

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 6, 2025

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: Mayor Arne Jorgensen, Jonathan Schechter, Devon Viehman, and Kevin Regan.

STAFF: Tyler Sinclair, Roxanne Robinson, Lea Colasuonno, Floren Poliseo, Johnny Ziem, Susan Scarlata, Michelle Weber, Tanya Anderson, Paul Anthony, Bruce Abel, and Riley Taylor.

Opening. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jorgensen. The Land Acknowledgement was read by Mayor Jorgensen.

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Kevin Regan and Devon Viehman to adopt Resolutions 25-01: A Resolution of Appreciation for Hailey Morton Levinson, 25-02: A Resolution of Appreciation for Jessica Sell Chambers, and 25-03: A Resolution of Appreciation for Jim Rooks. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Resolution 25-01: A Resolution of Appreciation for Hailey Morton Levinson. Mayor Jorgensen read Resolution 25-01, A Resolution of Appreciation for Hailey Morton Levinson.

Resolution 25-02: A Resolution of Appreciation for Jessica Sell Chambers. Mayor Jorgensen read Resolution 25-02, A Resolution of Appreciation for Jessica Sell Chambers.

Resolution 25-03: A Resolution of Appreciation for Jim Rooks. Mayor Jorgensen read Resolution 25-03, A Resolution of Appreciation for Jim Rooks.

Announcements/Proclamations. Mayor Jorgensen introduced Mike Halpin, Cemetery Sexton.

Public Comment. Jessica Sell Chambers and Kate Mead made public comment.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore and Acting Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Jorgensen appointed Jonathan Schechter as Mayor Pro Tempore and Devon Viehman as acting Mayor Pro Tempore.

Consent Calendar. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to approve the consent calendar including items A-E as presented with the following motions:

- A. **Meeting Minutes.** To approve meeting minutes from the December 16, 2024 Regular Town Council Workshop and December 16, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting.
- B. **Disbursements.** To approve the disbursements as presented. A & I DISTRIBUTORS \$268.27; ACE HARDWARE \$927.24; ALLEN, MARY EILEEN \$1,000.00; ALPHAGRAPHICS \$2,999.16; AMAZON \$8,905.01; APPLE INC \$8,571.98; AT&T \$1,200.25; BADURA, KYLE \$100.00; BEST BEST & KRIEGER \$4,677.00; BESTDRIVE IDAHO FALLS \$5,659.90; BIG R RANCH & HOME \$606.40; BISON LUMBER \$89.98; BOBCAT OF ROCK SPRINGS \$1,219.68; BOWEN, ANDREW \$1,171.38; BRIGGS, ERIC L \$198.34; CARQUEST AUTO PARTS INC. \$305.96; CASELLE INC. \$200.00; CAST \$570.00; CENTURYLINK \$2,897.71; CERTIFIED LABORATORIES \$1,216.80; CITCO WATER \$3,600.00; CLARK, BLAKE \$3,000.00; COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF JACKSO \$10,000.00; COMMUNITY SAFETY NETWORK \$17,500.00; CONRAD & BISCHOFF INC. \$46,164.88; CONTROL SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY, INC. \$9,575.00; CORE & MAIN LP \$14,515.40; CTAA \$1,125.00; CYAN ROBOTICS, INC \$81.00; DEAN'S PEST CONTROL LLC \$270.00; DEX IMAGING \$587.22; DISCOUNT CELL, INC. \$529.20; DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT \$1,018.46; E.R. OFFICE EXPRESS \$688.76; ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$682.00; EVANS CONSTRUCTION INC \$320.62; EVOLUTION CONSTRUCTION, LLC \$13,900.00; FALL RIVER PROPANE \$3,512.16; FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTIC \$220.83; FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC \$151.82; FIRE SERVICES OF IDAHO \$746.00; FISHPAUGH, KELLIE \$379.50; FLEETPRIDE \$738.32; FLORES, JUANITA \$880.00; FREEDOM MAILING SERVICE INC. \$1,870.64; FURBER, WINSLOW \$155.00; GARMIN USA \$64.95; GILLIG LLC \$2,255.85; HIGH COUNTRY LINEN \$889.58; HOKE, ELIZABETH \$2,000.00; IDAHO CHILD SUPPORT RECEIPTING \$564.20; INTERSTATE BATTERY \$1,681.40; INTERWEST SUPPLY COMPANY \$1,857.80; JACKSON CURBSIDE INC. \$1,831.00; JACKSON DOWNTOWNER, LLC \$83,056.91; JACKSON GROUP LOCKBOX \$559.13; JACKSON HOLE

LAW, PC \$3,505.00; JACKSON HOLE NEWS & GUIDE \$7,649.50; JACKSON HOLE WHITE WATER \$1,000.00; JACKSON LUMBER INC \$108.67; JACKSON PAINT AND GLASS, INC. \$4,200.00; JH20 WATER CONDITIONING & FILTRATION \$85.00; JORGENSEN ASSOCIATES, PC \$45,082.95; JORGENSEN, ARNE OLAUS \$937.14; KENWORTH SALES COMPANY DEPT #1 \$800.56; KL2 CONNECTS, LLC \$9,938.00; LENOVO (UNITED STATES) INC. \$864.36; LEPCO \$199.00; LOCAL GOV'T LIABILITY POOL \$1,000.00; LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC. \$180.00; MERCILL PARTNERS LLC \$5,000.00; MORTON-LEVINSON, HAILEY \$361.79; MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO \$296.09; NAPA AUTO PARTS INC. \$840.73; NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES \$1,752.00; NELSON ENGINEERING \$31,952.50; ONE 22, INC. \$9,000.00; ONE CALL OF WYOMING \$202.50; PALAZZOLO, MICHAEL \$77.83; POINT S DRIGGS \$4,100.25; PORT53 TECHNOLOGIES, INC \$14,012.38; POWER ENGINEERING CO, INC \$1,195.74; PREMIER TRUCK- SALT LAKE CITY \$1,849.24; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INV \$2,065.61; QUICK BROWN FOX LLC \$1,020.00; RIPLEYS VACUUM CENTER, INC \$576.00; RON'S TOWING LLC \$250.00; RUI INC. DBA VILLAGE GARDNER \$862.50; SENIOR CENTER OF JACKSON HOLE \$35,505.00; SHORELINE CONSULTING \$2,272.72; SINCLAIR, TYLER \$392.58; SNAKE RIVER ROASTING \$220.00; SOSA'S JANITORIAL SERVICE \$9,000.00; SPECTRUM \$99.99; STAR VALLEY DISPOSAL \$117.00; STINKY PRINTS, INC \$52.44; SUBLETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$910.00; TETON COUNTY INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE/RECY \$278.25; TETON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH \$200.00; TETON COUNTY SHERIFF'S-JAIL \$2,872.00; TETON MOTORS INC \$1,350.02; TETON RENTAL CENTER \$202.35; TETON TRUST FOR HISTORIC PLACES \$6,250.00; THE AFTERMARKET PARTS COMPANY, LLC \$1,265.84; THE CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER \$37,822.75; THE TIRE RACK, INC. \$1,088.20; THYSSEN KRUPP ELEVATOR CORP. \$1,090.75; TOOLSON TELEPHONE, INC \$1,305.00; TOP TIER TOOLS LLC \$338.75; TOWN OF JACKSON \$2,175.00; TRAPHAGEN, JEROMIE \$479.37; VERIZON WIRELESS \$8,721.53; WATTS STEAM STORE ROCKY MT. INC \$877.16; WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS \$480.00; WESTBANK SANITATION \$2.44; WESTERN STATE \$100.00; WHITE GLOVE CLEANING, INC. \$3,401.60; WORT HOTEL \$8,163.24; WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF RURAL WATER SYS \$495.00; WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPOR \$10.00; WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY \$86.62; YELLOW IRON EXCAVATION, LLC \$920.00; ZOLLIK, MICHAEL \$2,000.00.

