TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 17, 2025 **JACKSON, WYOMING**

The Jackson Town Council met in regular workshop in the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 150 East Pearl in Jackson, at 1:30 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, Kevin Regan, and Alyson Spery.

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

User Fee for Electric Vehicle Charging. Tanya Anderson and Johnny Ziem made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. Kevin Cochary and Pavel Vasin made public comment. A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Kevin Regan to direct staff to draft a plan to initiate user fees at Town-owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations using the criteria discussed at this meeting. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Kevin Regan to direct staff to draft an RFP to seek a vendor that will lease and manage current and future Town-owned charging stations and pay the Town of Jackson a portion of revenue generated. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Proposal for Karns Meadow Advisory Committee, Ambassador Program, and Monitoring Program. Tanya Anderson and Tyler Valentine made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. Jenny Karns made public comment. A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to direct staff to create a Karns Meadow Park Ambassador Program as described in model #1 in this staff report and begin the Program in Spring of 2026. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to direct staff to return to Council with a scope of work and budget to hire an ecologist to summarize available data on Karns Meadow into a report that can be updated annually, and conduct additional studies to monitor the impact of construction and recreational use, including seasonal visitation counts, changes in the audio-scape, changes in vegetative cover, changes in the prevalence of invasive species, nesting songbird success before, during, and after construction, and impacts on overwintering wildlife, additionally staff shall provide other funding options available as well. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Council recessed at 3:19pm and reconvened at 3:32pm.

FY2026 Draft Sales & Lodging Tax Projections, Revenue Options, and General Fund Reserve Discussion. Tyler Sinclair and Kelly Thompson made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Kevin Regan to approve an increase of 2% sales and 3% lodging tax as revenue projections for the development of the draft FY2026 Budget. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Alyson Spery to set the General Fund reserve policy at 25% for development of the draft FY2026 Budget. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to set the property tax assessment at 0.5 mills for development of the draft FY2026 Budget. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed 4-1 with Mayor Jorgensen, Jonathan Schechter, Alyson Spery and Kevin Regan in favor and Devon Viehman opposed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to direct staff to explore the following alternative revenue sources as part of development of the draft FY2026 Budget:
Fees

- Lodging Tax – Town only or Town/County

- Sales Tax – Town Only
- Economic Development Tax
- SPET – Town Only
- Use of Delta Above 25% Reserve
- Property Mills – Town Only

Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Matters from Mayor and Council. There was no discussion.

Council Priorities and Upcoming Agendas. Tyler Sinclair reviewed Council's Workplan Calendar and upcoming agendas. Council held discussion with staff.

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 workshop adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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ATTEST: Arne O. Jorgensen, Mayor

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Riley Hovorka, Town Clerk

Minutes: rh. Publish JH News & Guide: March 26, 2025