger Munson	Here
Dale Jones	Here	Darrin Tobin	Here

**Approval of Agenda**

- Dannah from GMS will need to speak first so she can attend another meeting.

**Motion: Approval of Agenda**

Traci Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda; Peggy Owens seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: Approve the minutes**

Traci Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections; Dale Jones seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

**Bills (Published in Julesburg Advocate)**

**Motion: Bills Roll Call Vote**

Dale Jones made a motion to pay the bills, Darrin Tobin seconded. (Roll Call: All Voted for, None Against) motion carried.

**Clerk's Office**

- I have been calling the State and GMS to figure out what is happening with the loan and the new requirements. Since what GMS originally told us vs. what the State in now saying wasn't matching at all.
- The Lead and Copper first round of inventory has been completed and submitted to the State, Kim has worked hard to get this completed.
- Assisting with gathering data for the Budget preparations.

**Maintenance**

- Trimming trees will begin down all streets and alleys.
- We will hang Christmas lights after Thanksgiving.
- Repair Pot holes on Main Street.

## Mayors Report

- There was some talk about canceling the Christmas Party for the board and employees. I feel since we don't get paid at all, and after everything we deal with, I don't see how a Christmas party to boost morale should be canceled.
  - Several comments in agreement from the other Board Members.
- Would the Board like to offer the Employees a Christmas Bonus again this year.
  - The board agreed to give the same percentage of 7% again as the Christmas bonus to employees.

### Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to proceed with the Christmas Party; Peggy Owens seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

### Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to give the Town Employees a Christmas Bonus of 7% of years wages.; Roger Munson seconded, Darrin, Dailey and Peggy in favor; Traci Abstained, none opposed, motion carried.

## Board of Trustees

- **Darrin Tobin**
  - I will be officially stepping down in December, so we will need to send out a letter inviting anyone interested in filling the Vacancy.

## Public Comments – reminded they will have 3mins.

- **Dora Devie – Susan Wolfe**
  - We have joined the State Master Gardener in Julesburg to start mapping the Trees in our Town, we will mark the type of tree, measure them to estimate their age and if they are diseased. This program is to help remove any diseased or dangerous trees and aid in replacement. This will start in Julesburg, then Ovid before coming to Sedgwick.
  - We are in the training stage right now, but wanted to let everyone know that we will eventually be going door to door to gain permission to enter properties to assess the Trees.

## New Business

- **Rhonda Graham – Not present**
- **Victoria with SCORE – Updates and Budget Request.**
  - Thank you for your previous support.
  - We now have over 100 members at the community center.
  - Lots of upgrades have been made this year. New chairs, paint, sound system and more.
  - Working on a grant for new energy efficient windows. Estimate came back at \$68,000
  - We still have more to do, we need to upgrade bathrooms to be compliant with gender neutrality laws.
- **Resolution No. 24-8 - Elected Officials are not employees**
  - Cirsa Requires this each year, this is done annually for the purpose of Workman's Comp Coverages.

### Motion:

Dale Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-8; Traci Sanchez seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

- **Resolution 24-9 – Sewer Project required Rate Increases**

- Discussion was held under Old Business with Dannah from GMS
- The board decided after the discussion with GMS to increase the \$800K Loan Paydown to \$1.2Million.
- January Rate increase will be \$2 to water base rate, \$2 to sewer base rate and \$2.50 to the sewer surcharge
- July Rate increase will be \$2 to water base rate, \$2 to sewer base rate.

**Motion:**

Dale Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 24-9 Increasing Water and Sewer Rates; Darrin Tobin seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

- **Resolution No. 24-10 – Town Contribution to the Wastewater Project Loan**

- The original amount The Board offered as the paydown amount of \$800K will still make the increase to the residents to be \$22. The Board agrees to use Marijuana Money, that has been invested in an interest-baring fund, to buy down the Loan to reduce the Loan amount further. If The board decided to contribute \$1.2million this will reduce the burden to the residence to \$8.
  - Traci added that the residents of this town voted in the dispensaries and now we have a way to use those funds to benefit them.
    - Further to help spread the word that the \$1.2mil from marijuana funds are going to be used to help them should be done so by letter. This will help stop false information being spread.