- C. **Energy Conservation Works Special Excise Tax (SPET) Expenditure for Community Solar Project.**
To approve the use of up to \$1,900,000 in 2022 Energy Conservation Works Community Energy Leverage Fund SPET funding for an approximately 1 MW community photovoltaic solar project and approve the letter agreement attached to this staff report.
- D. **Appointment of Special Municipal Officers.** To appoint Raymond Lane, Lisa Potzernitz, Ethan Rosenberger, and Bobbi Clauson as Special Municipal Officers for the Town of Jackson, to have specific authority to issue citations for violations of the provisions of this Chapter 15.08 as set forth by Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-2-103(e) and Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 15-1-103(a)(l).
- E. **Memorandum of Understanding between Town and Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation.**
To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Jackson and Teton County/Jackson Parks & Recreation Department.

There was no public comment on the consent calendar. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Scoping Report on Affordable Non-Residential Zoning Strategies. Paul Anthony made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to direct staff to place this item on the PI list for future consideration. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Resolution 25-04: A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of the Town Council; and Consideration of a Process to fill that Vacancy. Tyler Sinclair made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. Jessica Sell Chambers made public comment. A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to adopt Resolution 25-04 as presented. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried. Discussion continued.

Council recessed at 8:15pm and reconvened at 8:32pm.

Discussion continued. A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Kevin Regan to move to: 1) Approve the application as drafted by staff with the addition of a maximum of 500 words in response to each question, requiring a minimum of two references and contact information, and the

three questions suggested by Councilwoman Viehman and the two questions suggested by Councilmember Schechter, provided below; 2) Approve the applicant winnowing process set forth in the staff report; 3) Approve the timeline as adjusted by Council during the meeting; and 4) Approve each Councilmember sending interview questions to staff by 4:00PM on January 16, 2025 for consolidation and presentation to Council.

- Can you attend the retreat on February 12 and 13?
- Who do you feel is underrepresented in community conversations and how would you work to bring their voices to the table?
- What unique perspective of life experience do you bring that could diversify the Council approach to decision-making?
- The appointment process is done without input from voters. If you have not previously run for Town Council, why haven't you? Why should the Council appoint you when you have not been vetted by the voters? Alternatively, if you have previously run and lost, why do you feel the Council should do something voters chose not to do?
- The Council makes a lot of “shades of gray” decisions; i.e., decisions where both sides make a compelling case. Please share an example of a difficult decision you’ve faced (whether professional or personal), and how you went about deciding it.

The motion showed 3-1 with Arne Jorgensen, Devon Viehman, and Kevin Regan in favor and Jonathan Schechter opposed. The motion carried.

Ordinances. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Kevin Regan to read ordinances in short title. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Ordinance P. An Ordinance Extending the Term of the Franchise Granted to CenturyLink.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1243 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK QC ON BEHALF OF ITSELF TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF JACKSON AND GRANTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2019.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON, WYOMING.

Lea Colasuonno made staff comment. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to approve Ordinance P, an ordinance extending the term of the franchise granted to CenturyLink, at second reading. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Ordinance Q. An Ordinance Regarding Riding on Sidewalks and Motor-Assisted Devices.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 10.14.010, DEFINITIONS, AND 10.14.040, RIDING ON SIDEWALKS, REGARDING MOTOR-ASSISTED DEVICES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON, WYOMING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON, WYOMING:

Lea Colasuonno made staff comment. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to approve Ordinance Q on first reading. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Matters from Mayor and Council. Arne Jorgensen acknowledged that Kate Mead would be the new Council liaison from the Teton County School District board.

Town Manager’s Report. Tyler Sinclair made staff comment. The Town Manager’s report contained updates on the Bloomberg Philanthropies Grant and changes to the Town Council Meeting Calendar for 2025. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Kevin Regan to approve the Town Manager’s Report including only the Bloomberg Philanthropies Grant request. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to adjourn. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Arne Jorgensen, Mayor

Riley Hovorka, Town Clerk

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