

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 4, 2021

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in regular session in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 150 East Pearl in Jackson, at 6:00 P.M. This meeting was held in-person and through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

TOWN COUNCIL: *In-person:* Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, Jessica Sell Chambers, Jim Rooks, and Jonathan Schechter. *(Mayor Morton Levinson and Councilors Chambers and Rooks were sworn in this morning at 10:30 AM)*
via Zoom: none

STAFF: Larry Pardee, Lea Colasuonno, Roxanne Robinson, Michelle Weber, Zolo, Floren Poliseo, and Sandy Birdyshaw.

OTHER: former Mayor Pete Muldoon and former Councilor Jim Stanford were present.

The Mayor led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Council held moments of silence in honor of the passing of Bert Raynes, Grant Larson, and H.L. Jensen in 2020. Jonathan Schechter and Arne Jorgensen made comment. Mayor Morton Levinson introduced Officer John Ware as a recent new employee.

Resolution 21-01: Resolution of Appreciation for Pete Muldoon.

Resolution 21-02: Resolution of Appreciation for Jim Stanford.

A motion was made by Arne Jorgensen and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to approve Resolution 21-01 and Resolution 21-02.

TOWN OF JACKSON RESOLUTION # 21-01.

WHEREAS, Mayor Pete Muldoon led the Town of Jackson from January of 2017 to January of 2021 and was the first Mayor since the Town of Jackson became a First Class City in 2004 to serve a 4-year term; and

WHEREAS, Pete's respect for a citizen's right to participate in local government, and respect for his fellow elected officials in their responsibility to thoroughly examine and discuss issues was always exhibited through his generosity in allowing lengthy public comment as well as allowing lengthy time during Council meetings for thoughtful and meaningful Council debate and discussion; and

WHEREAS, Pete's meeting leadership and facilitation skills came naturally and were evident in his ability to effectively and efficiently lead Council and staff through Council meetings as the Mayor right from the start; and

WHEREAS, Pete extended his service even further by filling the role of liaison to the multiple boards and committees including the START Board, Pathways Taskforce, the Housing Supply Board, Chamber of Commerce, ONE22, plus numerous others with the goal of improving the lives and environment for members of our community and region; and,

WHEREAS, Pete was a leader and organizer of stakeholder groups including those formed to discuss significant issues such as human rights and equality, creating housing choices, and enhanced transportation services which has improved the quality of life in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Pete's decisive leadership of the Town of Jackson through the COVID-19 pandemic onset and his timely crisis response and can do attitude towards assisting Public Health have placed the Town of Jackson and Teton County in a much better position than other communities in terms of health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, so often Pete undertook these efforts without seeking or receiving adequate recognition; and,

WHEREAS, Pete's unceasing efforts have greatly assisted the community and helped to bring about the fine facilities and quality of life enjoyed by the citizens and guests of the town;

WHEREAS, Pete's term as Mayor of the Jackson Town Council has expired and we shall miss his leadership along with his sincerity, humor, and passion for equally engaging all sectors of the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jackson in regular session duly assembled, that the Mayor and Town Council on behalf of all the people of the Town of Jackson and Jackson community, shall and do, hereby take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation and offer a heartfelt thank you to Mayor Pete Muldoon for his dedicated service and leadership to the Town of Jackson government and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be maintained in the official records of the Town of Jackson as a permanent record and memorandum of the fine service of **Mayor Pete Muldoon**.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

TOWN OF JACKSON RESOLUTION # 21-02.

WHEREAS, Jim Stanford wholeheartedly devoted eight years to serving the residents of the Town of Jackson as a Town of Jackson Councilman from January of 2013 to January of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jim served as Vice Mayor of the Town of Jackson from January 2017 to January 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jim represented the Town of Jackson in additional avenues by serving as liaison to the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Jackson/Teton County Parks and Recreation Board, Transportation Advisory Committee, the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, the Jackson/Teton County Housing Trust, Jackson Hole Airport Board, Board of Health, Travel and Tourism Board, plus countless committees and subcommittees of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been a loyal advocate for employees and employee issues during his tenure on the Council, consistently supporting wage and benefit issues and the welfare and equal treatment of all employees in the organization; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been and will continue to be a voice for the people in all efforts related to public access on Snow King Mountain, speaking for the trees in every corner of the corporate limits of the Town of Jackson, and advocating for accessibility and connectivity regarding snow removal and sidewalk maintenance throughout Town and especially along a particular stretch of Kelly avenue; and

WHEREAS, Jim could always be counted on to engage in meaningful discussion on matters brought before the Town Council and talk about those issues passionately; and

WHEREAS, Jim's personal expertise on issues related to public relations, transparency in government, public lands and public access, and environmental issues was relied upon by the Council to assist the Council through those discussions; and

WHEREAS, it is because of Jim's insistence on public access to local government that the citizens of Jackson are fortunate enough to enjoy the ability to listen and view Town Council meetings live as well as archived meetings on the internet to the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, without public minded citizens such as Jim Stanford, local governments such as ours would be hard pressed to deliver the services to the community that the community demands and deserves; and

WHEREAS, Jim's tenure on the Town Council has expired and we shall truly miss his consistent, unwavering stewardship of our community's natural resources and access to public lands, support for alternative transportation options, endorsement and advocacy towards maintaining a healthy community, and shameless, fearless, and devoted advocacy for every existing tree in the Town of Jackson.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jackson in regular session duly assembled, that the Mayor and Town Council on behalf of all the people of the Town of Jackson and the Jackson Hole community, shall and do, hereby take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation and offer a heartfelt thank-you to Jim Stanford for his relentless dedication to the Town of Jackson government and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be maintained in the official records of the Town of Jackson as a permanent record and memorandum of the many years of fine service **Jim Stanford**.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment. None.

Approval of 2020 Meeting Minutes. *A special committee comprised of Hailey Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, and Jonathan Schechter was established December 21, 2020 for the purpose of approving the meeting minutes at the next regular meeting due to a change in the makeup of the Town Council. Once this task is complete, the special committee will cease to exist.*

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Arne Jorgensen to approve the meeting minutes as presented for the December 4, 2020 special meeting, December 16, 2020 special meeting, and December 21, 2020 workshop and regular meeting. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed the special committee was 3-0 in favor and the motion carried.

Consent Calendar. A motion was made by Jessica Chambers and seconded by Arne Jorgensen to approve the consent calendar including items A-C as presented with the following motions.

- A. **Disbursements.** To approve the disbursements as presented. ACE Hardware \$140.89; Aflac \$2,584.63; AlphaFraphics \$636.37; B-Cycle LLC \$26.66; C & A Professional Cleaning Serv LLC \$201.98; Caselle Inc. \$200.00; Chargepoint, Inc \$1,141.00; Crown Trophy \$251.02; Delta Dental Plan Of Wyoming \$2,271.80; E.R. Office Express \$114.76; Fire Services Of Idaho \$190.00; Foster, Kyle \$4,100.77; Furber, Winslow \$33.14; High Country Linen \$967.72; IIMC \$200.00; Jackson Animal Hospital \$2,205.67; Jackson Hole Childrens Museum \$3,750.00; Jackson Hole Historical Society \$10,000.00; Jackson Hole Law, Pc \$1,500.00; Jackson Hole News & Guide \$3,052.38; Jackson Hole Radio \$4,798.00; Jorgensen Associates, Pc \$18,080.25; LexisNexis Matthew Bender \$65.08; Lincoln National Life \$6,574.89; Local Gov't Liability Pool \$1,000.00; Long Building Technologies Inc. \$118.00; MasterCare Cleaning, LLC \$1,193.00; Miller Sanitation \$2,940.00; Mohror, Scott \$132.47; Mora, Bruno \$155.00; National League Of Cities \$1,172.00; Nelson Engineering \$6,781.50; Nova Collective \$9,000.00; Power Engineering Co, Inc \$387.00; Premier Truck- Salt Lake City -\$76.48; Quadient Finance USA, Inv \$468.69; Rhoades, Stephen \$100.00; Schwartz, William P \$5,000.00; Snake River MEP Complete, Inc \$433.00; Spring Creek Animal Hospital \$72.84; Swagit Productions, LLC \$1,775.00; Teton County Clerk \$148,545.08; Teton County Sheriff's-Jail \$432.00; Teton County Special Fire Fund \$180,591.49; Teton County-Fund 10 \$37,796.05; Teton County-Fund 13 \$107,600.21; Teton County-Fund 19 \$183,136.62; The Children's Learning Center \$26,710.00; Thompson Palmer & Associates \$25,000.00; Uhl, Angie \$914.66; Valley West Engineering, Pc \$1,845.00; Verizon Wireless \$6,122.22; Vinci Law Office LLC \$252.13; Visa \$7,718.65; Vision Service Plan - (Wy) \$1,747.89; White Glove Cleaning, Inc. \$1,222.00; Wy Child Support Enforcement \$146.76; Wy Workers' Safety & Comp \$7,164.18; Wyoming First Aid & Safety \$84.76; Wyoming Retirement System \$103,635.71; Wyoming.Com Inc \$5.00; Wy-Test \$80.00; Xerox Corporation \$619.76.
- B. **Official Depositories for 2021.** To approve to designate Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of Jackson Hole, and Rocky Mountain Bank as official depositories for the Town of Jackson for 2021.
- C. **ECW Request for 2010 SPET funds for St. John's Health Project.** To approve matching funds from the 2010 SPET fund, not to exceed \$ 24,516.67, for energy projects at St John's Health.

There was no public comment on the consent calendar. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried.

Utility Easement to WYDOT at Cache & Broadway (P20-201). Floren Poliseo made staff comment.

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Arne Jorgensen to approve use of Town Square by The Transportation Commission of Wyoming for purposes of the signal detection upgrade project as presented in this staff report and the easement application, and direct staff to provide an Electric Distribution Easement between The Transportation Commission of Wyoming and the Town of Jackson at a future Council meeting for Council to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary easements. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried.

Matters from Mayor and Council. Arne Jorgensen made comment for transparency and to avoid any potential conflict of interest by him being an owner of Hawtin Jorgensen Architects, on the First Interstate Bank advisory board, and an emeritus member of Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust, but no connection with Jorgensen Associates. He made commendation statements to the Jackson Police Department on the standoff incident this week. He made commendation statements to Kelly Thompson and the Finance Department on the 2020 Annual Report.

Hailey Morton Levinson appointed Arne Jorgensen as vice-mayor for 2021.

Jonathan Schechter also made commendation and appreciation remarks to Chief Weber for her high level of service and attention to requests while handling the standoff situation.

Jim Rooks made comment for transparency that he was a member of the Trout Unlimited Jackson Chapter.

Town Manager's Report. A motion was made by Jessica Chambers and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to accept the Town Manager's Report into the record. The Town Manager's Report contained an update on housing available through the Housing Department related to COVID and a revolving right of purchase through the Housing Trust at Arbor Place. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Jessica Chambers to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. minutes:spb

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk

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