

## **Special Town Council Meeting July 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

A special Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Shaffer at 6:00 p.m. Council members Paul Kramer, Bob Stump, Mark McLaughlin, Mike Walter, Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tom Shaffer called this meeting today to discuss the lead exceedance action level that has been received from DEQ on July 11th. The Town of Sheridan had 29 test sites with 7 samples in 3 locations testing over the limit. Mayor Shaffer, Bob Stump, Mark McLaughlin and Curtis Green went to Helena to meet with DEQ to help form an action plan. The Town of Sheridan will be fulfilling our obligation in multiple ways.

The Town of Sheridan will be holding a public educational meeting on August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. along with DEQ, Public Health, Great West Engineering, The Sanitarian and Emergency Management to answer the public's questions. Brochures and educational information will be sent to Beacon Business in the morning to be ran and will be mailed to all of the homes in Sheridan on Aug 1, 2016. The information will also be sent to the Madisonian and informational posters will be displayed throughout town. The information will be hand delivered to the schools, hospital, clinic, nursing home and daycares along with others that we do not have mailing addresses for.

Mayor Shaffer would like to have the schools tested soon with the kids heading back to school soon. Curtis Green will sample all three locations on his next sample round.

Mayor Shaffer has also looked into the cost of purchasing bottled water for the public. He was quoted \$5.50 per case. Mark McLaughlin reminds the council that this level exceedance action letter is only an alert and the Town of Sheridan is not in violation, he does not feel that we need to purchase water at this time. Discussion

Mark McLaughlin suggested that we all get on the same page to answer the public's questions when they come up. Bob Stump feels that going back to the "Important information about lead in your drinking water" letter, under the "What Happened? What is Being Done?" referring to #2 would be useful to know.

The Town of Sheridan has no way of knowing the source of the contamination at this time but with the help of Great West doing a complete corrosion control study along with additional long term testing it will be narrowed down. Curtis Green explained the sampling period and testing process in detail. He also understands that with the next 2 sampling periods, the first going from July 1st to December 31st, that if all lead levels are down The Town of Sheridan will have a clean bill of health. He also talked about a new phosphate injector system that would reduce the corrosion. Bob asked if we do the phosphate system treatment, will the town have to go back to chlorinating the water again? Yes

The question was asked why are we seeing higher levels in lead?

Mark McLaughlin brought up the scenario that while the Town was chlorinating the water lead levels were low. Is some studies small amounts of chlorine can possibly take care of the lead in the water. The Town has also had an increase of water usage. It's a natural occurring thing, with water having some lead in it.

Mayor Tom Shaffer spoke to Melissa Brummell with County Public Health about blood testing and was told that there is a machine that she could have on site but it is in eastern part of the state currently and there is no one here with the training to operate it. Mayor Shaffer has also contacted MMIA to help us with the liability. He has not heard back.

Mayor Tom Shaffer talked about the CDBG grant for the library/ senior center. The two organizations are splitting apart and now they want to see if the grant can be split between the two, they may lose the funding.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Approved: Tom Shaffer, Mayor

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Attest: Bob Stump., Council Pres.

