

Regular Town Council Meeting October 16, 2017 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:02 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Paul Kramer, Mark McLaughlin, Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Rahn Abbott, Roger Thompson, Eileen Pearce, Macel Anderson, John Hammerman and Dan Kramer with MRWS

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes from September 18, 2017 were reviewed by the council. Mark McLaughlin moved to accept the minutes as presented, Mike Walter seconded. No Discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Mike Walter moves to accept reports as presented Paul Kramer seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Fire Department

The fire department will be participating in a 6-month training program put on by Dave Mason and paid for by a grant obtained by Adam Power. This will be a good learning opportunity for the younger volunteers. The department will have a mechanic come in monthly to maintain any issues with the trucks. They also need additional rescue equipment.

Sheriff

Roger Thompson reviewed the 49.5 hours the Sheriff's Officers spent in the month of September 2017. The Madison County Sheriff's office responded to 13 calls and made 6 traffic stops. The calls included: 3 accidents, 4 animal problems, 2 citizen assists, 1 privacy in communications, 1 theft, 1 unfounded 911 call, and 1 welfare checks. Overall things have quieted down. There has been an increase in Grizzly bear activity.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported public works have been trimming trees, the parks are winterized and he will begin to get bids for the electricity in the shop. The dump truck is currently being welded to hold the plow. Mark McLaughlin asked about the lights being out in the baseball park. Curtis will look into it.

Boards and Committees

MSIT - none

Park District - none

Public Comment not on the agenda - none

Public Comment on the agenda – none

The Town of Sheridan is looking at getting additional funds through obtaining a loan for a new well. Dan Kramer with Montana Rural Water System was invited to demonstrate the rate structure and asset replacement spread sheets. We used the Town of Sheridan's actual figures from last fiscal year to show the true picture. Dan explained how education, sustainability and financial viability are the key factors in where we need to be financially. Without including additional new debt or any asset replacement funds we need to increase our costs by \$14.79 just to cover our current expenses. We have the spread sheets for future use.

Business before the Council for Consideration

New Business

1. Mill Creek Inn Property Proposal

Macel Anderson presented a boundary adjustment agreement for the adjoining parcel of land behind the Mill Creek Inn. A portion of the deck attached to the Mill Creek Inn, is on the town's property. Mark Layacona and Tiwlder Properties, LLC owned by Vance Anderson have agreed to adjust their boundaries per the map presented. Vance Anderson agrees to pay the Town of Sheridan \$8000 and all ordinary costs and fees to complete the boundary adjustments. The driveway through the property will not be blocked off, an easement will be allowed.

2. American Tower Perpetual Lease Proposal

Mayor Stump read the proposal for a perpetual easement from American Tower, also reviewed by Attorney Kruer. They are proposing a one-time lump sum payment of \$101,400 or a payment options on a deferred payment schedule and tax consequences for the next 10 years. Pending the T-Mobil install where the current cell tower is at the dump site. The Town of Sheridan is currently leasing the property to American Tower and is receiving \$7,725 per year. Mark McLaughlin does not like the wording in the new proposal. Discussion

Business before the Council for Disposition

1. Mill Creek Inn Property Proposal

Mark McLaughlin moves that we accept the proposal from Tiwlder Properties LLC and ensure that appropriate easements for water and sewer access are in place. Paul Kramer seconded. Paul requested that the easement is documented by an attorney to be recorded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin voting. The motion passed.

2. American Tower Perpetual Lease Proposal

Mike Walter moves to reject the American Tower offer for a perpetual easement. Mark seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council:** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

Councils Report

Paul Kramer reviewed the pledged securities indicating that there are enough pledged securities to the Town of Sheridan \$549,179.30 Par Value. Mike Walter would like to further investigate the water rights that the town has around Indian Creek.

Mayors Report

Mayor Stump reported; We had our first conference call with SRF last week and discussed the issues with the wells. We also met with Collette Anderson from G.W. to go over the preliminary layout for Bieler, Crofoot and Water St. The new waterlines will footprint the old lines. I have been in contact with North West Energy to discuss the power poles being in the right of way, they will only relocate the poles if the town pays to have it done. Curtis and myself will be meeting with the hospital folk's tomorrow regarding the new sidewalk on Madison street and the parking concern for the nursing home. The fire department is concerned about fire suppression for the new hospital.

Judy Edwards was unable to come tonight but she would like the council to reconsider their decision on the variance for their fence. Discussion.

Warrants October 2017

GINGER GALIGER	2984.83
CURTIS A. GREEN	3065.46
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	2438.28
PAUL R. KRAMER	684.62
THOMAS L. SHAFFER	169.90
ROBERT C. STUMP	881.19
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1409.69
MICHAEL W. WALTER	687.62
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
FEDERAL TAX - EFTPS	4994.93
PERS	2479.14
DEPT OF REVENUE	744.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	229.97
A&M FIRE & SAFETY SUPPLY, INC.	325.00
B & D KEYLOCK	55.00
BEN HITCHCOCK	28.65
FIRE STATION SOFTWARE, LLC	135.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	37.95
MAD TOWNS INTERLOCAL	1500.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
ROBERT STUMP	4743.41
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	272.29
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	5.46
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	222.85
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	96.50
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	17.74
BEN HITCHCOCK	110.21
CITI CARDS	1224.14
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS, LLC	83.67
GINGER GALIGER	59.95
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	507.21
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	353.60
McLEOD MERCANTILE	74.93
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	71.20
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2328.33
PHILLIPS CONCRETE, INC	5400.00
ROBERT STUMP	114.91
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	121.98
WARD, STENDER & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	120.00
WEX BANK	181.71
NE45 ARCHITECTURE LLC	7450.00
DEQ	806.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3549.77
POSTMASTER	185.00

OCLC, INC.	495.18
HCL EQUIPMENT INC.	490.00
HCL EQUIPMENT INC.	118.95
MARK A. MCLAUGHLIN	546.72
INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	1387.15
PETER ROSSITER	336.80
TOTAL	56188.42

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger