



WHAT'S UP WHEATLAND!

Town of Wheatland, Wyoming

Joe Fabian, Mayor
Jeff Wilhelm, Councilman
Brandon Graves, Councilman
Alan Madsen, Councilman
Bill Britz, Councilman

Staff

Doug Wiggins, Clerk/Treasurer
ReAnnah Caves
Tabitha Enniss
Josephine Rausch

All correspondence, issues and questions should be addressed to:

Mayor Joe Fabian
Town Hall
600 9th Street
Wheatland, WY 82201
307-322-2962

mayor@townofwheatlandwy.org
clerk@townofwheatlandwy.org

www.townofwheatlandwy.org



The Wheatland Town Council held their regular meeting on October 12, 2015 in the Council Chambers. Vouchers in the amount of \$548,223.10 were approved for payment.

The town's newest police officer, **Doug Dumont**, was sworn in by Mayor Fabian and made welcome by those in attendance. Officer Dumont comes to us from Loveland, Colorado.

Al Teel from the Wheatland REA shared information about the job fair to be held November 24th at the 4-H Building. Thirty different companies will be represented. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. , and it's open to anyone interested in learning more about higher education, or where to find a job.

Alan and Lucinda Houtchens were on hand to express their concerns about the trimming of their apple tree. Mr. and Mrs. Houtchens requested monetary reimbursement for damages. After lengthy discussion the Council tabled a decision until discussions could be held with Mike Taylor, head of the Electric Department, and Ken Pinneo, foreman. Mayor Fabian and the council reiterated that when tree branches on private property interfere with electric wires then the town does have the right and responsibility to trim. Citizens are first encouraged to undertake the task of trimming their trees themselves.

Ty Harris attended to express his concerns over recreational vehicles parked on town streets. Several years ago discussion was held regarding Council Ordinance 758 and, at that time, it was agreed that "recreational vehicles are not defined." Judge Vicki Mickelson and Police Chief Randy Chesser both expressed that in the past when citations have been issued they've been dismissed because of the lack of definition. It was agreed that Clerk Treasurer Doug Wiggins will conduct research and bring back recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

Tom Bramlet shared information about his request put forth to Planning and Zoning regarding a subdivision located on West Walnut on the north side of the road, just adjacent to town limits. Per the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation the Council accepted the subdivision with staff recommendations as presented.

Copies of the Council minutes are now posted online at www.townofwheatland.wy.com, along with audio recordings. Minutes are also published in the Platte County Record Times.



5th graders recently visited Town Hall and Hall and enjoyed talking to Mayor Fabian.



Officer Dumont's swearing in ceremony. (Photos courtesy Platte Co. Record Times)

Good Things Happening

Clerk Treasurer **Doug Wiggins** and Finance Clerk **Tabitha Enniss** recently attended a conference to learn more about software systems provided by Caselle. Caselle provides a variety of systems and IT services to small governments. The town has availed itself of several different systems. Clerk Wiggins noted that the Community Development module will be installed soon.

Progress is being made on two new hotels at the north end of town. Comfort Inn has fulfilled all requirements for permits, etc., and will start breaking ground soon on the east side of 16th street. It has been noticed that groundwork is also being undertaken on the west side of 16th street for yet another new hotel. Rolling Hills Bank, located in the 1400 block of 16th Street, has stated their intentions to begin construction soon. And, construction progresses on the new O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store near Safeway.

The new electric rates which went into effect October 1st are posted online at www.townofwheatlandwy.org. Electric updates and definitions were also included in utility bills.

Dennis Becker continues to enter cemetery additions to the database. This project requires scanning of thousands of documents in an effort to add information.

Visit the town's new website at www.townofwheatlandwy.org. Improvements are being made on a regular basis.

Special thanks to **Tabitha Enniss** and **Josephine Rausch** for passing out lemonade during the recent Crazy Days! We appreciate their volunteer spirit which helps put town hall in the public eye! Watch for them during the

Halloween parade on Saturday, October 31. More than twenty downtown businesses will be handing out candy! Children should line up for the parade in front of Frontier Furniture. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m.!

Plans are also being made for the Festival of Lights! Thanks to **Ruth Herdt** (police department) for taking on this job every year with the help of Platte County Main Street. The Christmas parade is scheduled for Friday, December 4th. Plan now to have a float!

The town has submitted a Mineral Royalty Grant Application to the State Land and Investments Board. If granted the funds will be used to purchase a ladder fire truck. We should know by January 14th. Thank you to Candy Wright for preparing the application.

Jeannie Mitchell, the town's representative on the Platte County Lodging Tax Board, reports that the board has been working with Wyoming Tourism on an ad that will be in the 2016 Tourism Guide. It has been noted that 83% of the people who request information about Wyoming through this guide actually do end up visiting. The next project will be a booklet designed just for Platte County which will utilize brands developed by Platte County Main Street a couple of years ago. One of the goals is consistency in how we look to others — this will help serve that purpose. The board will work with the Chamber in increasing visitation and tourism opportunities. If any tourism organizations have ideas please contact the board. They'll start taking 2016 requests for funding in February.



Bring your ghouls and goblins to downtown Wheatland on Saturday, October 31st for the annual

Trick or Treat on Main Street. Line up for the parade by 9 a.m. in front of Frontier Furniture!

Mayor's Musings

It has been a busy productive summer and fall is in the air. We have had several building projects in the private sector starting construction including: O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Comfort Inn, Rolling Hills Bank, as well as a planned apartment complex by Wyoming Housing Network Inc. to begin next spring. To say the least it has been an exciting 10 months for me.

It has also been a pleasure to me to talk to many of our citizens (including children) and address their concerns. I enjoy the challenge of the job and strive to make Wheatland a town that we can all be proud of. Please stop by or make an appointment to talk to me about any issues that you feel need addressing. If it is something that can and should be fixed I will do everything I can to make sure it happens.



*November 24th,
10 a.m. to 6:30
p.m. FREE.
4-H Building.*