

Regular Town Council Meeting September 10th, 2018 6:00 p.m.

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:02 p.m. Council members Rahn Abbott, Dan Durham, Emilie Saylor, Curtis Green PWD and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present. Mike Walter was absent.

Guests: Eileen Pearce, John Taylor, Mary Pat Graham and Cameron Gibson

Pledge

Public Comment not on the Agenda - None

Department Reports

Sheriff

Madison County Sheriff's Office spent 32 hours in the Town of Sheridan in the month of August 2018. Accidents 1; Citizen Assist 1; Disturbances 2; DUI 1; Suspicious persons/circumstance 1; Theft/Burglaries 1; Traffic Complaints/Abandoned vehicles 2; unfounded 911 calls 1; Wildlife Complaints 3.

Library – Last month The Friends of the Library held its traditional Sheridan Festival book sale.

Fire Department

Rahn Abbott reported for the month of August. The department had a call out of town to tend to a hay stack fire which is still smoldering. They were also called to a fire up Mill Creek, it was out by the time they got there. Since the opening of the new hospital there will be no more landing calls.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported the 6 lead and copper samples have come back good. Curtis asked, “who’s responsible for the Welcome to Sheridan signs”? There are weeds growing around them and the wood needs to be treated. Mayor Stump will find out. Curtis would like to disconnect wells 1 & 2 from the system before it becomes a violation. It has been more than a year since there was any production. Discussion

Clerk – I submitted the USDA RD forms and will begin getting the reports to Craig Shepherd for our Annual Financial Reports.

Public Comment on the Agenda – none

Boards and Committees

Pool Board– Mary Graham Pat the pool had a successful year and is now closed for the season. She reviewed the repairs that have been done and what is still needed. The filter situation will be evaluated over the winter and there are some holes in the pool liner along with some plumbing issues. They would like to create a building maintenance fund for the pool. Mayor Stump let her know that the Town has budgeted \$7000 to help with the costs next year. Manager Latesa Shrank did a great job.

Parks District Board- Mary Graham Pat also represents the Parks District Board. The baseball program received \$550 last year to replace some equipment. There has been a lot of interest in the pickle ball court and the board may be asked for money next year. Pool Club sponsored the BBQ during Sheridan Days and would like to do it again next year.

New Business

1. Resolution 2018-7 relating to at least \$70,000 water system revenue bond... (Discussion)

This resolution is regarding the bond anticipation note to pay Great West Engineering for work that was done last year. Mayor Stump asked the Council to take time to review it and we will vote next month. We have another call with SRF on the September 18th.

2. Water bill relief following leak

In the past there have been residence with large water leaks leading to high water bills that we have charged the homeowner with. During last months reading we identified a very large leak and the homeowner was immediately notified and their water was shut off. The homeowner took immediate action and had the problem fixed by afternoon. This bill ended up being \$450.70. Can we give this resident a break? She has already come in and paid half of the bill. Dan Durham suggested putting a cap on the amount of the bill when it comes to a leak. Rahn Abbott suggested allowing the bill to be paid over a longer amount of time. Discussion. Mayor Stump asked Ginger Galiger to ask the question on list serve, what do other towns do in this case. Mayor Stump entertained a motion to TABLE this issue. Rahn Abbott motioned to TABLE item 2 until we get further information. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

3. Urban Deer Management Plan (Discussion)

There was a review of The City of Glendive’s Deer Management Action Plan. Mayor Stump wanted to put the idea on the agenda to see if there was public interest in the topic. The town has a great deer population that prevents homeowners from being able to grow flowers and vegetables and has been a big concern with the traffic and deer. The pros and cons were discussed in this type of proposal. Mayor Stump will find out how successful this plan has been in Glendive and will also contact Helena to see how their program has worked.

4. Water bill assistance (Discussion)

The issue of helping residence pay an increase of their water bill came up during the town hearing on August 14th. Ginger had a couple responses from other clerks. The council preferred what Harlowton does to assist their residence, they have a fund called “utility share”. Residents need to qualify for LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) This program is through HRDC. The city does not make the determination as to who needs the money, LIEAP determines that. The city advertises the program around Nov/Dec for donations. Ginger will be in contact with HRDC and see if this will work for us.

The minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting held on August 14th, 2018 were reviewed. Dan Durham moved to approve the minutes with a few spelling corrections. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

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

Council Reports

Dan Durham asked about the future of the old hospital. There are a lot of rumors, it is in the hands of the hospital Foundation. Possibly leveling the hospital to make parking and then the Senior Citizens will remodel and use the old clinic space. Emilie reported WNBA star Chamique Holdsclaw will be at the school on September 12th @ 9:00 a.m. to talk about mental health.

Mayors Report

We have 3 separate procurements that we will need to get out for the well and pipeline as quickly as we can. The Council is fine with have a special meeting to complete the paperwork necessary to move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Warrants September 2018

RAHN ABBOTT	464.47
GINGER GALIGER	2348.84
CURTIS A. GREEN	2566.52
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1160.15
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1379.93
MICHAEL W. WALTER	546.92
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3849.99
DEPT OF REVENUE	591.00
DEFERRED COM	100.00
PERS	2280.85
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	234.23
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	26.99
BRIAN MCPARLAND	508.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	691.25
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	52.05
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	18.47
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	195.57
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS, IN	495.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	239.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	38.22
WARD, STENDER & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	260.00
WEX BANK	374.32
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	107.43
BADGER METERS, INC	780.00
CITI CARDS	902.97
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALI	806.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	309.40
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	43.95
POSTMASTER	140.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	50.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	123.89
BEN HITCHCOCK	100.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	210.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	38.95
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2656.58
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2438.13
RUBY VALLEY PRESSURE TREATING	52.00
DANIEL DURHAM	407.57
EMILIE SAYLER	183.70
ROBERT C. STUMP	678.04
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	618.39
INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	2663.15
UI STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF	226.14

WORKER'S COMP MMIA
TOTAL

1549.36
33928.42

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

