

Regular Town Council Meeting March 19th, 2018 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:07 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Paul Kramer, Dan Durham and Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Geoff Hamill from the Madisonian, Eileen Pearce, Ben Hitchcock, Tamara and David Pierson

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stump explained that we need to ratify the decisions made last month as we did not have quorum during the entire meeting.

Oath of Office

Mayor Stump swore in councilmen Paul Kramer for an additional 4-year term.

Public Comment not on the Agenda - none

Department Reports

Sheriff

Roger Thompson was not here tonight. Curtis Green did say that there have been 3 storage unit break-ins in the area recently.

Library

In the month of March, the library will be holding a panel discussion on *Growing up in The Ruby Valley* Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m. and a reception for Twin Bridges artist Ken Carlson on Thursday, March 22nd at 4:30 p.m. Bill also wanted the Council members to keep in mind the need for an assistant or volunteers for the library.

Eileen Pearce reported that the event held on Sunday brought in more than 60 people, it was a very good gathering.

Mayor Stump also reported that last Thursday or Friday the library was vandalized, the Sheriff had been notified and a report was taken. One window will probably need to be replaced.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock reported – In February the Rural Board meeting went well and they were able to resolve some issues. The department had 2 landing zone calls for the hospital. The radios are now here. Last weekend they held a live burn training on a trailer which was well attended. The cost of the compressor that is used to refill the SCBA bottles is \$22,700. This will be split between the rural budget and town's fire budget.

Public Works

Curtis Green talked about the cabin behind 312 Water St. The cabin does not have water or sewer, and someone appears to be living in it and using the bathroom outside. He is looking for direction on how to handle this. He is looking at the cost of different gravel to re-top the roads to get rid of some of the mud. Curtis will get a quote when he has the yardage needed.

Clerk

Open enrollment with our Health Insurance with MMIA will be from May 15th to June 15th. We are looking at a rate adjustment between 5-8%. Currently we pay \$594 per person.

Currently the signers on fire departments savings account are Tom Shaffer, Paul Kramer and Ted Woirhaye. Tom Shaffer and Ted Woirhaye will be removed, and we will add Robert Stump and Benjamin Hitchcock.

Public Comment on the Agenda - none

Old Business – We need to ratify all decisions that were made during last month's council meeting.

1. Approval of Lot Subdivision for Acre Tract 84 Minor Subdivision

Paul Kramer moved to accept the decision made at last month council meeting to adopt the finding of fact and approve the Preliminary Plat. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

2. Approval of time frame for 319 W. Poppleton St. to connect to the towns utilities

Mayor Stump recapped on the issue and decision made concerning the above location. Rahn Abbott moved to accept the decision made and Paul Kramer seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

3. Ben Hitchcock for Fire Chief

Paul Kramer moves to accept Ben Hitchcock as fire Chief as was decided last month. Dan Durham seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

4. Pledged Securities

Paul Kramer explained the pledged securities again for Dan Durham. Mike Walter moved to accept the decision made last month, to approve the reviewed securities. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

5. Council President

The President's job is to fill in for the Mayor upon his absence. Mike Walter has volunteered to serve as President. Dan Durham moves to accept Mike Walter as President, Paul Kramer seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

New Business

1. Acre Tract 84 Final Plat Approval

Dave and Tamara Pierson provided the Council with the final plat application and check list. After a brief review and discussion of the lot to be divided on 302 Mill St. and 101 Montana St., Rahn Abbott moved to approve Acre Tract 84 Final Plat. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

2. Lease agreement between the Town of Sheridan and the Park Board for the Pool

The pool is having additional financial issues and will be holding a meeting tomorrow night for further discussion. TABLED

3. Adopt Madison County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

During last months council meeting, Joe Brummell presented us with the Madison County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Mayor Stump feels that we need to rely on the Counties DES's services and feels that they do a great job. The County spends a lot of time and effort for their disaster work. Rahn Abbott moves that we adopt the 2017 pre-disaster plan. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

4. Northern Rockies Contract Amendment

Mayor Stump began by catching the council up on the progress of the test well which was also submitted in the report from Northern Rockies Engineering, Inc., along with the drilling log taken by Scott Payne. The finished test well was completed 2 weeks ago and is located on the Morse Land Company property. So far the town has spent \$18,000. Northern Rockies Engineering has submitted an Amendment 1 to our contract to expedite the work needed to plan and install the production well. The additional cost estimate of \$31,645 is to complete the design of the well with the goal of completion by August 2018. The scope of work is attached in the amendment.

Mayor Stump spoke with Kitt Dale today and we may be able to get an easement on his property which would reduce the cost by getting away from the rail link. The rail link property is so over grown that it will take a lot of time and money for clean-up.

Mr. Stump also commented on how great it has been working with NRE and they have been more than fair to the town. Discussion. Dan Durham moves to approve the Amendment of the contract to complete the 7 tasks. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Dan Durham voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

5. Adoption of Resolution 2018-1 for Reimbursement of the water project

We have been working on getting funding for our 2016 water project but the need for getting a new well on line is greater. During our recent phone conference with the State Revolving Fund they are approving us to use the money on the well first and work on the water project later. Courtney Ellis is our Bond Counsel with Dorsey and Whitney. She suggested that the town proceeds with borrowing the money, so we can use some of the loan proceeds to pay ourselves back for the costs thus far.

The total cost estimate of the test well, new production well and the 2016 water project is \$2,726,000.

There is still a chance of us receiving the TSEP grant next fiscal year.

The USDA RD program has emergency funds available. Typically, the need must arise from a natural disaster, such as an earthquake. We have had multiple earthquakes. Studies need to be done to see if our well problems began with the disturbance. If Northern Rockies Engineering feels that it is probable, they will do a write up and submit it to the USDA. Discussion. Mike Walter moves to adopt Resolution 2018-1 for reimbursement of the water project. Dan Durham seconds the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Dan Durham voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

The minutes from December 11, 2017 were reviewed by the council. Mike Walter moves to accept the minutes as presented. Rahn Abbott seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. Dan Durham abstained. The motion passed.

The minutes from January 8, 2018 were reviewed by the council. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the minutes as presented. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes, and Dan Durham voting yes. Paul Kramer abstained. The motion passed.

The minutes from February 12, 2018 were also reviewed by the council. Rahn pointed out the incorrect spelling of his name in the first paragraph. Rahn Abbott made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections being made. Paul Kramer seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. Dan Durham abstained. The motion passed.

The delinquent reports were reviewed. Clerk Ginger Galiger ask to adjust \$226.03 from a past due water bill. The home owner is deceased, home sold and unable to locate the family. I have no recourse. I would also like to place a lien on the 201 S Main property as the business has closed.

Paul Kramer moves to allow the adjustment and proceed with the filing of the lien. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

The financial reports were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the financials reports as presented. Dan Durham seconded. Mike Walter asked about correcting the expected “new gas tax” revenue on the report. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Paul Kramer voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

Council Reports

Paul Kramer made the announcement tonight that his is resigning from the council as of tonight. He has other priorities with his job currently and needs to back away. He feels that the council is in good hands and there is someone else out there that can do the job. A big thanks to Paul for his many years served.

With Paul’s absence, we are going to need to make some changes to the signers on both accounts. The signers for the Fire Department savings will be Mike Walter, Ben Hitchcock and Robert Stump. Currently the signers on the Towns Main Checking account are Robert Stump, Paul Kramer, Mark McLaughlin and Michael Walter. Paul Kramer and Mark McLaughlin will be removed, and we will add Dan Durham at this time.

Rahn Abbott would like to see the town council involved with writing the Sheridan Fire Department’s Constitution. This is a layout of how the department is structured. Mayor Stump agreed.

Mike Walter asked about the roads being repaired on Madison street as it is one of the worst. Maybe throughout our water project, when the equipment is in town we will be able to do some paving and cut some of the cost. Baseball season is starting up and Mike will see if Hanna Detrick would like to be placed on the agenda.

Mayors Report

Last month Allen Schallenberger came to the council meeting to discuss the illegal U-turns that people make on Main street. Allan wrote a letter to the legislature with his complaint. Mayor Stump received a call from MHP and they will be sending more troopers our way.

Per MMIA, they will no longer be covering inflatable bounce houses or similar inflatable apparatuses.

The sewer shop in nearly complete and it looks great. They still need to run water and sewer to the building.

Per the towns ordinance, each year we recalculate the sewer charges based on the average water usage from October through March. We may have to do something different this year because of the billing issue we had in October, we used the same usage as September which in-turn left us with a lot of adjustments to do. We don’t want to be over billing anyone.

Warrants March 2018

GINGER GALIGER	2485.45
CURTIS A. GREEN	2665.51
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1405.38
PAUL R. KRAMER	230.87
ROBERT C. STUMP	73.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1490.62
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS FED TAX	3742.42
PERS	2227.16
DEPT OF REVENUE	604.00
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	74.22
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	2270.00
CURTIS GREEN	422.05
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	387.50
Gallatin Insulation	3800.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
MMIA	79.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2848.18
ROBERT STUMP	320.13
SCENIC CITY ENTERPRISES, INC	4626.07
SILVERTIP PROPANE	109.01
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	227.58
HCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	544.00
KIRK ENGINEERING & NATURAL RESOUR	2450.00
MT WEED CONTROL	20.00
SHERIDAN FIRE DEPARTMENT	159.00
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	45.01
WEX BANK	491.89
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	210.74
CITI CARDS	1342.68
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	93.28
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1698.40
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	144.93
SHERIDAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION	1397.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	123.91
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	747.93
POSTMASTER	140.00
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	50.00
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	935.82
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	3395.09
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2935.34
SUPERIOR DOOR, LLC	1726.90
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	692.80
INSURANCE MMIA	2575.15
U.I. STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF	179.31
WORKERS' COMP	1485.99
Total	55515.34

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

