

Regular Town Council Meeting March 19, 2015 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by President Nick Pairitz at 6:01 pm. Council members Tom Shaffer, Paul Kramer, Mark McLaughlin, public works Curt Green and Clerk Gail Leary were present.

Guests: Lynda Johnston, Macel Andersen, Sara Dunham, John Semingson, Eileen Pearce, Roger Thompson, Caitlin Avey.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from February 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Tom Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Paul Kramer seconded. No discussion. **Nick Pairitz called the question for council members:** Tom Shaffer 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. Tom Shaffer seconded. No Discussion. **Nick Pairitz called the question for council members:** Tom Shaffer voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Sheriff

Sheriff Roger Thompson reviewed the 15 calls and 2 traffic stops in Sheridan for the month of February 2015. There were 3 animal problems, 1 citizen assist, 1 disturbance, 2 public safety, 1 suspicious circumstance, 1 threat/harassment, 1 traffic complaint, 1 unfounded 911, and 1 wildlife complaint. The Madison County Sheriff's office spent 42.75 hours in Sheridan.

Library

Nick Pairitz read the February 2015 report. Phase 1 construction preceded apace and has reached the stage of painting the interior. Bill attended the Broad Valleys conference and took some classes. The Friends will hold a program on brands and barbed wire on the 22nd at 5 pm.

Public Works

Curt Green asked the council to consider putting in a pit in front of the old theatre on Main Street. Discussion. A pit and meter is being put in in front of 114 S Main Street. It could be done now with everything torn up. The council agreed we should move ahead on putting in the pit in front of the old theatre.

Curt asked if it would be possible to stored some of the gravel that is being stripped from Main Street at the dump lower site? It may come in handy for Town. Discussion. The council's concern is that things will get dumped down there and it will become a problem again. It was approved as long as they keep it cleaned up.

Clerk

W4 need updating by 2 council members. Gail reviewed the employees vacation leave to see if any were over the designated amounts (2 years) up through to Dec. 2014 and no one was over.

The Town received an Arbor Day grant of \$750.00. for trees. Curt Green will be picking up some trees for Arbor day with the money. Nick Pairitz has agreed to do a workshop for the Town on April 22.

The Town may need to purchase a mini HR application from Black Mountain to process the new changes in 2016.

Boards and Committees

MSIT

The Shovel and Spoon and MSIT hosted a free spaghetti lunch for the construction company to show their appreciation.

Northwestern Energy is removing the banners and they will store them until the lamp posts go up. All flower barrels will be removed from Main Street.

Once the lampposts are in the Town will accept them as property and insure them. There was a discussion on whether they would have a timer on them.

The quarterly report will need to reflect all public funds spent towards the main street project by the State, Federal and Town.

Twin Bridges has been accepted into the Montana Main Street Program. They were one of 2 accepted out of 32 applicants.

Wine Fest is scheduled for September 12, 2015 from 6-9 p.m.

Public comment not on the agenda

Sara Dunham asked about the irrigation ditch at Poppleton & Washington Street. Could reflectors be put up on both sides of the road? Discussion. It will be looked in to.

Lynda Johnston presented what they would be doing for the Easter Egg hunt on March 29th from 1-4 pm. A parade around the block and some games. Everyone is excited to have this event this year. The event is not sponsored by the Town, so the Town's insurance will not cover the event.

John Semingson, hospital administrator asked about emergency responders such as doctors, physician assistants coming through the Main Street construction and what could be done to alleviate their wait in an emergency. Discussion. It was suggested they get to a someone with a radio (flagger) and see if they can get them through.

Public comment on the agenda

None

Business before the Council for Consideration

Old Business

1. Public Works Director position/assistant Public works worker

Tom and Nick interviewed 2 individuals for the Public Works Director position. They recommend that the Town hire Curtis Green as the Public Works Director with current pay, insurance and benefits. Discussion.

2. Mayor resignation

Nick read Dean Derryberry's letter of resignation as mayor stating as of March 18th he would no longer be able to fulfill his current term due to changes in his full time job.

New Business

1. John Semingson-Hospital Administrator-CDBG application sponsorship

The Ruby Valley Hospital is making plans to build an \$11,650,000 new hospital. Mr. Semingson is asking the Town to sponsor them in a Community Development Block Grant for \$400,000 which would be used to buy equipment for the new facility. If the Town agrees to sponsor the CDBG application the funds would be filtered through the Town for the \$400,000. Discussion. They hope to start Fall 2015.

Eileen Pearce asked if there would be any community meetings regarding the building of a new hospital? Mr. Semingson said yes.

2. Appointment/Oath-mayor

Tom Shaffer read his letter of interest in serving as the next mayor of Sheridan and that he plans to run for office at the next election.

President Nick Pairitz read the oath of Mayor to Tom Shaffer effective 03-19-15. Congratulations to Tom. Tom's council seat is now open and it is up to the council to appoint someone in 30 days. A posting will be put up regarding the open council seat.

Business before the council for disposition.

1. Sponsorship for Hospital CDBG application

Tom Shaffer moved to table the decision until further review. Mark McLaughlin seconded. **Nick Pairitz called the question of the council**, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Tom Shaffer voting yes and Paul Kramer voting yes. Motion passes.

2. Public Works Director

Paul Kramer moved we hire Curt Green as Public Works Director. Mark McLaughlin seconded. No discussion. **Nick Pairitz called the question of the council**, Tom Shaffer voting yes, Nick Pairitz voting yes, and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

Council Report

Paul Kramer asked about Bud Leonard's sewer problem. Curt Green said he was following it and feels it is on Bud's property.

Tree Board Members need to do a walk through.

Nick talked about weed control at the lagoons in seeding heavily with either crested wheatgrass or annual rye grass. Discussion. The Ruby Valley Conservation District may have some free equipment the Town would be able to use.

American Towers has asked if they could purchase the site for \$45,000 one time or lease one time at \$10,000. The council decide to table this decision.

Mayors Report

Tom Shaffer thanked Curt Green for all he has been doing looking after the Town's interest.

The Telemetry unit on the water tank is being looked at on March 20th and passwords have been changed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

WARRANTS March 2015

DEAN DERRYBERRY	\$206.41
CURTIS A. GREEN	\$2,925.85
GAIL LEARY	\$1,166.18
WILLIAM TALBOTT	\$1,172.21
EFTPS FEDERAL TAX	\$3,064.04
DEPT OF REVENUE	\$451.00
DEFERRED COMPENSATION	\$300.00
PERS	\$813.48
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	\$258.80
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	\$13.33
BLACKBOARD, INC	\$1,749.78

BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMBING	\$831.38
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	\$20.00
FIRETECH, INC.	\$487.00
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY	\$357.00
GAIL LEARY	\$153.94
KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	\$254.80
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	\$250.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$1,281.19
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$3,876.53
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	\$3,293.31
POSTMASTER	\$272.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	\$61.94
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$100.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CENTER	\$14.56
VOLT ELECTRIC, LLC	\$81.81
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	\$95.98
WEX BANK	\$118.54
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	\$99.28
AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$1,484.69
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	\$308.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$50.00
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	\$141.97
GAIL LEARY	\$509.00
MMIA-INS	\$1,163.60
STATE OF MT UNEMPLOYMENT INS	\$155.24
MMIA WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$634.03
TOTAL	\$28,216.87

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest: Gail Leary, Clerk

Approved: Nick Pairitz, President of the Town Council

Executive Session

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

Call to order at 7:45 p.m.

Agenda: Human Resources

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Tom Shaffer, Mayor

