

## **Regular Town Council Meeting May 15, 2017 6:00 p.m.**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:07 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Paul Kramer, Pete Rossiter, Public works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Roger Thompson, Margie Edsall and John Hammerman were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes from April 10, 2017 regular Town Council Meeting and work meeting held on May 3, 2017 were reviewed. Paul Kramer moved to accept both previous minutes. Mike Walter seconded. No Discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Pete Rossiter voting yes. The motion passed.

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

### **Department Reports**

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Curtis Green reported that currently there are 15 volunteers on the roster. Dustin Tetrault with DES is working on a way to bill land owners with out of control burns or burning without permits to help cover some of the cost of the wear and tear on the trucks. Roger Thompson added that when people are consistent with buying burn permits it gives the Sheriffs office a heads up on who's burning in case the fire does get out of control.

#### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Roger Thompson reviewed the 37.50 hours the Madison County Sheriff's office spent in Sheridan in the month of April 2017. It included 1 animal problem; 1 assault; 1 citizen assist; 2 coroner calls; 1 disturbance; 1 fraud/identity theft/scam; 3 drug violations/DUI call; 3 suspicious person/circumstances; 2 theft/burglary; 2 unfounded 911 call; 2 vandalism/criminal mischief; 1 welfare check.

#### **Library**

Mayor Stump read the monthly director's report. The library is collaborating with the Madison County Mental Health Advisory Council during the month of May, and are showing films on the theme of mental health. The MHAC will do a presentation at the showing of A Beautiful Mind on the 18th. The Friends are hosting Archer Ellwein, a Living History Re-enactor portraying Teddy Roosevelt, at 7pm on May 21. The Library will also serve as the polling site for the Special Election, on Thursday, May 25.

#### **Public Works**

Curtis Green reported on pump 1 and 2 being down due to the aquifer. We need to dig a deeper well with the cost being approximately \$150,000. The pump that was purchased did not work for well 1 or 2 but we can try putting it in well 3 if needed.

Chet Graham's recommendation is to dig a 700 foot well. Mayor Stump has been in contact with Dean Petty who does seismic studies to locate water. Discussion.

Paulette Hardy donated 3 Hackberry trees to the Town of Sheridan. These trees have been planted in the baseball field park. We have purchased 300 yards of road mix and Ben has been grading. We are working on widening some roads in town to make them safer.

#### **Clerk**

Ginger Galiger attended Clerk Institute from May 7 to May 11, it was a very educational training.

The CDARS account will be maturing May 25, 2017. I need to call the bank to let them know what we want to do with it. The library account shows a negative amount of funds and I will do a resolution to amend the budget at next council meeting. Friend of the Library donated \$44,000. last year and only a portion of that was amended for the last year.

#### **Boards and Committees**

Weed Board - Margie Edsall with the County Weed Board came to explain what their role is in helping towns with weed control. If we have problems with residence not complying with weed control the County can come in and help us with that. We have a 5-year contract that will need to be renewed soon. Curtis and Margie will get together to review the agreement. Margie left us with brochures that can be given to the public to educate them on noxious weeds.

On May 23rd there will be a continuing education course for herbicides held in Ennis.

**Public comment not on the agenda** - John Hammerman came to share his ideas with the Councilmen in regard to turning the old movie theater into a mining/history museum and an outdoor exhibit down across the street. He shared some preliminary figures on how the town could profit from it and clean up the main street buildings. It is unknown of how much work the building needs inside.

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

##### **New Business**

###### ***1. Property behind 101 E. Hamilton***

Mayor Stump presented a drawing/map of the piece of property behind the Mill Creek that belongs to the town. A portion of their building and patio are on city property, this piece of property is land locked. Mayor Stump thought that the owners would be here tonight to place a bid. We are not looking to make anything from the piece of property but ease us of the liability.

###### ***2. First reading and adoption of Ordinance #118***

Mayor Stump asked to suspend reading the Ordinance out loud since the only people left at the meeting are the Councilmen that worked on the ordinance. Paul Kramer made the motion to suspend the oral

reading of the ordinance and Mike Walter seconded. The council continued to have further discussion on charging an additional base rate to a second dwelling. The Town of Sheridan needs zoning to really be able to define who should pay what. Ginger Galiger will ask Charity with the County Planning Board to come in and give us a brief description of the process of annexation and zoning.

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

1. *Property behind 101 E. Hamilton - TABLED*

2. *First reading and adoption of Ordinance #118*

Paul Kramer moves to adopt ordinance 118 as written. Pete seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

### **Councils Report**

Pete Rossiter is interested in any classes out there for Council Members to attend.

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Stump reported The Town of Sheridan has been notified from the State of Montana that we have been awarded \$625,000 to complete improvements to our water system.

The North West Energy Grant has come through to get solar panels on Town Hall. Dan Kenworthy thought he would be able to do it in July.

We have also been awarded funding for "Building the GIS Capacity of the Town of Sheridan. An official letter with the approved dollar amount will be coming.

Mayor Stump shared the two sketches that were done by Great West Engineering on the piping for the chlorination system.

The cell tower at the dump site that is owned by American Tower will be T-Mobil.

### **Warrants May 2017**

GINGER GALIGER	2492.23
CURTIS A. GREEN	2267.68
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	2757.84
ROBERT C. STUMP	212.40
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1498.74
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
FEDERAL TAX EFTPS	3659.02
PERS	2163.69
DEPT OF REVENUE	588.00
ANDY'S SERVICE	20.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	85.48
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	250.00
MT DEQ	140.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	53.56
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	39.14
WEX BANK	324.75
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	265.99
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	108.48
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	83.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	142.70
BEN HITCHCOCK	34.98
BUYAN TRANSPORT, LLC	750.00
CITI CARDS	1593.85
GINGER GALIGER	660.79
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	589.92
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	37.95
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	239.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	326.18
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	63.30
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2265.67
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	21.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	121.83
MT DEQ	140.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3382.28
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	756.24
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1300.74
ROBERT STUMP	485.96
SOUTH WEST SEPTIC	289.50
VOLT ELECTRIC, LLC	1204.92
HEALTH INS. MMIA	1343.15
TOTAL	32960.80

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

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Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger