

Regular Town Council Meeting - August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tom Shaffer, Councilmen: Bob Stump, Mike Walter, Paul Kramer, Clerk Ginger Galiger and Public Works Director Curtis Green.

Mayor Shaffer called the public hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

Guests: Steve and Joyce Dobb, Sara Dunham, Eileen Pearce, Dan Birdsill, Mark and Amanda LaYacome, Stephanie Kruer, Brenda Green, Caitlin Avey and Mike Zielinski

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from July 11, 2016 Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Paul Kramer moved to accept the previous minutes. Bob Stump seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes. the motion passed.

The minutes from July 27th, 2016 Special Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Paul Kramer move to accept the previous minutes. Bob Stump seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes. the motion passed.

Mark McLaughlin was not present at the current meeting to approve the minutes for the Special Town Council Meeting held on August 2, 2016.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Bob Stump moved to accept the reports as presented. Mike Walter seconded. **Mayor Shaffer called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Bob Stump voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Fire Department

Sheriff

Sheriff Dan Birdsill reviewed the 55.25 hours the Madison County Sheriff's office spent in Sheridan in the month of July 2016. It included 1 fire-alarm, 4 animal problems; 3 citizen assist; 1 drug/DUI; 4 suspicious person; 1 theft; 1 threats/harassment, 1 traffic complaint, 1 unfound 911 calls. He also reported that with suspicious circumstances being up, we are encouraged to be vigilant and continue to report them. Sheriff Birdsill will be retiring at the end of next month and there will be two new people coming on board. He will continue to work part time. There will not be a K-9 unit as of right now, it takes about five years for a person to gain the experience to take on that commitment.

Library

The archive shelving is up and it looks good.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported that we will be sampling the wells with Great West tomorrow.

Attorney

Stephanie had a question about the notices that are being prepared to send to the home owners that are not hooked up to water. During the last meeting Bob Stump had suggested having the sewer included in the letter. Ordinance 118 only talks about the water hook up if or when you sell your home. The ordinance does not support including the sewer in the letter. We may need to take another look at ordinance 118.

Clerk

Beginning August 24th the business hours for Town Hall will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Fridays

Boards and Committees

MSIT

Mayor Shaffer reported that the lamp post has been paid for and half of the cost has been sent to order a replacement. Stephanie also brought up the new sign that has been completed outside of town and how nice the bike racks and trash cans look.

Park Board

Eileen Pearce reported that the pool did great this summer with a good attendance all around. Their finances are healthy and they are meeting budget.

Public comment not on the agenda

Eileen Pearce was unable to attend the public education meeting and asked to be filled in. Tom referred to the recent well issues and that both wells need to be addressed and this is the reason for the cut back in irrigation. Eileen also inquired on who gets the 911 calls. Mayor Shaffer recommends everyone getting signed up through the Madison County Web site if they are not already.

Public comment on the agenda

None

Business before the Council for Consideration

Old Business

1. Buy Sell Agreement for 101 E. Hamilton

Mayor Tom Shaffer reads the agreement out loud to the public. Stephanie adds that although the Council has already approved the sale, by Montana Law there are a couple of things that need to be added to the buy-sell agreement. The boundary survey needs to be done, the agreement needs to have a legal

description and the amount of money that is going to be paid. She will then write something up that will lock everything in.

2. *School Property Exchange - TABLED*

3. *Engineering Report on Moore Kane with Great West*

Mayor Shaffer reports that the Moore Lane project is progressing and gave the most recent update. The topographic survey is complete. Great West has the mapping and plan layout scheduled in their current 2-week work plan.

New Business

1. *Steve and Joyce Dobb sewer hookup*

Mr. and Mrs. Dobb own a home on 318 W. Poppleton with a small cabin in the back. In 1992 they remodeled the old house and connected the house to the new water system but were unable to connect to the sewer as the town did not have sewer available but that they would grandfather the septic system for that house until such time as the town brought sewer to the street in front. The current owners have been unable to sell their home due to these issues and have already lost multiple sales. Mayor Shaffer does not feel that Steve and Joyce Dobb should be responsible for this in order to sell their home as the Town still does not have a sewer line out that far. The cabin isn't worth spending the money on to do this and the owner would have it torn down if it comes to it as the cabin is on a small piece of property that they lease from Rail Link.

Discussion.

2. *Amendment for Task Order No. 3 - Corrosion Control*

The agreement was signed and then amended, \$7500 for the initial cost plus up to an additional \$2500 for a total of \$10,000 to begin the well testing. Mayor Shaffer talked to Fred with Great West Engineering today and we will need an another task order not to exceed an additional \$5,000. These services will include but are not limited to attendance at special meetings, water sampling, and other requested services that are outside the scope of Task Order 3.

3. *Appointment for Rahn Abbott for Sheridan's Interim Fire Chief*

Rahn Abbott was called to a fire in Belgrade today and was unable to attend the meeting. Rahn sent a letter which was read by Mayor Shaffer. The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department has unanimously voted in favor of electing Rahn Abbott as the new Fire Chief. Mayor Shaffer did say this is on interim basis and the permanent appointment will take place in January 2017.

Business before the council for disposition.

1. *Buy Sell Agreement for 101 E. Hamilton*

Paul Kramer moves to take Stephanie Kruer's advice and upgrade to a typical buy-sell agreement. Mike Walter seconded. Stephanie Kruer would like to see this approved so the buyer does not have to wait another month. Mark LaYacome is okay with this delay as they are not ready to open for business. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Mike Walter voted yes, Paul Kramer voted yes and Bob Stump voted yes. The motion passed.

2. *School Property Exchange - TABLED*

3. *Engineering report on Moore Lane with Fred Phillips from Great West - TABLED*

4. *Steve and Joyce Dobb sewer hookup*

Paul moves to accept with the condition to Joyce and Steve that if the town does extend the sewer line, the owner would be required to hook up to the towns sewer system. Mr. Dobbs commented that this property sets on land owned by Rail Link and it would be contingent to the lease staying with the property. Stephanie Kruer suggests having a written resolution to this unique situation with the proper verbiage before we continue. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Mike Walter voted yes, Paul Kramer voted yes and Bob Stump voted yes. The motion passed.

5. *Amendment for task order No. 3 - Corrosion Control Study*

Bob Stump moved to approve the additional \$2500 to task order No. 3. Mike seconded the motion. **Mayor Shaffer called the question of the council:** Mike Walter voted yes, Paul Kramer voted yes and Bob Stump voted yes. The motion passed.

6. *Appointment for Rahn Abbott for Sheridan's Interim Fire Chief*

Bob Stump moved to accept the selection that was made by the committee to hire Rahn Abbott as Interim Fire Chief. Paul Kramer seconded. Mike Walter voted yes, Paul Kramer voted yes and Bob Stump voted yes.

Council Report

Bob Stump wanted to clarify with Stephanie Kruer on how a well can be abandoned and the removal of a lien. Once the well is disconnected and the owner hooks on to the Town's water system Chet Graham could provide documentation that the well is abandoned.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tom Shaffer will be gone from September 4th to the 18th, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21

Warrants August 2016

GINGER GALIGER	\$2,491.22
CURTIS A. GREEN	\$2,310.55
GAIL LEARY	\$656.51
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	\$331.20
WILLIAM TALBOTT	\$1,434.91

MICHAEL E. ZIELINSKI	\$1,020.75
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	\$3,456.86
DEPT OF REVENUE	\$515.00
PERS	\$27.99
DEPT OF REVENUE	\$79.94
PERS	\$1,798.84
DEPT OF REVENUE	\$6.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	\$260.84
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	\$283.65
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	\$210.00
FIRE HOSE DIRECT	\$728.05
HARRINGTON BOTTLING COMPANY	\$3,768.00
HIGH COUNTRY IRRIGATION & LANDSCA	\$26.99
McLEOD MERCANTILE	\$13.00
MT DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	\$31.00
NORLINGS FLOOR COVERING	\$617.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LIGHT	\$44.91
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	\$3,037.48
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	\$56.61
SOUTH WEST SEPTIC	\$878.00
STERNBERG LIGHTING	\$669.00
TOM SHAFFER	\$37.97
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	\$216.60
WATSON IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, INC	\$361.97
WEX BANK	\$445.53
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	\$116.64
CITI CARDS	\$1,310.69
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	\$195.00
MANSFIELD LIBRARY	\$33.45
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	\$332.30
OCLC, INC.	\$521.24
SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC	\$25,272.50
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$150.00
USA BLUE BOOK	\$1,319.37
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$121.89
MMIA	\$4,240.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	\$66.75
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	\$1,085.00
HARRINGTON BOTTLING COMPANY	\$1,848.00
KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	\$1,019.20
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$1,300.74
MONTANA BROOM AND BRUSH	\$135.71
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$5,388.43
WALTER'S IGA	\$1,990.38
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	\$15,128.29
WILLIAM BRANT	\$150.53
MMIA HEALTH INS	\$1,343.13
MICHAEL E. ZIELINSKI	\$320.61
WILLIAM TALBOTT	\$142.27
	\$89,348.49

Approved: Bob Stump, President

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk