

Regular Town Council Meeting September 21, 2015 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Tom Shaffer at 6:06 pm. Council members Bob Stump, Paul Kramer, Mark McLaughlin, Public Works Director Curt Green and Clerk Gail Leary were present.

Guests: Sara Dunham, Michael Tilstra, MCSO, Eileen Pearce, Macel Anderson, Caitlin Avey, Karen Talley, William Talbott, Susan Nelson, Janet Doornbos, Abbi Lee, Moxon Lee, Zoe Lee, Ralph Sand, Shirley Sand.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from August 10, 2015 Regular Town Council meeting and August 31, 2015 Preliminary Public Hearing/Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Bob Stump moved to accept the August 10, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting and August 31, 2015 Public Hearing/Town Council Meeting for the Preliminary Budget 2015-2016 as presented. Paul Kramer seconded. Mark McLaughlin said that he was not at the August 10th meeting. Bob Stump amended his motion to include the removal of Mark McLaughlin from the August 10th minutes. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin abstained as he was not at the August 10, 2015 meeting. The motion passed.

The financial report and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Mark McLaughlin moved to accept the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Paul Kramer seconded. Mark McLaughlin asked if the list for delinquents was bigger? Discussion **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Sheriff Department

MCSO Deputy Michael Tilstra reviewed the report from August of 2015 for 108.50 hours. There was 1-accident, 1 alarm, 2 animal problems, 1 Bail or not contact violation, 1 burglary, 2 citizen assists, civil standby, 1 coroner call, 2 disturbance, 1 gas leak, 2 public safety, 2 suspicious person/circumstance, 1 threat/harassment, 3 traffic complaints, 3 unfounded 911 calls, 1 VIN inspection and 2 welfare checks.

Deputy Tilstra mentioned that there has been a rise in theft in the area.

Library

Mayor Shaffer read the Library report for August 2015. The Library Expansion Committee teamed with the Senior Center to explore the possibility of combining the two organizations separate expansion projects. Our grant writer, Jim Jarvis, will be writing a CDBG planning grant for the 2 entities. The Fall Ice Cream Social on September 13th was very successful.

Oktoberfest is October 10th at the Episcopal Hall 4-7 p.m.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported that the fiberoptics has been put into the Tower site by 3 Rivers Communication.

Helena Sand & Gravel brought in around 5-6 ton of asphalt to patch around Town after the Main Street Project.

He has two 15 mile an hour speed signs to put up at the school. He would like some input as to where they should go. The Mayor will work with Curtis.

Mark McLaughlin asked about the Watson bill for the service call on the the pontoon float and the unthreaded washer line. Did we do this or Bradley? No one messed with it so Curtis felt it just happened. Mark would like to see Curtis is present when work is being done on the Town's equipment. Curtis agrees. Watson Irrigation Specialists should not work on the system unless Curtis is there. Curtis also reported that the sewer lagoon cells are pumped down for the winter.

Clerk

Gail reported that the Budget 2015-2016 has been submitted to the State. Data is being collected for Craig Shepherd, accountant from Hamilton for the completion of our Annual Financial Report which is due to the State by the end of December.

Payroll updates need to be made for any of the council soon as council pay will be paid at the end of October. Please get your information to Gail.

The October regular meeting falls on an employee holiday-Columbus Day. Curtis and Gail will be gone. The Mayor and Council rescheduled the next meeting to October 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Committees

MSIT

MSIT had applied for a \$5000 grant from the Montana Main Street Group for 5 new garbage receptacles and 2 bike racks.

Macel Anderson told the council that they were still looking for land on the West side of Town for the entrance sign. They do have donated land on the East side but would prefer the West side coming in to Town. Mark McLaughlin asked about the old west side site. It is too wet and the ground will not hold the entrance sign.

Park Board

Janet Doornbos, president of the Park Board reported that she, Mayor Shaffer and Karen Talley from the Pool Advisory Committee met to revise the original lease. She asked the council for their input. Discussion. Janet is looking forward to restructuring the program for the Ruby Valley Swimming Pool and working with the Pool Advisory Board for the betterment of the community.

Mayor Shaffer said he forwarded the lease agreement to Alan Halse at MMIA. He has not heard back from him. Janet also sent the lease on to the commissioners for their review. The lease will be forwarded to the Town attorney for review. Discussion.

The Sheridan Town Council supports the 2 entities moving forward on the lease and the management of the Ruby Valley Swim Pool.

Skateboard Committee

Abbi Lee said that they contacted American Ramp Company and received 3 different bids/sizes. The lowest bid was for \$25,000 not including the concrete pad. The company comes to set up the ramps, once the concrete is done.

There are numerous grants for skateboard parks but you must have land before you can apply for these grants. Discussion on land options. The Mayor suggested the land adjacent to the school property on Washington Street. Neighborhood responses to the activity of a skateboard park, lighting and curfew were discussed. Deputy Mike Tiilstra, MCSO said the more activities you can provide for the youth the lower the crime rate is in a community. Also, lights do help reduce crime.

The Mayor has checked with MMIA the Town's insurance and it has an endorsement for coverage at no additional cost but requires that the Town can certify that the Park was designed by competent design professional and that the design professional has professional liability insurance.

A special council meeting will be scheduled for September 24, 2015, to walk around and look over the Parks and see which best facilitates a Skateboard Park. The public is welcome and everyone should meet at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Public comment not on the agenda

None

Public comment on the agenda

Bill Talbott asked how the Cell Tower was coming along down by the Lagoon. Mayor Shaffer said the tower was to be delivered on Weds. September 23rd with construction starting next week in hopes of it being completed in 4 weeks.

Business before the Council for Consideration

New Business

1. American Tower proposed lease agreement

Mayor Shaffer reported that American Tower (dump site tower) has sent a letter requesting 2 options. Basically a long term agreement of a conditional offer of \$43,000 and/or extending the ground lease with one time signing bonus of \$7500 for 5 years with options to renew for 7 additional five year terms. Discussion.

Mayor Shaffer asked the council if they would like to move forward or not on this lease agreement. It was decided that there was not enough information to make a decision. The agreement will be forwarded to our attorney for review and her input before a decision is made on the lease.

Business before the council for disposition.

- 1. *Park Board/Pool Advisory Committee conditional lease agreement- Tabled*
- 2. *American Tower lease agreement- Tabled*

Mayors Report

Curtis is filling potholes around Town.

Mayor Shaffer signed the CDBG grant application today for the Library/Senior Center expansion plan.

A new shed has been put down at the aerated lagoon site for storage.

WARRANTS September 2015

MARTIN GASPER	152.60
CURTIS A. GREEN	2013.85
GAIL LEARY	1671.58
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	331.60
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1252.89
DEFERRED COMPENSATION	300.00
EFTPS FEDERAL TAX	1573.70
PERS	1386.61
DEPT OF REVENUE	381.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	1134.02
PERS	22.29
DEPT OF REVENUE	2.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	361.38
AMERICAN EXPRESS	1749.32
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS	37.00

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	154.98
JULIE WARD, CPA, PC	357.50
KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	1092.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1277.57
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	239.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	165.78
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LIGHTS	251.72
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2478.24
OCLC, INC.	511.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	182.22
SOUTH WEST SEPTIC	106.50
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	44.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	14.56
VERIZON WIRELESS	90.39
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	70.28
WATSON IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, INC	955.90
WEX BANK	295.61
WILLIAM TALBOTT JR.	54.98
BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE, INC.	907.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	5038.71
MMIA-HEALTH	1793.28
MARTIN GASPER	114.46
STATE OF MT-UI	96.29
WORKERS COMPENSATION	873.74
TOTAL	29655.55

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved: Tom Shaffer, Mayor

Attest: Gail Leary, Clerk

