

Regular Town Council Meeting April 11, 2016 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 Paul Kramer, Bob Stump, Mark McLaughlin, Mike Walter, Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Gail Leary were present.

Guests: Eileen Pearce, Roger Thompson, Kathy Shepherd, Ted Woirhaye and Sara Dunham.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from March 21st public hearing/council meeting and work meeting March 25th were reviewed. Bob Stump moved to accept March 21st meeting and March 25th meeting with one correction to March 25th. A second by Bob Stump will be added to the motion to have the attorney proceed with letters to the property owners. Paul Kramer seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin abstained as he was not at the March 25th meeting. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Paul Kramer moved to approve the reports as presented. Mark McLaughlin seconded. Mike Walter asked about the timing of the notices. No further discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes, and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Fire Department

It is a busy time as it is open burning season. The department has been doing a wild land training refresher.

The 2 new captains and their teams are working out well and it seems like there is more participation and comradery among the 15 firefighters.

The Mayor asked about the air packs and Ted said he was working on something to help fund getting these purchased.

Sheriff

Sheriff Thompson reviewed the 76 hours the Madison County Sheriff's office spent in Sheridan for the month of March 2016. It included: 1 animal problem; 5 citizen assists; 1 coroner call; 1 gas leak; 1 juvenile problem/truancy violation; 2 missing person; 2 suspicious person/circumstance; 1 warrant/arrest; 1 welfare check; and 2 agency assist.

The new County emergency notification system is working well and will be a great asset for the department and citizens. You will need to call and sign up for this service and how you want to be notified, such as, landline, voice, email, cell phone, text or app.

Public Works

Curtis reported that Chet Graham will finish off the well at the Lagoon next week. There has been no word from Northwestern Energy on the main power.

Randy Brown is going to dig a pot hole behind the Main Street businesses on the east side to locate and identify the water main.

Dick Flager has flagged the little ball field for sprinkler lines.

Attorney

Mayor Shaffer reported that the Town attorney will have a resolution and letter on a variance for 3419 Hwy 287 at the next council meeting. Also, the attorney will have the letter for the 7 homeowners who currently use domestic well for their water supply.

Boards and Committees

MSIT

Kathy Shepherd, President, reported that the garbage cans have lids that made the cost about \$90.00 each more than they anticipated. The consensus of the group was that they will pay for the difference which will be about \$2500.

One of the new banners has been put up in the Main Street Park.

Other MSIT people will be going to Helena for a free workshop. Planting of the old barrels are coming soon and next year these may be replaced.

Park District

Eileen reported that the Pool Advisory Committee had interviewed lifeguards and are recommending 7 candidates to the Park District for hire. Colton Hellwinkle is the manager for the 2016 season. They are looking forward to a really good year.

Public comment not on the agenda

Eileen Pearce asked about the Easter egg hunt and was surprised they had to get special event insurance. Mayor Shaffer said our Town insurance required it. Discussion.

Public comment on the agenda

none

Business before the Council for Consideration

New Business

1. *Lagoon grazing plan*

Mayor Shaffer read Rodney & Amanda Braaten's letter to consider grazing cattle on the property near the lagoon site. If granted he would put the cows on the pasture once or twice a year for a month, depending on how the grass holds up. An electric fence would be put up. Curtis asked about if the Town would have the authority to move the cows off if necessary. Discussion.

2. *Resolution 2016-1 To authorize the submission of the TSEP grant for Water System Project.*

Mayor Shaffer read Resolution 2016-1. There were no questions.

3. *Resolution 2016-2 To authorize the submission of the DNRC-RRGL grant for the Water System Project.*

Mayor Shaffer read Resolution 2016-2. There were no questions.

4. *Resolution 2016-3 To accept the findings of the Environmental Assessment for the Water System Project.*

Mayor Shaffer read Resolution 2016-3. There were no questions.

5. *Resolution 2016-4 To adopt a detailed preliminary engineering report prepared by Great West Engineering, Inc.*

Mayor Shaffer read Resolution 2016-4. There were no questions.

Business before the council for disposition.

1. *Lagoon grazing plan*

Paul Kramer moved to work with Rodney & Amanda Braaten and to discuss weed control. Discussion. Mark McLaughlin seconded. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

2. *Resolution 2016-1 TSEP grant application for funding the water project*

Mark McLaughlin moved to accept Resolution 2016-1. Bob Stump seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

3. *Resolution 2016-2 DNRC-RRGL grant application for funding the water project*

Mark McLaughlin moved to accept Resolution 2016-2. Mike Walter seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

4. *Resolution 2016-3 To accept the environmental assessment statement*

Mark McLaughlin motioned to accept Resolution 2016-3. Bob Stump seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

5. *Resolution 2016-4 Adopting the PER report prepared by Great West Engineering*

Paul Kramer moved to accept Resolution 2016-4. Bob Stump seconded. Mark asked why did a PER need to be done. Discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Bob Stump voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

Council Report

Pledged Securities

Paul Kramer reviewed the breakdown of required coverage of investments for the Town with Ruby Valley National Bank. The report showed that there is a sufficient amount of pledged securities to the Town of \$533,749.44 Par Value.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked the Council to look at developing an alleyway between W Poppleton street and W Crofoot. A couple is needing access to the back of their property and will come to the next council meeting to discuss this proposal.

Public works assistant job has yet to be filled. One person worked 1 day and then said it was not for him. The Mayor is working on a background check for another individual. Billy Brant will do on call weekends to help us out in a temporary part-time position.

The Shop building has been moved out of as of April 2016. Search and Rescue will be residing in the building. The Town hopes to have a garage sale this Spring.

Warrants March 2016

CURTIS A. GREEN	1981.90
GAIL LEARY	1123.78
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	331.20
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1231.41
MICHAEL E. ZIELINSKI	262.02
DEFERRED COMP	800.00
FEDERAL TAX-EFTPS	2542.64
PERS	1311.90
DEPT OF REVENUE	333.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	265.98
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	115.23

ALLHANDS AUTO CLINIC, LLC	337.50
AMERICAN EXPRESS	1723.77
ANDY'S SERVICE	15.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	26.25
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	77.95
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1277.57
MONTANA BROOM AND BRUSH	197.11
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	239.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3850.14
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LIGHTS	90.47
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1913.63
POSTMASTER	319.00
SHERIDAN/ALDER PARK DISTRICT	4000.00
STINE ELECTRONIC & AUTOMOTIVE	2680.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	38.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CENTER	12.74
VERIZON WIRELESS	184.55
VOLT ELECTRIC, LLC	1020.52
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	68.79
WEX BANK	183.94
FLAGER LANDSCAPING	7570.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	1274.00
PETTY CASH	132.46
WILLIAM BRANT	30.92
MMIA-HEALTH INS	1793.28
TOTAL	39601.65

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved: Tom Shaffer, Mayor

Attest: Gail Leary, Clerk