

## **Regular Town Council Meeting June 11, 2018 6:00 p.m.**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:01 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Dan Durham and Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Eileen Pearce, Fire Chief Ben Hitchcock, Roger Thompson, Cameron Gibson, Jennifer Martens, Emilie Saylor, William Talbott and John Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance

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

### **Department Reports**

#### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Roger Thompson reviewed the 45.75 hours spent in Sheridan during the month of May 2018. Officers responded to 18 calls and made 12 traffic stops. 1 alarm-fire; 5 animal problems; 1 citizen assist; 1 disturbances; 2 suspicious persons/circumstances; 1 theft/burglary; 1 threat/harassment; 2 traffic complaints/abandoned vehicle; 2 unfounded 911 calls; 2 welfare checks. This time of the year things start picking up around the County. The County has purchased a new radar sign that will be brought to Sheridan.

#### **Library**

William Talbott reported- last month, The Friend of the Library finished the book sale. The library recently held the elections. Last month they held a book signing for Art Keyser. Obtained newspapers from the old theater for the archive room. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, William Maxwell held a natural dyes workshop that was interesting. The Garden Club will be planting flowers in the front of the library. They have handed out 25 noxious weed booklets.

#### **Fire Department**

Chief Ben Hitchcock reported for May – 2 landing zone calls and 1 brush fire. out of control. The department has acquired a free utility truck to replace the old one. This one is 4- wheel drive with a winch. The training center burn building is ready and they will have their first training event this Thursday.

#### **Public Works**

Curtis Green – start hauling gravel for the roads tomorrow, repairing pot holes. We have been addressing leaks with homeowners.

**Clerk** - none

### **Boards and Committees**

#### **Park District Board**

Eileen Pearce – The pool is scheduled to open June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with a free BBQ and open swim. The repairs to the pool are almost done and it looks good.

**Public Comment on the Agenda** – none

### **Unfinished Business**

#### *1. Bond anticipation note for the water project*

Mayor Stump did a brief overview of the work meeting that was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to move forward so we can reimburse Great West Engineering for the services they have done. Mike Walter moves to act on the bond anticipation note. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

#### *2. Task order #9 for the cost estimate for the selected transmission line route*

This task order is necessary to move forward with the application for emergency funding through the USDA RD. Great West Engineering will provide us with a detailed cost estimate of the transmission main alignment investigation not to exceed \$1000. We are down to only one alignment route. Dan Durham moves to accept the one alignment, specific for producing a cost estimate. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

#### *3. Resolution 2018-2 Requesting reservation of Bridge & Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds*

This resolution will allow us to save the \$5,849.21 at least until next year when we can roll it into next years funds. Rahn Abbott moves to adopt Resolution 2018-2. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### *1. Formalize the PER project elements to move forward*

During the work meeting on May 23, 2018 we prioritized certain elements of the PER project and we would like to finalize that list.

1. New well
2. Replace Water Street main, service lines to meter pits, and hydrants
3. Replace Bieler Lane main, service lines to meter pits, and hydrants, and loop to Tolson Ln. main
4. Any other hydrants around town that need to be replaced – fire suppression
5. Ladder cage at the storage tank – safety improvement

Mike Walter asked if we could rename the prioritized list so there is less confusion. “PER 2016 priority list”. Curtis Green asked if we are moving forward on these projects. No, we are only prioritizing.

Mike Walter moves to formalize the list with the elements as listed and renaming it PER 2016 priority list. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

*2. Removal of posts and cables from the park area behind the elementary school*

There are posts with steel cables behind the school, some are on towns property. The school has requested they be removed. Some are broken and lying on the ground, no longer serving a purpose. The removal will be done by the school at no cost to the town. Dan Durham moves to approve the removal of the post/cables from behind the school. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

*3. Budget Amendment to the Fire Department fund*

Mayor Stump read Resolution 2018-3. The additional funds of \$13,000 were primarily to help pay for the new compressor that was split 50/50 with the Rural Board. Most of the money came from the CIP fund. Rahn Abbott moves that we accept Resolution 2018-3 to amend the Fire Department budget. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

*4. Appointment of new Council Member*

We are very excited to have Jennifer Martens and Emilie Saylor submit their letters of interest to serve on the vacant council seat until the next general election in 2019. A review of the letters was done by the council and the Mayor did a brief description of what the job entails. Rahn Abbott moves to accept Emilie Saylor's letter of intent to fill the seat on the council. Mike Walter seconded the motion. Dan Durham said he's happy we had 2 very good letters and it is hard to pick. Mayor Stump thanked them both for applying. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

The minutes from May 14 and May 23, 2018 were reviewed by the council. Mike Walter moves to accept both meeting minutes with one correction to a typo made on the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Dan Durham voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to accept both reports as presented. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

**Council Reports**

Dan Durham suggested educating folks on water conservation. Help people understand how much water and the duration of time needed to water properly. We will research educational materials that have been created by other communities.

Mike Walter visited with a person that does mud drilling. He would still like to drill a big well at the ball field to save in the cost of the transmission line. Drilling that type of well there is a gamble in taking out well 5.

**Mayors Report**

Lewis Burton is the Chief Engineer for Northern Rockies Engineering. He would like to take us on a tour of the Indian Creek area to discuss the viability of recreating that water source.

Isaac Ingram and his wife Anna would like to set up their portable food trailer to sell shaved ice in Sheridan. He came in today to discuss a reasonable location to do so.

We are moving forward with the process of the rate increase. We will be planning to have a public hearing next month.

Sheridan Days – In the past Chicks Bar has set up at the park, they have the license and insurance to do so. We would like to have it advertised and posted that all alcohol must be purchased from them during this event. The town does not want the liability. Dan Durham asked if this has been a problem in general and should we have a permanent sign prohibiting alcohol in the park. Mayor Stump would like to. The trash cans are often overflowing with beer cans and empties on the ground.

**Warrants June 2018**

GINGER GALIGER	2401.32
CURTIS A. GREEN	2586.99
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1348.78
ROBERT C. STUMP	73.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1407.87
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3576.20
DEPT OF REVENUE	581.00
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
PERS	2167.70
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	229.71
ADVANCED PUMP & EQUIPMENT, INC	5019.95
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	55.81
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	3900.25

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	369.97
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	40.00
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWN	236.95
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	55.42
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS, IN	80.00
US BANK-Spa Lockbox	8631.25
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	52.78
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	141.50
WEX BANK	561.48
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	109.73
CITI CARDS	438.25
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
KIRK ENGINEERING & NATURAL RESOUR	7000.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	50.13
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1773.27
POSTMASTER	140.00
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFIC	50.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	24.00
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	116.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	123.99
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, LLC	480.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	54.40
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	840.00
KNIFE RIVER	579.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	1817.04
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2642.81
POSTMASTER	50.00
RE MILLER & SONS	2775.00
WE DUST CONTROL INC	10200.87
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	681.26
HEALTH INS MMIA	2663.15
STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF REVENUE	183.44
WORKERS COMP MMIA	1552.72
TOTAL	69824.01

The Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk





