

## **Regular Town Council Meeting April 10, 2017 6:00 p.m.**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:00 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Paul Kramer, Mark McLaughlin, Pete Rossiter, Public works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Roger Thompson, Eileen Pearce, Sara Dunham, Mary Pat Graham, and Janet Doornbos were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Oath of Office**

Mayor Robert Stump swore in councilman Pete Rossiter to Robert Stump's seat in which he will have to run at the next scheduled election this year.

Congratulations and welcome.

The minutes from March 10, 2017 regular Town Council Meeting and work meeting held on March 20, 2017 were reviewed. Mark McLaughlin moved to accept both of the previous minutes. Mike Walter seconded. No Discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. Pete Rossiter abstains. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Paul Kramer moved to accept the reports as presented. Mike Walter seconded. No Discussion **Mayor Stump called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting yes. Pete Rossiter abstains. The motion passed.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Curtis Green reported on the recruitment and retention training has been cancelled until further notice. The department has been doing some controlled burns. Pete Rossiter asked about the new fire house. Discussion on possible grant writing, annexation and they are still moving forward with the 501C3 to accept tax deductible donations.

#### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Roger Thompson reviewed the 22.50 hours the Madison County Sheriff's office spent in Sheridan in the month of March 2017. It included 1 alarm-fire/smoke/medical; 1 animal problem; 1 assault; 1 citizen assist; 2 disturbances; 1 fraud/identity theft/scam; 1 gas leak/odor/fire; 1 theft/burglary; 1 threat/harassment; 2 traffic complaints; 1 unfounded 911 call; 1 warrant service; 1 welfare check.

Drug related cases continue to be on the rise not only in Sheridan but throughout all of Montana.

#### **Library**

The library will be collaborating with the Madison County Mental Health Advisory Council during the month of May, and will be showing films on the theme of mental health.

#### **Public Works**

Curtis Green reported that Mayor Stump and Chet Graham got the pump put in well #2. There is no electricity to it yet. The casing was cleaned out. Chet will pump it, we will shock chlorinate and get the well back up in the next couple of weeks. Pump 1 will be pulled this week.

#### **Clerk**

Ginger Galiger reported on the health insurance premiums for 2017-2018. We have received a preliminary increase of 3.9% for the new fiscal year. We are currently paying \$579.00. Our new rates will be \$601.59. There will be no increase for the dental and vision.

### **Boards and Committees**

#### **Park Board**

Janet Doornbos announced that Mary Pat Graham will be a new member on the Parks Board. The Pool Advisory Committee is still looking for a manager and lifeguards for the summer. Mr. Hellwinkel will oversee the facility. Janet has signed the lease agreement with the town and the MOU and proof of insurance will be brought in.

There will be a Community Parks meeting held on April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charles Murray Building. They want to hear what the community members want for the Town of Sheridan.

**Public comment not on the agenda** - Eileen Pearce asked about obtaining liability insurance if the Library Board was to hold an event for the children.

**Public comment on the agenda** - none

### **Business before the Council for Consideration**

#### ***New Business***

##### ***1. Lease Agreement with the Parks Board***

The lease agreement is the same as last year. The Town of Sheridan contributes \$4000 along with \$4000 worth of in-kind services to include upkeep of the grounds, sprinklers and trash pickup.

##### ***2. Bottled water***

Since the lead exceedance incident last summer, the Town of Sheridan has provided water to the public. The question has arose as to when this will come to an end? Mayor Stump would like to get an all clear from DEQ which should be a complete full year at the end of June. Mark McLaughlin feels that the free

water should come to an end immediately. Curtis would like to limit what's left to the daycare and preschool.

### *3. Art Bieler's Memorial Fund*

Ginger Galiger reported that there had been a memorial fund established in Art Bieler's name for the upkeep of the baseball fields in Sheridan. As of today \$675.00 has been donated. Ginger wants to know the best way to proceed as far as where to deposit it. Should we send thank you letters to the donors and a letter to Betty Bieler letting her know?

### *4. Mill Creek Inn*

Mayor Stump had the property surveyed last week. There is a deck along the back side of the Mill Creek that is on the towns property, which could be a liability issue. He was told that the new owner is wanting to extend the deck. Mayor Stump wants to know, do we want to entertain doing a lot adjustment. The owners were going to come tonight with a proposal. After further discussion on different options, we were informed that the owner has never changed, just the people leasing the building.

### *5. Water Treatment Design Cost Estimate*

Mayor Stump reviewed the proposal letter from Great West for Task order No. 6 - Orthophosphate Treatment System and what the \$9000 covers. There was money put in the budget to do this task this year. Discussion with Pete Rossiter to get him up to speed.

## **Business before the Council for Disposition**

### *1. Lease Agreement with the Parks Board*

Based on how well the pool was run last year Paul Kramer moves to approve the lease contract for another year. Mark McLaughlin seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council.** Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes.

### *2. Bottled water*

Mark McLaughlin moves to end giving out free water immediately. Paul seconded based on giving what we have left to the daycare and preschool so they have time to notify the parents. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council.** Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes.

### *3. Art Bieler's Memorial Fund*

Ginger was advised to contact Vicki Tilstra on how to proceed. *TABLED*

### *4. Mill Creek Inn- Tabled*

### *5. Water Treatment Design Cost Estimate*

Mark McLaughlin moves to accept task order No. 6 - Orthophosphate Treatment System. Mike Walter seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council.** Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes.

## **Councils Report**

### *Pledged Securities*

Paul Kramer explained how the pledged securities work. On March 31, 2017 the Town of Sheridan had an aggregated balance of \$1,234,847.64 of funds deposited with Ruby Valley Bank. The report reflects that there is sufficient amount of pledged securities to the Town of Sheridan.

Mark McLaughlin brought up the importance of safety training for all employees. The safety handbook still needs to include hazardous chemicals.

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Stump reported that Ben Hitchcock is the new public works worker, starting May 1st 2017. We had 9 applicants and interviewed 4 of them. We are very excited to have Ben Hitchcock coming on.

The Mayor would like to schedule one last work meeting to finish Ordinance #118 so we can have a public viewing at the next council meeting.

Mayor Stump asked the council to think about being a champion on a certain part of the town or a department that needs improvement.

The legislature is proceeding positively for the Towns water project next year. There are over 100 applicants and the Town of Sheridan is ranked at 18.

The new Verizon cell tower should be up and running by summer.

We will be moving forward with the Moore Lane project. We will send out request for bids.

There were 2 trees that had to be removed at the ball field. The large stumps are still there, Scott with Ruby Valley Tree Service will be removing them and trimming an overgrown bush. It was suggested that the Town plants a new shade tree to replace the two we lost.

We need to look at a second truck for our new employee to use. We could sell the Expedition or trade it in on something since it has not been used as much as we thought it would.

We need to have another public education meeting to follow up on our past lead issue. Do we want a meeting, make up fliers or do a news letter?

A company from Belgrade will be doing an overnight leak study the second week in May to hopefully determine where our leaks are at. We are losing a significant amount of water.

**Warrants for April 2017**

GINGER GALIGER	2106.73
CURTIS A. GREEN	1948.05
ROBERT C. STUMP	212.40
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1235.43
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS FEDERAL TAXES	2511.13
PERS RETIREMENT	1332.96
DEPT OF REVENUE	369.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	266.82
ANDY'S SERVICE	64.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	203.12
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	3239.00
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	199.20
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1300.74
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	261.32
SOUTHWESTERN MT FIRE COUNCIL	50.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	187.40
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	147.28
WEX BANK	237.73
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	106.46
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	135.77
CITI CARDS	1310.71
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
G & E DEVELOPMENT LLC	1000.00
L&J PLUMBING, INC.	75.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	130.00
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	239.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	79.70
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1806.37
ROBERT STUMP	319.80
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	29.12
VERIZON WIRELESS	121.83
RUBY VALLEY TREE SERVICE	1280.00
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	11938.03
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	2346.00
KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	618.80
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3552.11
POSTMASTER	185.00
ROBERT STUMP	304.86
YELLOWSTONE WATER WORKS	578.44
HARRISON FIRE DEPARTMENT	400.00
MMIA HEALTH INS	1343.15
TOTAL	44158.46

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

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Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger