

Regular Town Council Meeting August 14th

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 8:02 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Dan Durham, Emilie Sayler, Curtis Green PWD and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Eileen Pearce and John Taylor

Public Comment not on the Agenda - None

Department Reports

Sheriff

Sheriff Roger Thompson (reported at the end of the meeting) during the month of July, Madison County Sheriffs office received 16 calls and made 23 traffic stops in the Town of Sheridan. Animal problems 3; Suspicious persons/circumstance 1; Theft/Burglaries 3; 1 being a gas drive off, Traffic Complaints/Abandoned vehicles 2; unfounded 911 calls 3; VIN Inspection 1; Welfare Checks 3. Madison County Sheriff's Officers spent 60 hours in Sheridan in July.

Library - None

Fire Department

Rahn Abbott reported for the month of July – it has been a quiet month, other than a couple of life flights. We had a crew on the Wigwam fire through the weekend and Monday.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported he has started the lead and copper sampling for the next 6-month cycle. Cross walks near the school have been painted. The town received a deficiency on the back-flow prevention devices in the parks during a sanitary survey that was done a couple of weeks ago. This is a significant deficiency through DEQ, Mayor Stump will respond with a schedule of installation.

Clerk – We have been spending a lot of time working on the budget. Reminded the council of the preliminary hearing budget on August 27th at 6:00.

Public Comment on the Agenda – Eileen Pearce reported the Library will be having their ice-cream social on September 16th.

New Business

1. Resolution 2018-5 to increase water rates

As we discussed the current base rate for water is \$30.00, we are proposing an increase to \$45.00 per month along with a current usage rate of \$1.00 per 1000 gallons to a tiered rate, starting at \$1.25 and up depending on usage. Curtis pointed out, on page 2 of the resolution, the new hospital should be listed as a 3” not a 2”. The new rate increase will take effect on the September billing. Dan Durham asked if the council had any recommendations? Mayor Stump replied, the fact of the matter is, if we don't have a lot of choice here. According to Dan Kramer, the average base rate is \$54.00 to \$55.00 per month. Mike Walter asked about the extra money that people can pay to help others pay their bills. Ginger will look in to that.

Mike Walter moves to adopt Resolution 2018-5 with one change with the hospital's 3” line. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes and Emilie Sayler voting yes. The motion passed.

2. Pledged Securities

Clerk Ginger Galiger reviewed the pledged securities with the analysis reflecting a sufficient amount of funds to the Town of Sheridan. Dan Durham moves to approve the pledged securities as of June 29, 2018. 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 and Emilie Sayler voting yes. The motion passed.

3. Inter-local Sheriff's Agreement

The memorandum of agreement between Madison County in and through the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Sheridan was reviewed. Historically the town has previously paid 17 mills from our general fund. Last year we paid \$15,834.36. In this agreement, the town would no longer pay for basic, routine law enforcement unless we want special coverage. The cost would be \$36.78 per hour per deputy.

Attorney Kruer has reviewed the agreement and suggests that it should include the following;

1. Indemnification clause that would have MCSO hold the Town harmless for any losses, injury, or damage resulting from MCSO actions in the course and scope of their law enforcement authority.
2. Include a provision to assure that each entity provides its own insurance; particularly, that MCSO has its own insurance.
3. Include a provision that MCSO will provide its own workers' compensation coverage and unemployment insurance.

She is pretty sure they are being met but should be stipulated in the agreement.

Discussion on what kind of services would be covered. Roger Thompson said if the event was “for a profit” such as Mood on the Madison or depending on the threat assessment and timeliness of the request. Annual parades and such would not be charged. This agreement will be revisited each year. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham moves to sign the memorandum agreement between Madison County and the Town of Sheridan. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes and Emilie Sayler voting yes. The motion passed.

4. Resolution 2018-6 Authorizing Participation in the Short- Term Investment Pool

The STIP participation information sheet needed to be updated authorizing delegates. This will include Mayor Bob Stump, Mike Walter and Clerk Ginger Galiger.

Rahn Abbott moves to adopt Resolution 2018-6. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbot voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

The minutes from July 9th meeting were reviewed. Rahn Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction to the spelling of Emilie’s last name. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

The financials and utility delinquent report was reviewed. Dan Durham moves to approve the reports as presented. Mike Walter seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

Council Reports

Mike Walter would like to work on a contingency plan for water per our public hearing tonight. Dan Durham asked about the rate flow on the test well and could we use that to fill trucks? Curtis Green – the test well is not approved by DEQ for drinking water. Mayor Stump will see what options we have in an emergency.

Mike Walter asked if there is space on the water/ sewer bill cards for a donation line. Ginger – I don’t think so.

Emilie Saylor reported the Hospital Grand opening will be this Saturday from 11-2. This hospital will be good for the community.

Mike Walter reported on Sheridan Days, it was a great time with great food. The pool lunch was very good.

Mayors Report

I have been in contact with FWP biologist and I am looking into what Glendive is doing to eliminate the deer population in town.

Mike Walter moves to adjourn the meeting. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Warrants August 2018

GINGER GALIGER	2703.04
CURTIS A. GREEN	2908.34
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1276.26
ROBERT C. STUMP	83.90
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1598.73
DEFERRED COM	100.00
PERS	2334.11
EFTPS	3929.89
DEPT OF REVENUE	644.00
DEFERRED COM	100.00
PERS	2354.44
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	231.16
MERIDIAN LAND SURVEYING, INC	4900.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	41.71
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	19.55
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	306.30
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	47.26
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	38.22
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	74.77
WALTER'S IGA	23.40
WATSON IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, INC	577.00
WEX BANK	460.89
WOMACK'S PRINTING PLACE	186.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	553.89
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	92.76
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	65.10
CITI CARDS	931.80
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	230.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	442.00
MT DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	31.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	1087.50
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3309.31
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1062.86

SHARPE SHADES AUTO BODY	475.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	207.52
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	150.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	123.89
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2267.77
POSTMASTER	140.00
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	657.09
INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	2663.15
TOTAL	39830.61

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

