

**TOWN OF YAMPA**  
**TOWN BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2024 – 6:00 pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Geilert, Trustee Lewis(online), Trustee Geanious, Trustee Kindsvater, Trustee Montgomery

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Town Administrator/Clerk Sheila Symons and Treasurer/Planner Mary Alice Page-Allen, Deputy Clerk Amanda Laman

**AUDIENCE PRESENT:** Aaron Symons, Tim Corrigan, Sue Walker and Joe Edwards

**1. Call to Order**

- Mayor Geilert called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Roll call was taken

**2. Audience Participation**

None

**3. Regional Transportation Authority Discussion**

Steamboat City Council Member Michael Buccino was not in attendance as planned.

Commissioner Corrigan advised he has replaced Commissioner Macy's as the representative on the Regional Transportation Authority. Board members and those in attendance brought up the following discussion points:

- Is this worth it for Yampa to be a part of the RTA? The number of people that were reported that commute to Steamboat from Yampa was part of the report. It is understood, from the report, that 70-160 people per day commute from South Routt to Steamboat.
- The report stated Oak Creek has 9% of their population with no vehicles and that the Town of Yampa has an average of 3-4 cars per household. It is stated that in the feasibility study that South Routt would be a very good candidate for public transportation.
- The proposal is for 1-2 trips a day for South Routt at a cost of \$550k-\$650k a year.
- This will not help students, residents with no vehicles, the elderly, or even most shift workers for this to be a valid option for Yampa and/or South Routt.
- Seems 3+ trips in the morning and multiple trips at the end of the day to avoid people waiting for hours to get back home.
- The report, which is 273 pages long, mentions South Routt 4 times. This shows that South Routt/Yampa was not a priority.
- The report suggests 10 trips in the winter per day and 5 in the summer from South Routt. This shows that the catering to this report is to the ski mountain and its employees.
- Five (5) different things are prioritized and South Routt is #5, and if there is not enough funding that the RTA will only go with the top 3.
- Tax increases (whatever they are) will be something South Routt is paying for and more than likely not going to benefit from or it will be taken away from us after the usage isn't substantial.
- It is a concern that even if Yampa does not support this report and project, the residents will still be paying county-increased taxes.
- The report shows Telluride as a comparable situation and they are not in Yampa's income level at all.
- It was mentioned that a possible consultant will be available to provide a more informative report for South Routt.

Commissioner Corrigan recommended to keep an open mind to be a seat at the table. He also mentioned a subsidized Uber system or to talk with CDOT more on the Bustang. His other thought is possibly the benefits could help with kids' activities in Steamboat also.

One major concern from the Town Board is that Yampa is not being taken seriously. It was noted that consideration of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding will be decided at the May 15, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

**4. Mayor Pro Tem Appointment**

**Motion**

Mayor Geilert made a motion to nominate Michael Lewis to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem. Trustee Montgomery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Scott Smith Independent Contractor Service Agreement Amendment**

Mary Alice explained that Scott Smith has requested a change in his rate from \$200 to \$250 a week, and the budget amendment further on the agenda does reflect this change.

**Motion**

Trustee Geanious made a motion to approve and authorize the signing of the Independent Contractor Service Agreement Amendment between the Town of Yampa and Scott C. Smith. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. AquaWorks Agreement for Professional Services – Construction Engineering**

Mary Alice explained that this is the next step in the engineering related to the collection system project that is slated to kick off May 6, 2024. She noted that the \$75,000 price tag is 100% grant funded.

Trustee Montgomery inquired if AquaWorks will have an engineer on site during the project. Mary Alice advised that Ben Beall, a subcontracting engineer as well as being the Town Engineer, will be working with the contractors daily.

**Motion**

Trustee Geanious made a motion to approve and authorize the signing of an Agreement for the Professional Services between the Town of Yampa and AquaWorks DBO, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the construction engineering related to the wastewater collection system upgrade project. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Lease – X Field Services LLC & Mocon Pacific Inc. – 125 Moffat Avenue (Royal Lot)**

Mary Alice stated this is lease for the Royal Hotel property for which the consideration is \$1.00, noting that the property is Town-owned and by leasing it to the wastewater collection system contractors at this rate ultimately serves to lower costs to the Town. She added that it is a flat lot that will be fenced and signed that will be used to stage their equipment and materials.

Trustee Geanious asked if there was enough space for them there. Mary Alice advised that some equipment may be stored at Darin Fogg's (Yampa resident with the subcontractor with Xfield Services LLC) property also. Trustee Montgomery and Trustee Kindsvater stated their concerns with the location and use of the property as it will make the Town look untidy.

**Motion**

Trustee Geanious made a motion to approve the Lease between the Town of Yampa and X Field Service, LLC, and Mocon Pacific Inc. for 125 Moffat Avenue for use of the premises for construction activities related to the wastewater

system improvements. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion; the motion passed with a 4 in favor. Trustee Montgomery abstained from the vote.

**8. Resolution 2024-09 2023 Supplemental Budget**

Mary Alice explained that the reason for the supplemental budgets is to create separate funds for water and sewer in accordance with the requirements of the USDA.

**Motion**

Trustee Geanious made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09, Supplemental 2023 Budget Appropriations to Defray Expenditures in Excess of Amounts Budgeted – Sewer Fund. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Resolution 2024-10 2024 Supplemental Budget**

**Motion**

Trustee Geanious made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10, A Resolution to Adopt Supplemental 2024 Budget Appropriations to Defray Expenditures in Excess of Amounts Budgeted – Sewer Fund. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Consent Agenda**

**Motion**

Trustee Geanious made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

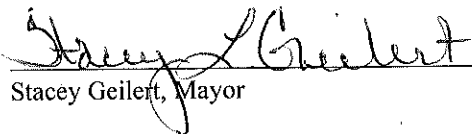
**11. Staff and Committee Reports**


Ken Montgomery would like to readdress the Fire Department assistance from Mary Alice Page-Allen conversation. Mayor Geilert noted that such will be readdressed when the Fire Department is able to be at a meeting.

**12. Adjournment**

Trustee Geanious made a motion for adjournment at 7:14 pm. Trustee Kindsvater seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved the 15th day of May, 2024.

  
Stacey Geilert, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Sheila Symons, Town Administrator/Clerk



