Mayor McQueary called the special meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and all members were in attendance.

**RESOLUTION 2011-21 – CDBG GRANT APPLICATION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Mayor McQueary read the resolution in its entirety. The intent of the resolution was for the submission of an Economic Development Infrastructure Grant for the purchase of the Bronco Building. The purpose of this grant would be to purchase the building and then negotiate a lease and/or lease with an option to purchase this facility after 5-years, with the Glenrock Paleon. This grant is being initiated as a result of the Wyoming Business Council’s decision to not approve the grant submitted for the Paleon to purchase and make upgrades to the building. Councilman Lembke made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-21. Second by Councilman Anfinson.

Mayor McQueary encouraged caution. He reminded the council that if this resolution is approved, and the building purchased by the town they would be the largest commercial property owner in Glenrock. He indicated that in his opinion this would not be perceived as a positive step by the citizens of Glenrock. The reason for the urgency is the uncertainty of the future of the building and the Knudson Trust. Mayor McQueary recommended the town initiate a mailed survey of the community for comment.

WBC representative, Kim Rightmer, was present and addressed the council regarding what the WBC wanted to see in applying for funding. It is the feeling of the WBC that a development plan needs to be completed and the town could then reapply for grant funds during the September process. They recommended the town reapply for the grant, minus the roof repairs and the windows, and strictly seek for funds to purchase the building.

Council members questioned the sense of urgency, and were advised that the Paleon had not paid their mortgage in months, and they currently have no paid staff. Their current occupancy is approximately 80%.

Councilman Lembke commented that the opportunity is in front of us here to do the right thing and make this happen. If we drag our feet now we lose this opportunity. He stated that he supported this resolution, and supported doing it today.

Mayor McQueary asked representatives of the Paleon Board why when the town offered to purchase the building in the past the offer was denied. He was advised that when the offer was made in the past the Paleon was in a better financial position, but with the elimination of educational grants their funding is severely restricted. Mayor McQueary was asked If the town does a survey, are they going to ask: Do you want to see the Paleon go away? Do you want to sees these businesses leave? There are expensive repairs needed to this building. As an independent non-profit, grant funds are not available to the Paleon Commission. They are
however; available to the town.

Councilman Anfinson stated he is not going to sit by and watch building after building in this town crumble because of neglect.

Mayor McQueary called for the vote. Members voting AYE: Goff, Lembke and Anfinson. Members opposed were: McQueary and Care. Motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT** – no other business being considered at this meeting. This meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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Michael L. McQueary

ATTEST:

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Donna M. Geho, Clerk/Treasurer