

Regular Town Council Meeting December 11, 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 and Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Rahn Abbott, Jeff Barron, Shawn Higley, Daniel Kenworthy, TJ Carter and Lewis Burton

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

TJ Carter talked to the Council about his idea of developing a solid waste pick up service to the surrounding communities. He is currently in the process of obtaining the proper permits and getting the ball rolling with the County. Eventually he would like to add a recycling service as well. This would also bring job opportunities to our community. TJ is not asking the Town or the County for help, other than a show of support. Discussion.

Dan with Kenworthy Electric presented a Solar Project O & M Manual as the project was completed on October 10th, 2017. This project began in June of 2016 with Dan getting a grant through Northwest Energy in the amount of \$22,000 and the towns portion of \$2000 to install solar panels on Town Hall. There is a 4- year maintenance agreement that was included in the grant along with online monitoring capabilities. Dan stated that this was not the best time of year to see great results, but we will make up for it this summer.

Lewis Burton with Northern Rockies Engineering presented the Council with the Sheridan Water Supply Evaluation documents and maps showing possible locations with good potential for high yield redundant wells. The Town of Sheridan's existing water rights is for up to 775 GPM. Discussion on possible sights according to history and possible available lands open for purchase. It appears that the highest rated location is in the Wisconsin Creek Fan. If we could drill a well that would pump at 775 GPM, it would eliminate the need for a second water tank. If the town could utilize our Railroad right a way and follow the easement would be most cost effective. The Mayor will be considering potential land owners on Carey Lane and Middle Road. Discussion.

Department Reports

Sheriff

Roger Thompson was not here to report tonight. The Madison County Sheriff's department spent 39.25 hours in Sheridan in November.

Library - none

Fire Department

Curtis Green – Elections for Fire Chief come up in January. Curtis is stepping down from Fire Chief and will be done December 27th. They have received a good amount of donations so far this month.

Public Works

Curtis Green – Ben had knee surgery on December 2nd, he will be out approximately 3 weeks. The Moore Lane project is moving right along and should be close to completion this Friday. Randy Brown will be installing a heater in the shop. All but 1 lead and copper sample are in. Montana Rural Water is putting on a training in Great Fall on Jan 21-23 Curtis will be going to. Mark McLaughlin asked Curtis if he is doing the inspection on the Moore Lane project. Yes.

Clerk/ Treasurer

Craig Shepherd should have the Annual Financial Report done early this week. Heidi with Amatic CPA Group will be December 18th & 19th to do our audit for 2016-2017.

Public Comment on the Agenda

Curtis Green wants to urge the Council to decide to move forward on the well. We need water before summer or there will be no watering.

Business before the Council for Consideration

Old Business

1. Contract changes for the Moore Lane project

Last month this item was TABLED. Mayor Stump decided to move forward with allowing Randy Brown to start the job as his bid still came in under the \$80,000. The Council was not pleased on how the project resumed without a vote and Mark stated that we as a council are all responsible. Mike Walter asked about this project being done internally. With the time of the year we needed to get the project done and we knew Ben was going to be out.

New Business

2. Review letter of interest from Dan Durham for open Council position

Mayor Stump read Mr. Durham's letter aloud. Paul Kramer feels that Dan would be very qualified for the position.

Business before the Council for Disposition

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Mike Walter moves to accept Dan Durham's letter of interest to fill the vacancy. Paul Kramer seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, and Mike Walter voting yes, and Pete Rossiter voted yes. The motion passed.

The minutes from November 13, 2017 were reviewed by the council. Mark McLaughlin moved to accept the minutes as presented, Paul Kramer seconded. No Discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question**

for council members. Paul Kramer voting yes, Mark McLaughlin voting yes, and Mike Walter voting yes and Pete Rossiter voting yes. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Paul Kramer moves to accept the financials and delinquent reports 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, and Pete Rossiter voted yes. The motion passed.

Oath of Office

Mayor Robert Stump swore in councilman Rahn Abbott who will serve a 4-year term as a Council Member. Congratulations.

Councils Report

Mike Walter began by thanking Mark McLaughlin for his many years served on the Council. Mark talked about the years of memories and his concerns about the future of the Town.

Mayors Report

The County Commissioners are working on a “Board Training Course” with MSU. If this happens Mayor Stump would like for as many Councilmen to take the training along with himself. A brief review of the letter from bond council Dorsey & Whitney. The Town of Sheridan has used them in the past.

The transmitter for the meter reading was down in the month of Oct. so we had to base the usage on Sept. This left a lot of people with a zero usage in the month of Nov. This may cause a problem when we do the estimated sewer usage in June. We will keep an eye on it.

Eileen Pearce was unable to come tonight but wants the Council to discuss the situation at the library. Bill Talbott does not have any help or volunteers. Bill himself has not been in to discuss the matter.

Warrants December 2017

GINGER GALIGER	2330.39
CURTIS A. GREEN	3055.57
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1243.68
ROBERT C. STUMP	223.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1258.41
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3885.63
DEPT OF REVENUE	568.00
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
PERS	2124.96
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	229.31
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	25000.00
DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	31.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
HCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	126.95
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	505.97
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	294.84
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	2000.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
MMIA	79.00
MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC	200.00
PERFORMANCE FAB WORX	275.00
R.W. OUTDOORS	100.00
RUBY VALLEY PRESSURE TREATING	53.50
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	361.38
THE MADISONIAN LLC	69.80
US BANK-Spa Lockbox	8710.00
WATSON IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, INC	1605.20
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	92.14
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	85.49
ANDY'S SERVICE	430.00
B & D KEYLOCK	165.00
BRIDGER COMMUNICATIONS, INC	1919.65
CITI CARDS	711.29
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
EXTENSION COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNO	38.61
G & E DEVELOPMENT LLC	2325.00
GINGER GALIGER	31.41
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	100.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	114.28

NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1970.64
RUBY VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES	225.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	28.95
SOUTHWESTERN MT FIRE COUNCIL	50.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	7.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	121.98
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	139.65
WEX BANK	630.74
CRAIG A. SHEPHERD	3000.00
MT DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION-LGS	550.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	420.00
POSTMASTER	136.00
ROBERT STUMP	79.94
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	60.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	245.00
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	2269.25
MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC	175.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2885.00
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	48.75
SILVERTIP PROPANE	1712.96
MARK A. MCLAUGHLIN	10.52
PETER ROSSITER	84.45
MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE	2575.15
TOTAL	79652.74

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

