

Regular Town Council Meeting May 14, 2018 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:20 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, Mary Pat Graham, Margie Edsall with the Madison County Weed Board and Tanya Kozimer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment not on the Agenda - none

Department Reports

Sheriff

Mayor Stump briefly reviewed the 72.75 hours spent in Sheridan during the month of April 2018. Officers responded to 15 calls and made 6 traffic stops. 1 accident; 1 citizen assist; 2 disturbances; 3 suspicious persons/circumstances; 2 theft/burglary; 2 traffic complaints/abandoned vehicle; 2 unfounded 911 calls; 2 welfare checks.

Library

William Talbott attend parts of the Montana Library Association conference in Bozeman. The Friends held a two-week book sale. Eileen Pearce reported, the sale brought in about \$300.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock reported for April – 3 landing calls, 2 grass fires and 1 controlled burn that was out of control. 7 volunteer firemen attended fire school in Wyoming. The command vehicle was destroyed by a tree that was blown over by the wind storm. Sheridan Days will be held August 3rd and 4th this summer.

Public Works

Curtis Green – Have received a 2nd sewer pump for the lift station, the cost was \$12,000. The other pump will be sent in for repairs so there will be a spare. The seeding has been done and fencing is nearly complete on Moore Lane. We-Dust is scheduled for June 21st.

Clerk

Ginger attended another great Clerk Institute Conference in Billings last week. Encouraged the Council of the Municipal Summit in Twin Bridges on May 21, 2018.

Boards and Committees

Park District Board

Mary Pat Graham reported that the Parks Board helped the ball club with \$500 to purchase required equipment for the little league teams.

The repairs are moving along at the pool and a review of the additional needs of the pool were discussed. The Pool Club will contribute \$4000, Parks Board \$3000 and is requesting the Town to put in an additional \$3000. They have had a hard time finding lifeguards and someone to train them.

The pool will be having their BBQ on June 15th and opening day will be the 16th. The Pool Club will be doing a luncheon fundraiser during Sheridan Days in hope to start raising money for future needs.

Weed Board

Margie Edsall with the Madison County Weed Board came to talk about weed management on the roads and asked what the needs are in town. She requested that the public works department make notes on areas they may need help with. The County has a statute for noxious weed control. There are resources and a cost share program to help individuals purchasing herbicides to control noxious weeds.

Public Comment on the Agenda – Tanya Kozimer is here in support of the Pickle Ball court.

New Business

1. Additional \$3000 contribution to the Pool Board for repairs to the facility

The Town has been asked to contribute an additional \$3000 to the Pool Board to help with necessary repairs. The Town had budgeted \$3000 in the general fund under parks to help purchase a truck for public works. Some modifications have been made to the vehicles, so we can delay the purchase of the truck and allocate those funds to the pool.

Dan Durham moves re reallocate the funds and give the \$3000 to the Pool Club to help in the repairs to the pool. Mike Walter seconded the motion. The 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. Bond anticipation note for the water project

The Town currently owes Great West Engineering approximately \$57,000 for work they had done through January 2018. The money was going to come from the TSEP grant that was later taken back. This bond will allow us to borrow the money until the TSEP grant goes through next legislature. We have been encouraged to borrow additional funds for incurred costs. Once again, we will be increasing water and sewer rates and partially to help cover this bond. The Bond Council helps in determining the rate increase. We are currently working with USDA RD for emergency funding for the new well and the transmission line. Additional discussion on the route options. Mike Walter would like to call a work meeting to review the PER for the water project and the plan for the well project.

Mike Walter moves to TABLE items 2 and 4 on the agenda, until we have a work meeting. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

3. Review of Ordinance #123 Tree Board and the responsibilities

Ginger was contacted by Rob Ethridge regarding Arbor Day. The Town is a part of Tree City USA and has participated in Arbor Day in the past. An ordinance had been put in place to support this. One of the four standards require you to have a tree board or department. Dan thought we could post this and see if there is any interest. Curtis' concern is the fact that we will be on water restrictions.

Mike Walter moves to post for aby interest in creating a tree board. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

4. Task order for the cost estimate for the selected transmission line route. TABLED

5. Pledged Securities

Ginger reviewed the analysis which reflects sufficient amount of pledged securities to the Town of Sheridan in the amount of \$714,874.78 Par Value.

Rahn Abbott moves to accept the pledged securities, Dan Durham seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

6. Pickle Ball court at the tennis court

Tom Walter has introduced Mayor Stump to currently the "fastest growing sport" of Pickle Ball. The game is played on a tennis court and they are asking if they could utilize one side of the tennis courts into a pickle ball court. Walter's would provide the paint and fix up the court and make the equipment available. The tennis courts are seldomly used and the weeds would need to be removed.

Dan Durham moves to support Mr. Walter going forward with the pickle ball court. Rahn Abbott seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

7. Lawn and garden watering/irrigating restrictions

The water usage is beginning to go up and the pumps are running about 10 hours a day. Mayor Stump proposes putting restrictions in place now and we will continue to monitor water usage. In the past we have allowed watering on odd and even days depending on your address. He would like to allow for 4 hours on your day but no set time of day. Flowers, gardens and trees will not be restricted.

Mike Walter moves that we impose watering restrictions of 4 hours a day, odd addresses on odd days and vise versa. Request evening watering and this will not include flowers, gardens and trees. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

8. Spend/Save the New Gas Tax Revenue

The Town's portion of the new gas tax this year was \$5,849.21, next year it will be about 3 times that amount. We need to do a resolution to either request the funds or request that the money rolls over, so we can spend it more purposefully. There was discussion of the needs for improvements on Madison and Crofoot St.

Mike Walter moves to save the money and let it roll over. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passes.

9. Fire Department request to purchase town's Expedition

The Expedition was purchased for \$3300 for the use of the town. Recently the fire department's command vehicle which was purchased by the Rural Board, was destroyed. They would like to use the \$2550 from the insurance company to buy the Expedition. Since the fire department is part of the town we can just transfer it to them, no money needs to change hands. Everyone agreed we should give them the use of the vehicle.

Dan Durham moves that we give the truck to the fire department. Mike Walter 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.

The minutes from April 9, 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 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 the reports. 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

Mike Walter requested that the alleyway behind New Kids on the Block daycare be graded.

Mayors Report

We need to repost for the council vacancy, we have not received any letters of interest. There is a chance that I will be out of town for the next council meeting and we may need to reschedule it.

Warrants May 2018

GINGER GALIGER	2783.20
CURTIS A. GREEN	2987.23
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1432.05
ROBERT C. STUMP	73.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1581.50
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	4062.62
DEPT OF REVENUE	669.00
DEFERRED COMP	100.00

PERS	2419.05
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	232.11
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	15.01
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	102.00
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	2750.00
CITI CARDS	1032.12
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALI	100.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
GINGER GALIGER	663.11
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	2570.50
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	158.65
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	114.80
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES	200.08
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	6312.50
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	59.96
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1940.95
ROBERT STUMP	454.46
RUBY VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES	1007.30
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	173.57
SHERIDAN/ALDER PARK DISTRICT	7000.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	59.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	27.30
VERIZON WIRELESS	123.99
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	246.52
WEX BANK	604.57
RUBY VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES	35.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	160.32
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	1377.66
L. N. CURTIS & SONS	1549.97
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2484.47
ROBERT STUMP	243.07
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	13375.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	11191.18
POSTMASTER	140.00
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	701.69
HEALTH INS - MMIA	2575.15
TOTAL	77730.68

The Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

