

Regular Town Council Meeting June 8, 2015 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Shaffer at 6:00 pm. Council members Nick Pairitz, Paul Kramer, Bob Stump, Mark McLaughlin, Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Gail Leary were present.

Guests: Macel Andersen, Eileen Pearce, Paul Babb, Ted Woirhaye, Janna Verhow, Brian Verhow, Roger Thompson, Christopher Mumme and Mark LaYacona.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from May 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Nick Pairitz moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Stump seconded. No discussion. Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council members: Nick Pairitz voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes, and Paul Kramer voting yes and Mark McLaughlin abstained as he was not at the May meeting. The motion passed.

The delinquent and financial reports were reviewed by the council. Paul Kramer moved to accept the reports as reported. Mark McLaughlin seconded. No discussion. Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council members: Nick Pairitz voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Bob Stump voting yes, and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Fire Dept

Brian Verhow asked the council if there would be any opposition to moving the Sheridan Festival this year down to the Baseball Park. This is a good fund raiser for the Fire Department and they would like to do more activities. Discussion. The consensus was to try it for one year and see how it goes.

Ted reported that petitions to the public have been sent out on the annexation with the Rural. The department has received back 145 signed petitions agreeing with the annexation. A total has not yet been done. To pass the Annexation a 40% population and 40% total taxable value of property is required within the Town limits.

An 8 inch well was drilled by Graham Drilling as a donation to the Department on the land south of Town and Garnet USA delivered a conex trailer to be used as a beginning training center.

Two new volunteers have joined the department. Will Farrand and the young man living next door.

Sheriff

Sheriff Thompson reviewed the May 2015 statistics for 121.75 hours spent by the County officers in Sheridan. There was: 1 accident, 1 animal problem, 1 assault, 10 citizen assist, 1 civil standby, 2 disturbances, 1 drug/narcotic activity, 2 missing person, 2 suspicious person circumstance, 1 theft, 2 unfounded 911 call and 1 civil service.

Library

In May, the Library started working on funding for archive shelving. Curtis Kruer resigned from the board. Diana Smith is moving and will no longer be able to serve as the library's grant writer. They will engage Jim Jarvis of Virginia City as the new grant writer. He will be seeking federal funding for the expansion project. The Friends will sponsor the summers first Pie & Cream Social in the Kiwanis Park June 14 from 3-4:30. The Summer reading program starts July 18 and ends August 6th.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported on 3 different prices from distributors on cleaning screens in the lift stations. Discussion.

A water meter for the pump house would cost between \$2500 - \$3000 to measure the flows at the pump house. Computer software to measure the flow would be about \$4000. Discussion.

The water telemetry is 98%. Both pumps are running and there is a protection device in each lift station for lightning. The generator is a different situation. It will cost \$1000 deductible and our insurance will cover the cost of repair. Discussion.

Clerk

Gail reminded the council about the election and filing dates for mayor and council seats.

Boards and Committees

MSIT

MSIT ended up paying \$1520.00 for the installation of the lamp posts. The plaques have been ordered which cost \$68.00 each.

A new banner is being designed to feature the Tobacco Root Mountains, 2 sand hill cranes, 3 colors and Sheridan Mt.

The flower barrels have been planted and placed on Main Street.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration will be held on June 25, 2015 at 4:30. The Bank is hosting an open house from 2-4. Refreshments will be served and live music by Michael Masters of Butte will begin around 5:00 p.m.

The project was working on the broken sprinkler pipe in the Main Street Park. The lawn is in need of some attention. Discussion. Curt will work on the timer and mowing. The last 2 markets have been slow but the music has been an added bonus.

There have been lots of complaints on skate boarders on the new cement retaining wall across from the Post Office, jumping off the new curbs and using the new steps in Town as jumping blocks. Discussion. Macel asked what can we do? Sheriff Thompson suggested starting with the parents by sending a letter addressing the issues from the Town.

Public comment not on the agenda

None

Public comment on the agenda

None

Business before the Council for Consideration

Old Business

1. Grazing on Town property-Lagoon

Tom informed the council the attorney recommended the Town post a notice for grazing on Town Property for 1 month to see if anyone expresses an interest. Tom and Nick will work on verbiage and Gail will get them posted.

New Business

1. First Reading of Ordinance #124 Northwestern Energy Corporation Franchise Agreement Paul Babb from Northwestern Energy explained the old franchise ordinance is around 50 years old and needs updating. The new ordinance is a non exclusive agreement with a 10 year review.

2. Maddison Meats Property- Mark & Amanda LaYacona

Mark LaYacona just purchased the Jensen's Market. He is planning to restore it to it's historical condition.

The Town owns the Maddison Meats building. Mark asked if there was any way to acquire the Maddison Meats building? Discussion. The council will have a work

meeting to discuss what to do with this building and get back to Mr. Layacona. The work meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

3. Annexation of the Sheridan Fire Department in to the Rural- Chris Mumme

Chris Mumme explained the process of consolidating with the rural . It will increase the amount the Fire Dept operates on and increases their buying power if Town and Rural combine. Discussion.

It was decided that Fire Chief Ted Woirhaye will redistribute a letter and inform the public of what it will mean to them tax wise. It was suggested that at the Sheridan Day Festival an informational booth would be helpful.

4. Resolution 2015-3 Agreement between the Town and County Law Enforcement

A resolution of agreement between the Town of Sheridan and Madison County Law Enforcement . Mayor Shaffer read the resolution in its entirety. He explained that this is the first step towards enforcement of the ordinances in Town and an inter local justice system with Twin Bridges, Virginia City and Sheridan. This will help us move towards having a court system. Discussion.

5. Resolution 2015-4 Authorize submission of TSEP and Renewable Resource Planning Grant Application

Mayor Shaffer read Resolution 2015-4 in its entirety. Great West Engineering will be submitting an application for a TSEP and a Renewable resource grant.

Business before the council for disposition

1. Ordinance 124-Northwestern Energy Corporation Franchise Agreement

Tabled until after the 2nd reading at next months council meeting in July, 2015.

2. Annexation of the Sheridan Fire Department in to the Rural-Chris Mumme

Tabled.

3. Resolution 2015-3 Agreement between the Town and County Law Enforcement

Paul Kramer moved to accept Resolution 2015-3 as discussed. Nick Pairitz seconded. No discussion. Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council; Nick Pairitz voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

4. Resolution 2015-4 Authorize submission of TSEP & Renewable Resource Planning Grant Application

Nick Pairitz moved to accept Resolution 2015-4 as presented. Bob Stump seconded. No discussion. Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council; Nick Pairitz voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

Council Report

Nick asked about our responsibilities to Bradley's land. Discussion. He will contact Bradley's and find out if a soil sample has been done.

Mayors Report

Mayor Shaffer reported that there was a person interested in the grader. It cost the Town \$14,000. Discussion.

The Town has been unsuccessful with trying to hire a part time person. Two applied but they did not address our issues. Discussion.

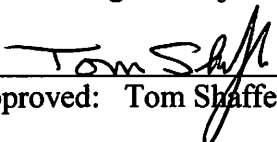
Verizon will be putting in the permanent tower in Virginia City, which in turn may improve our service.

Mayor Shaffer would like to use some of the Capital account for roads to fix Ruby Street. The Town would asked for bids and hope to use local people. The council agrees.

WARRANTS May 2015

RAHN ABBOTT	\$269.57
MARTIN GASPER	\$499.27
CURTIS A. GREEN	\$2609.49
GAIL LEARY	\$1676.30
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	\$331.60
WILLIAM TALBOTT	\$1161.68
DEFERRED COMP	\$300.00
FEDERAL TAX	\$3104.27
PERS	\$1489.39
DEPT OF REVENUE	\$437.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	\$255.59
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	\$98.73
AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$556.30
ANDY'S SERVICE	\$15.00
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$70.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$179.97
KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	\$4910.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$1281.19
MARSH'S MOUNTAIN GREENHOUSE	\$35.25
MMCT & FOA	\$50.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$29.30
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$3859.68
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-SEWER	\$2527.31
POSTMASTER	\$140.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	\$93.12
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$100.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	\$30.00
TOM SHAFFER	\$25.95
US BANK-Spa Lockbox	\$13,150.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CENTER	\$20.02
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	\$33.18
WEX BANK	\$250.52
POSTMASTER	\$114.00
SOUTH WEST SEPTIC	\$1000.00
MMIA-HEALTH INS	\$1793.28
UNEMPLOYMENT STATE TAX	\$192.94
MMIA-WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$988.80
TOTAL	\$39,678.70

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Approved: Tom Shaffer, Mayor


Attest: Gail Leary, Clerk

**June 22, 2015 7:00 a.m. Work Meeting- Maddison Meats Building
Temporary Roaming Cell Tower**

Present: Mayor Tom Shaffer, Councilmen: Mark McLaughlin, Bob Stump, Nick Pairitz, Paul Kramer and Clerk Gail Leary.

Mayor Shaffer called the meeting to order at 6:54 a.m.

Maddison Meats Building

Mark & Amanda Layacona are interested in buying. How does the Town proceed? Should the Town lease or sell? Options were discussed.

Maddison Meats was given to the Town by the Ruby Valley National Bank.