

Regular Town Council Meeting November 13, 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, Roger Thompson, Eileen Pearce, Scott Payne and Cameron Gibson

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment - None

Scott Payne with Northern Rockies Engineering came tonight to give the Council an update and answer questions about finding a new well location. There are two types of well options to think about to avoid water right permitting, a replacement well and redundant well. Either option must be approved by DNRC. The Town of Sheridan has water right claims to Indian Creek which are at risk of abandonment, he gave a list of things the town should do to retain the Indian Creek water rights. This would be important to the town for future growth. The Engineering Firm will be working on a cost benefit analysis to help us decide on the direction we want to go. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 10:30 for further discussion.

Department Reports

Sheriff

Roger Thompson reviewed the 57.25 hours the Sheriff's Officers spent in the month of October 2017. The Madison County Sheriff's office responded to 17 calls and made 8 traffic stops. The calls included: 3 accidents, 3 animal problems, 3 citizen assists, 1 coroner call, 3 suspicious persons/ circumstances, 1 theft, 1 traffic complaint, 1 warrant service and 1 wildlife complaint. So far it has been a quiet hunting season.

Library

Eileen Pearce and 2 other board members visited other local libraries to see how they operate. They found that the biggest difference is, they all have additional help.

Fire Department

Curtis Green – The Halloween BBQ served 120 people and brought in \$288. Adam Powers was there to recruit. Montana Fire Fighters Training starts this week.

Public Works

Curtis Green – The lights at the ball field had a blown fuse, still have problems with 2 of them. Working on getting the ice skate rink going for the winter. Mark McLaughlin brought up the responsibility of snow removal on the Towns property.

Business before the Council for Consideration

New Business

1. Contract changes for the Moore Lane project

The original contract was awarded to Pete Allhands for \$65,400 in June 2017, he was the only contractor to submit a bid. Pete has now decided not to do the project and would like Randy Brown to do the job, he has submitted his estimate of \$76,275. Discussion on renting the equipment and buying the materials for the PWD to do the project.

2. Council pay changes for employee's

Ginger Galiger and Curtis Green have been paid a flat rate for Council meetings. This needs to be corrected going forward by paying them an hourly rate. They may leave early or come in late to try and avoid overtime.

Business before the Council for Disposition

1. Contract changes for the Moore Lane project - TABLED

2. Council pay changes for employee's

Mark McLaughlin moves to change the flat rate pay to an hourly rate of pay for the town employees. Paul Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion on comp time. **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 October 16, 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 and Pete Rossiter voting yes. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed by the council. Ginger Galiger requested a review and adjustment of the \$90 past due charges for 3412 H 287. This house went into foreclosure in 2013 and became a HUD home. The Title Company called for the final payoff in July and did not close until Aug 31, 2017, leaving the above balance.

Paul Kramer moves to accept the financials as presented and suspend pursuing to collect the past due amount of \$90 from BLM Companies, agrees to write off. 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.

Councils Report

Pete Rossiter asked if the Employees were given appraisals. They should be done annually and are given by the Mayor. Pete expressed interest into forming a nominal group for the future vision of Sheridan. Mike Walter would like to work with a side committee to help with researching projects. Discussion on a new monthly budget vs. expenditures schedule that shows a clear picture on one short form, the Council

agreed. Our usual budget documents showing accounts, funds, and object code will continue to go out in the packets and will be available.

Mayors Report

On November 15th we are scheduled for our 2nd monthly meeting with SRF. We need to find out what the Bond Council needs for water and sewer fee calculations. We are close to having all the GIS software in place and looking forward to having the water/sewer lines mapped out.

Warrants November 2017

GINGER GALIGER	2474.17
CURTIS A. GREEN	2742.28
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	2057.28
ROBERT C. STUMP	223.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1474.75
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3979.65
DEPT OF REVENUE	628.00
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
PERS	4800.62
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	229.64
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	734.58
ANDY'S SERVICE	72.00
BRIDGER COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2338.25
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	38.97
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
McLEOD MERCANTILE	120.02
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	86.08
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	6.47
PERFORMANCE FAB WORX	977.50
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	100.91
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	21.84
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	127.97
WEX BANK	505.64
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	91.21
CITI CARDS	1678.46
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2377.70
ROBERT STUMP	1425.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	121.98
YELLOWSTONE WATER WORKS	213.04
POSTMASTER	136.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2557.96
HEALTH INS. - MMIA	2575.15
TOTAL	36758.14

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

