

Regular Town Council Meeting April 13, 2015 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Shaffer at 6:02 pm. Council members Nick Pairitz, Paul Kramer, Mark McLaughlin, Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Gail Leary were present.

Guests: Macel Andersen, Sara Dunham, Eileen Pearce, Kevin Allen, Kathy Shepherd, Dean Harris, Bob Stump, Shane Watson, Dennis Casey, Roger Thompson and Daniel Kenworthy.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from March 19, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Paul Kramer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mark McLaughlin seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Nick Pairitz voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes. The motion passed.

The delinquent and financial reports were reviewed by the council. Mark McLaughlin moved to accept the reports as presented. Nick Pairitz seconded. No Discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Nick Pairitz voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Sheriff

Sheriff Roger Thompson reviewed the 16 calls and 1 traffic stop in Sheridan for the month of March 2015. There were 2 alarm, 5 citizen assist, 3 suspicious circumstance, 3 theft, 1 unfounded 911, and 1 wildlife complaint. The Madison County Sheriff's office spent 49.75 hours in Sheridan.

Library

Tax Relief Fundraiser is Friday at the Episcopal Hall. It starts at 6:30 and costs \$20.00/person. Come and support the Library.

Public Works

Curt reported that a pump was down at a lift station. The repairs will be done in 2 days. He feels we should buy an extra pump as a backup as the repair people may not be able to get out as quick as this time. A new pump for one of the stations would be \$6700 and the other one could be around \$15,275. We can get by for 12-14 hours with just one lift station working. Discussion.

This week the Gourley Lane sewer line was repaired by Helena Sand and Gravel.

Clerk

The Town's bank account signature pages need to be switched over to the new mayor Tom Shaffer.

Boards and Committees

MSIT

To show appreciation the Shovel and Spoon and MSIT will be serving a BBQ lunch to the construction crews and proceed to do this once a month until completed.

All 29 lamp posts have been sold. Plaques will cost about \$55-\$60 and Mayor Shaffer will be doing them for MSIT. A huge thank you to Tom. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be planned for all the Town when the construction is complete.

The Wine Fest theme is "Our Teamwork Made our Dream Work". The date is Saturday, September 12, 2015.

Public comment not on the agenda

None

Public comment on the agenda

Eileen Pearce expressed her concern that a new hospital should go before the people before papers are signed. The public has had no input. What can the community do? Discussion. It was suggested to go to the commissioner and hospital meetings.

Business before the Council for Consideration

Old Business

1. Helena Sand and Gravel-Kevin Allen MDOT engineers

Kevin Allen went over the schedule of work and where the project was at this time. He said they were ahead of schedule. Concrete curbing coming next week, prep for sidewalks, cleaning up roadway and by the last week of May paving may start. The Mayor asked about traffic coming and going as they please. Kevin said that there have been some people not waiting for the pilot car and it is very dangerous. Discussion. Good job to construction!

2. Sponsorship for CDBG application-new hospital

Mayor Shaffer said that the sponsorship limits the Town in the 2017 process from applying for a CDBG for future projects. Discussion. The council is not informed enough at this point to make a decision.

New Business

1. Public works worker position

Mayor Shaffer said the water/sewer duties are 24/7, 365 days a year. He is trying to get a second public works worker that can help Curtis. Discussion. The council agreed upon a temporary part time person for the next 90 days or less. Tom will look into hiring a temporary person until we can advertise for a

permanent person. The attorney suggested rewriting the employee policy to reflect Public works changes. Mark asked that we think about safety training for a new person.

2. Resolution 2015-1 Budget amendment for 2014-2015

Mayor Shaffer read Resolution 2015-1 amending the 2014-2015. No discussion.

3. Council person- appointment/oath of office

Mayor Shaffer read the 2 letters of interest by Chris Murolo and Bob Stump interested in serving as a councilman until election time this fall. They then will need to file to run as a candidate for the seat in the Fall election.

Business before the council for disposition.

1. Sponsorship for CDBG application-new hospital

Paul Kramer motioned to table this decision until the council has more information. Nick Pairitz seconded. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council**, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Nick Pairitz voting yes and Paul Kramer voting yes. Motion passes.

2. Public Works Worker Position

Nick Pairitz motioned that the Town talk with the interim worker while developing a solution for a long term public works worker. Paul Kramer seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council**, Paul Kramer voting yes, Nick Pairitz voting yes, and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

3. Resolution 2015-1 Budget amendments for Budget 2014-2015

Paul Kramer motioned to accept Resolution 2015-1. Nick Pairitz seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council**, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Nick Pairitz voting yes and Paul Kramer voting yes. Motion passes.

4. Council person-appointment/oath of office

Mark McLaughlin moved to accept Bob Stump as a councilman. Paul Kramer seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council**, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Nick Pairitz voting yes and Paul Kramer voting yes. Motion passes.

Mayor Shaffer administered the Oath of Office to Robert Stump for the remainder of Tom's seat.

Council Report

Nick Pairitz suggested using an aggressive seed mix after use of a herbicide/burn to kill the weeds at the Lagoon as an alternative to spraying over and over again. Suggested seed was annual rye grass, crested wheat grass or sweet clover.

Mayors Report

Mayor Shaffer talked with 3 Towns in the area about having court in Virginia City. They were interested. The Mayor will continue to pursue the court situation.

Bud Leonard sent a letter regarding his problem with his sewer service line and wanting some compensation on his monthly sewer fee. Discussion. This issue was created by Helena Sand and Gravel when putting in the storm drain down Water street for Montana Dept of Transportation. Tom will write Mr. Leonard a response and inform him the Town was not in charge of that project and to contact Helena Sand and Gravel. He will also contact Helena Sand and Gravel and Montana DOT about this situation and its resolve.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

WARRANTS April 2015

RAHN ABBOTT	209.06
CURTIS A. GREEN	2044.84
GAIL LEARY	1575.46
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	331.60
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1194.94
DEFERRED COMP	300.00
FEDERAL TAXES	2942.19
PERS	1305.95
DEPT OF REVENUE	406.00
TOM SHAFFER	2290.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	196.23
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	253.43
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	14.72
ANDY'S SERVICE	324.90
BRIDGER COMMUNICATIONS	610.00
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMBING	2760.00
EMPIRE OFFICE MACHINES	50.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	109.20
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1281.19
MED-TECH RESOURCES, INC.	318.28
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	1677.73
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3658.96

NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1630.82
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	69.93
SPORTSWEAR & DESIGN	432.00
TOM SHAFFER	24.99
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CENTER	54.60
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	176.78
WEX BANK	296.98
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	95.62
AMERICAN EXPRESS	1400.03
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	170.00
MOTION PICTURE LICENSING CORPORATION	157.47
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	308.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
CURTIS A. GREEN	1028.20
MMIA-HEALTH	1163.60
TOTAL	31130.41

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

 Approved: Tom Shaffer, Mayor

 Attest: Gail Leary, Clerk

Executive Session

present: Tom Shaffer, Paul Kramer, Nick Pairitz, Mark McLaughlin and Bob Stump.

Call to order at 8:30 p.m.

Agenda: Human Resources

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

 Tom Shaffer, Mayor

