



# TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

December 05, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
250 River Circle - Alpine, WY 83128

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Green

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Eric Green.

### 2. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Mayor Green turned the Public Hearing over to Town Clerk Monica Chenault. Mrs. Chenault read into the record the following:

This Public Hearing is to hear and consider comments on the Rehman Hafeez Annexation. Per W.S. 15-1-402(a): Before any territory is eligible for annexation, the governing body of any city or town at a hearing as provided in W.S. 15-1-405 shall find that:

- 1) An annexation of the area is for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the persons residing in the area and in the city or town;
- 2) The urban development of the area sought to be annexed would constitute a natural, geographical, economical, and social part of the annexing city or town;
- 3) The area sought to be annexed is a logical and feasible addition to the annexing city or town and the extension of basic and other services customarily available to residents of the city or town shall, within reason, be available to the area proposed to be annexed;
- 4) The area sought to be annexed is contiguous<sup>[1]</sup> with or adjacent to the annexing city or town, or the area is owned by the city;

5) If the town does not own or operate its own electric utility, its governing body is prepared to issue one (1) or more franchises as necessary to serve the annexed area pursuant to W.S. 15-1-410; and

6) The annexing town, not less than twenty (20) business days[2] prior to the public hearing required by W.S. 15-1-405(a), has sent by certified mail to all landowners and affected public utilities within the territory and by first class mail to any persons owning property that is within three hundred (300) feet of the territory proposed to be annexed, regardless of whether the property is inside or outside the corporate limits of the annexing town and regardless whether the city or town is exercising authority under W.S. 15-3-202 (b)(ii), a summary of the proposed annexation report as required under subsection (c) of this section and notice of the time, date and location of the public hearing required by W.S. 15-1-405(a).

[1] W.S. §15-1-402 (b) "Contiguity will not be adversely affected by the existence of a platted street or alley, a public or private right-of-way, a public or private transportation right-of-way, a lake, stream, reservoir or other natural or artificial waterway located between the annexing city or town and the land sought to be annexed."

[2] W.S. §15-1-401 (a)(i) "Business day' means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday as established by the annexing municipality".

Upon completion Eric Green, Mayor called on Marlow Scherbel to give an overview of the annexation request. Upon completion, Mr. Scherbel took questions on the petition from council and the attendees.

b. Petitioner Comment - Dale Cottam and Marlow Scherbel

Representative of the petitioner Marlow Scherbel gave an overview of the annexation request to those in attendance.

c. Public Comment

Mayor Green opened the hearing to public comment. Town Council or the representatives of the Petitioner responded to comments and questions from those in attendance.

Questions were answered about future plans, water and waste water availability, and about Star Valley Telephone and Zy Baig Hafeez adjoining properties and the benefits of having them annex as well at the same time.

Dale Cottam, attorney for the petitioner, addressed council and attendees in the public comment period. Clerk Chenault read aloud a letter submitted to Town Council from Zy Baig Hafeez concerning easements needed by the Town of Alpine for wastewater infrastructure. Mayor Green requested Mr. Cottam to work on getting the necessary easement.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Green adjourned the hearing.

Minutes recorded by:

Monica L. Chenault, Town Clerk

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Minutes approved in a legally advertised meeting.

Signed:

Eric Green, Mayor

Attest:

Monica L. Chenault, Town Clerk