

Regular Town Council Meeting September 18, 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, Pete Rossiter, Mark McLaughlin and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Rahn Abbott, Roger Thompson, Eileen Pearce and Lewis Burton

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes from August 14th council meeting and the 2 meetings held on August 31st, to pass the final budget and work meeting were reviewed. Mark McLaughlin moved to accept the minutes from all 3 meetings and Pete Rossiter seconded. No Discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Pete Rossiter voted yes and Mike Walter voted yes. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Paul Kramer moves to accept reports as presented Mike Walter seconded. The Clerk pulled an invoice paid to Brown Contracting Heating & Plumbing for review. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, Pete Rossiter voted yes and Mike Walter voted yes. The motion passed.

Department Reports

Sheriff

Roger Thompson reviewed the 33.25 hours the Sheriff's Officers spent in the month of August 2017. The Madison County Sheriff's office responded to 20 calls and made 7 traffic stops. The calls included: 2 accidents, 3 animal problems, 1 citizen assist, 1 disturbance, 2 suspicious persons; 1 theft, 1 threat, 4 traffic complaints, 2 welfare checks, and 3 wildlife complaints.

Sheriff Thompson also shared the results of the traffic car data that was tracked from the speed sign throughout the summer. The data tracked the average speeds from combined data while the car was parked on Main and Mill Street. 98.85% of vehicles average speed was 30 miles per hour or less.

Library

The Library held its annual Book Sale during the Sheridan Festival, it did not so as well as in previous years. The Friends held its 9th annual Ice Cream Social in the park by the library on September 10th.

Public Works

In Curtis' absence, Mayor Stump reported public works has been patching potholes. Sometime this week the cement floor should be down in the sewer shop.

Clerk

Ginger submitted the final budget documents to the Montana Department of Administration. Ginger will be taking a 6-week free online course offered by Montana League of Cities that will be covering The Montana Municipal Handbook and the ability to earn 12 CEU credits.

Boards and Committees

MSIT - none

Park District - none

Public Comment not on the agenda

Eileen Pearce asked if there is a noise ordinance. Mark thought the best thing to do would be to call the Sheriff's office.

Public Comment on the agenda none

Business before the Council for Consideration

Old Business

1. Request for variance on 113 E. Poppleton property

Mayor Stump discussed our options with Attorney Kruer. The town can choose to do one of three things. 1. Do nothing. 2. Provide an easement which would stay with the property at which point the fence could always remain there. Or 3 give the homeowner a license with conditions that the fence may be removed if or when the house sold. Mayor Stump feels that the decisions of the Council need to be consistent. We have been trying to take back town property. We had to make home owners move their sprinkling systems this summer to widen and straighten out the roads. Pete feels a license approach makes sense and Mike agrees but believes that the cost of creating the license with the attorney should be the home owner's responsibility. Mark does not think that we should allow any building or planting of trees on town property.

New Business

1. Resolution 2017-4 to cancel the November 7, 2017 General Election

Mayor Stump read the resolution; HB 447 passed by the 2017 Legislature (Chapter 174, Laws 2017) authorizes a municipality to cancel a general election for the election of a municipal officer by resolution after notification by the election administrator if the number of candidates filing for election is equal or less than the number of positions to be filled.

2. Northern Rockies Engineering new well location study

Lewis Burton joined us tonight with a break down of the proposed scope of work and cost estimate of \$18,190 for the hydrogeology and water supply study to help point us in the right direction for getting a new well location. They will be looking at 3 to 6 potential locations. Scott Payne who is also with Northern Rockies Engineering is encouraged, there is a lot of water in this valley. The study task is scheduled to be complete in 3-5 months however Mr. Burton discussed the possible permitting and water rights issues.

Water rights are significant, not easy and takes time. When Northern Rockies Engineering get started on their study we can begin the procurement process.

3. Procurement of engineering services for new well development

As a follow-up activity, this separate procurement would utilize the results of the new well location study to perform all the necessary activities to bring a new well on line. The activities would include engineering, obtaining requisite loans and grants, well drilling, easement acquisitions, water rights, etc. A rough estimate of the cost is \$500,000 depending on location and water rights.

Business before the Council for Disposition

1. Request for variance on 113 E. Poppleton property

Pete Rossiter moves to have the homeowner obtain a license with conditions and given they pay the attorney fees. Mayor Stump - we could propose this or he can move the fence inside of the trees. No further discussion. Mike Walter seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council:** Pete Rossiter voted yes, Paul Kramer voted no, Mark McLaughlin voted no, Mike Walter voted yes and Mayor Stump voted no to break the tie. The motion does not pass.

2. Resolution 2017-4 to cancel the November 7, 2017 General Election

Mike Walter moves to adopt Resolution 2017-4 to cancel the November 7, 2017 general election. Paul Kramer seconded. No discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council:** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin vote yes. The motion passed.

3. Northern Rockies Engineering new well location study

Mark McLaughlin moves to accept the well location study. Pete asked that the estimate could be stated "not to exceed the amount of \$18,190" Lewis Burton said yes. Paul Kramer seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council:** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin vote yes. The motion passed.

4. Procurement of engineering services for new well development

Mike Walter moves to submit requests for bids for services to implement the Northern Rockies Engineer study. Paul Kramer seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question of the council:** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Pete Rossiter voting yes and Mark McLaughlin vote yes. The motion passed.

Councils Report

Pete Rossiter noticed Great West Engineering out with the GPS unit and asked for a briefing. Mayor Stump explained this was the mapping identified in the PER for the future water project, not for the GIS. Additional discussion on the GIS mapping and the purchase of a more accurate machine. Mark McLaughlin asked if the water main valve on the Montana Rail Link right-of-way has been repaired. Mayor Stump was unsure and will check.

Mayors Report

Mayor Stump will be attending the MLCT Conference in Great Falls September 27th & 28th. The float in the tank has been replaced and is now reading the tank level correctly. We will postpone next month meeting until October 16th due to the holiday.

Warrants September 2017

GINGER GALIGER	2301.16
CURTIS A. GREEN	2721.00
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	2436.07
GAIL LEARY	184.94
ROBERT C. STUMP	223.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1388.83
DEFFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS	3753.55
DEPT OF REVENUE	585.00
PERS	2191.59
RUBY VALLEY TREE SERVICE	2175.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	227.99
ALS GROUP USA, CORP	200.00
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	3729.00
JDL CONSTRUCTION, INC.	306.82
MAD COUNTY FINANCE DEPT	1319.53
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-LIGHTS	57.94
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2470.88
POSTMASTER	136.00
RE MILLER & SONS	39.20
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	74.18
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS, IN	600.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	44.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATES	34.58
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	208.92
WEX BANK	411.53
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	95.41

CITI CARDS	1131.82
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	121.87
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	2565.91
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	50.00
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	17076.00
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	253.71
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	900.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	530.40
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	4075.21
TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES	698.08
TWEnterprises, Inc.	1287.07
INS MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	1387.15
STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF L&I	178.19
MMIA WORK COMP	1481.00
TOTAL	60195.02

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger