

**Regular Town Council Meeting January 8, 2018 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, Rahn Abbott, Dan Durham and Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present. Paul Kramer was absent.

Guests: Geoff Hamill from the Madisonian, Eileen Pearce, Roger Thompson, Heidi Giem with Amatics CPA Group, Sarah Robbin and Eric Johnson with RATES and Ben Hitchcock

Pledge of Allegiance

**Oath of Office**

Rahn Abbott swore in Mayor Robert Stump for an additional 2-year term. Rahn Abbott also swore in councilman Michael Walter and Dan Durham each for a 2- year term. Congratulations.

**Public Comment not on the Agenda** - none

**Department Reports**

**Sheriff**

Roger Thompson reviewed the 44.50 hours that Madison County spent in Sheridan in the month of December 2017. Officers responded to 11 calls and made 11 traffic stops. 1 accident; 1 disturbance; 1 firework; 4 traffic complaints/abandoned vehicle; 1 trespass complaint; 1 vandalism; 1 welfare checks; and 1 wildlife complaints. The Madison County Sheriffs Department will be working closely with DES to continue to get as many people as possible signed up for Code Red in the upcoming year.

**Library** – No quorum in the month of December.

**Fire Department**

Ben Hitchcock is the newly elected Fire Chief, pending council’s approval. Deputy Chief is Rahn Abbott, Safety Officer is Herb Smith and the Captain is Rob Wallingford. They have a total of 13 volunteers. Ben came tonight to report the department is implementing a run card which defines the proper vehicles to be used for each situation. They are also in the process of trying to purchase another firetruck. Ben presented a list of issues with estimated repairs being \$15,000-\$25,000 to bring the current truck up to spec. There is a 2001, 6-man fire truck located in Chicago for around \$15,000. FEMA grants were discussed but they are usually only given for equipment not for purchase of new trucks.

**Public Works**

Mayor Stump talked about the efforts being made this winter in getting the ice skating rink restored.

**Clerk/ Treasurer**

Heidi Giem with Amatics CPA Group reviewed the audit for fiscal year July 1 ,2016 to June 30, 2017. Heidi explained the GASB Fire Depart Relief Assoc. requirements and recommend that the Town continue to analyze the assets available, the annual payouts, and the need for an actuarial valuation at least annually. The other findings were the same as previous years. The Pledged Securities need to be approved and voted on by the Council and documented in the minutes and the segregation of the clerk’s duties.

**Public Comment on the Agenda** - none

The minutes, financial reports and delinquents will be reviewed next month as Paul Kramer was absent from tonight’s meeting.

**Councils Report**

Dan Durham inquired on the completion of the Moore Lane project. Most of the debris has been removed and a camera will be sent down on Monday, this is a requirement from Great West Engineering. The project must be complete by the end of this month.

Mike Walter asked about how Preliminary Engineering Reports work, if they can be altered and how long we can work off the same one. Sara Robbin encouraged us to work with our Engineers so we can phase in projects as we can afford them.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Stump talked about the TSEP funding being cut in half, therefore the town lost the \$625,000 grant that was awarded for the water project. Sarah Robbin with RATES, who provides free assistance, offered some ideas in other avenues for funding as TSEP funding does not look good. They are cutting more money as time goes on.

Bob met with Dan and Logan with Ranch Resources last week regarding the property with the Morris Land Company for a piece of property for a potential well location.

In October the transmitter used to read meters was not working and we had to bill from an estimated read that duplicated the usage from September. Bob took a lot of time in figuring the adjustments as this left many accounts with credits.

We are still proceeding with the SRF loan forgiveness, but we will still need to raise our rates. We are not certain of the amount yet. The base rate increase will be around the \$15.00 per month that Dan Kramer displayed.

**Warrant January 2018**

GINGER GALIGER	2643.42
CURTIS A. GREEN	3176.66
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	584.70

ROBERT C. STUMP	223.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1504.01
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3562.02
PERS	2157.09
DEPT OF REVENUE	581.00
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	226.17
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	50.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	117.75
BRIAN CURTIS	755.20
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	59.28
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	50.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	108.17
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	52.05
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	42.22
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	10.92
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	161.42
WEX BANK	315.68
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	96.19
BEN HITCHCOCK	19.98
CITI CARDS	2007.40
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1783.37
POSTMASTER	185.00
SILVERTIP PROPANE	1410.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	122.08
AMATICS CPA GROUP	8050.00
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	1612.90
KLASEN SEPTIC TANK PUMPING	195.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	90.51
PETTY CASH	103.36
HCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	126.00
OVERDRIVE, INC	760.20
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	11445.92
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	40.29
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	50.00
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	35000.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	90.00
GREATER RV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &	55.00
IMOC LUMBER, INC.	1118.49
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3057.83
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	419.23
INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	2575.15
TOTAL	88735.68

The Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