**Motion:**

Traci Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution 24-10 contributing \$1.2million instead of only \$800K to the Sewer Loan; Dale Jones seconded, all in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

**6:30 PM Hearing: Highway Users Tax**

- Dan explained how the \$14,000 HUTF tax funds are used. It will be used to maintain the Streets, this is for snow removal, the potholes and wages for the employees maintaining them.
- There were no comments from the public.

*6:33PM HUTF Hearing was adjourned. Regular meeting continued.*

**6:45 PM Hearing: 2025 Budget**

- After a quick update from Dan, he added \$15,000 the fire department and the other minor changes.
- The street estimate to cut out the gutters and add concrete on Main Street came back at \$45,000
  - The board suggested using the rock to fill in the holes and patch them since we are looking at the water project in a few years causing us to dig up much of Main Street anyways. \$400 per load and it will take maybe 4 or 5 loads to complete the project.
  - The Board agreed that doing rock fill for now is a better option. They said to add \$4000 to the budget for Street Maintenance.
  - The line item says \$80,000 to the community center. This in not correct. This amount was for the RV's at the Rodeo Grounds. This opened up the discussion about the RV park.
    - Concerns were about the parking that is taken for Rodeo's and Harvest Festival. The Fire Department would have to talk about building a Fence to separate

properties so there will not be traffic coming and going from the RV park. Additional Employees to run and maintain it. We would need to change the Ordinance s and Zoning. This would be the first thing the public will see coming into town. This will be a long process. Public Hearing will need to be done before we even start.

- This topic was decided dropped and the Board does not want to pursue this any longer at the Rodeo Grounds.
- **The discussions was opened up to the public.**
  - **Lupe**
    - I agree that anything that helps our streets, even rock for now instead of tearing it all up
    - I agree it will not look good seeing RV park in the fairgrounds, it turns into an eye sore.
    - Are there any funds for our park, for a basketball court?
      - *Clerk Added this process should start with hearings for the public to add on the conversation. We can start this process if the board would like.*
  - **Victoria**
    - Would the board consider matching last year's contribution to add \$10,000 to the Budget
      - *The board counter offered \$8,000. (Victoria Thanked the Board for continuing to support them.)*

**Motion:**

Dale Jones made a motion to donate \$8,000 in 2025 to Score.; Peggy Owens seconded, Bailey and Peggy in favor; Traci and Darrin Abstained, none opposed, motion carried.

*7:15 PM Budget Hearing was adjourned. Regular meeting continued.*

- **Board Meeting Attendance Requirements.**
  - Currently it is believed that a member can only call in 3 times for emergency attendance.
  - But we don't have anything for missed attendance. Neighboring Towns have rules that if a Trustee miss 3 in a row that stands for removal of the Trustee.
    - Dora Devie believes this is already in the Code Book she was on the committee of.
      - This is tabled until it can be further investigated.

**Old Business** *(Spoke after the approval of the Bills at the beginning of the meeting.)*

- **Dannah Koeniger – GMS Engineering Sewer Loan Update.**
  - Rate Increase that is being required by the CWRPDA, originally this was assumed by us that the increase would not be required until the end of the project. A Very recent discovery by your Clerk by a phone call to them last week this in not correct.
  - The CWRPDA informed Heather that this way of repayment and rate increase requirement changed two years ago. (somehow, we were not aware of this change.) So you will need to do the increase next year, I did negotiate with them that the Re-Payment will not start until 2026.
  - If the town only does the \$800K the increase will be \$22 total of an increase.
  - But if you do \$1.2Mil then it will reduce the increase to only \$8, and this can be done a little at a time. You can plan on \$4 in January and the remaining \$4 in June or July. Additionally, it is

strongly recommended to also increase the Sewer inactive rate from \$7.50 to \$10 in all of the options presented.

- One option would be to pay off your current Water Loan and stay with the \$800K pay down. But this is not the best option, because your current loan is a Zero Percent loan.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned:**

**Motion:**

At 7:30pm, Traci Sanchez made a motion to adjourn, Dale Jones seconded, all were in favor, none apposed motion carried.

**Entered Executive Meeting to Discuss Employee Matters. Traci Sanchez decided to excuse herself from the Meeting due to person connections to the Employee. (No decisions, actions or votes happened during or after the Adjournment of the Executive Meeting)**

  
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Mayor

  
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Attest: Town Clerk

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