

## **Regular Town Council Meeting April 8th, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:00 p.m. Council members Dan Durham, Emilie Saylor, Mike Walter and Rahn Abbott were present. Curtis Green PWD and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Phil Fortner, Mary Pat Graham, John Taylor, Stephanie Kruer, Joyce Lang, Janet Doornbos, Kim Beal, Kay Colwell, Hanna Dietrich, Lyra Hyndman and Ralph Sand were present.

### **Pledge**

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

### **Department Reports**

**Sheriff** – Sheriff Phil Fortner reviewed the report from March 2019. The Madison County Sheriff's Officers received 24 calls for service and made 13 traffic stops. 2 Animal Problems; 1 Citizen Assist; 1 Coroner Call; 4 Disturbances; 2 Suspicious Persons/Circumstances; 5 Unfounded 911 Call; 1 Vandalism/Criminal Mischief; 1 Warrant; 5 Welfare Checks; 2 Wildlife Complaint.

**Library** – The Library report was read by Mayor Stump. In February, the library hosted Legal Services and other agencies. Every month, they host the Garden Club, the Knitting Club, the Historic Newspaper Group and the Book Club. The library also hosted Dan Birdsill for a program on scam awareness on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Ben Hitchcock gave the report for the Fire Department. Have received a couple carbon monoxide calls, and a fire call over the weekend. They conducted a controlled burn for a resident. The paint job on the service truck is now complete.

### **Public Works**

Curtis Green reported on the frozen service line on Wisconsin Creek Rd has finally thawed out as of today.

**Clerk** – Morgan Scarr with Amatics CPA Group was conferenced in to review of the July 2017- June 2018 annual financial report. We had two deficiencies this year. Segregation of duties due to limited staffing and appropriately identify and capitalize capital assets. Morgan also explained the new GASB 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions.

### **Board and Committees**

**MSIT** – Kay Colwell and Kim Beal came to discuss the damaged light pole by the Prospector. The committee is also looking at ways to improve the appearance of the city park, near the historical sign. They would like to remove the rock and replace it with stones that would be permanent. They will have to do some fundraiser for that.

### **Park District Board**

Mary Pat Graham and Janet Doornbos attended the meeting to provide an update on the pool. After reviewing the bylaws, it was determined that the upkeep and maintenance of the pool, is the responsibility of the Parks District Board. They have come up with \$20,000 to cover the cost of the filter system. The pump will wait until next year, they do have a refurbished pump for back up.

They have 4 lifeguards that are returning from last year and are currently looking for 2 more.

They held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Boutique over the weekend which was a success. They will continue to look for additional funding, grants and donations for future needs.

**Public Comment on the Agenda** – none

### **Old Business**

#### *1. Spiffy Biffy Request to dispose in the Town's Lagoon*

Gary Caprara sent an email to the Mayor, thanking the town for consideration of a temporary dump site. They have found and permitted a land application site. The issue has been resolved.

Mike Walter moves to take the item off the table. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

#### *2. Address change for the Brewery Expansion*

The owners of the Ruby Valley Brewery are in the process of completing the lot line adjustment to join the 2 parcels of land behind the brewery. They will be constructing a new building behind the old Jensen's building that had an address of 101 E. Hamilton Street. They are requesting an address change to the new building to be the same as the existing brewery of 111 S. Main Street. The original concern of the council was for fire and EMS calls, but it has been decided that the town is small enough, this really shouldn't be a concern. The new facility will not be open to the public.

Emilie Saylor made a motion to approve the address change for the Brewery Expansion. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### *1. Ruby Valley Swimming Pool Lease Agreement*

The lease agreement was submitted to the town for approval. There have been no changes from last year. Dan Durham moves to approve the lease agreement and Rahn Abbott seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

#### *2. Little League Baseball to request Art Bieler Memorial Fund*

Hanna Dietrich with the ball club informed the council of their current position and needs. This weekend parents will be meeting at the ball field to help with the needed improvements to the dugouts and replacing some fence. Most of the materials and supplies have been donated. There is an additional need

to cover the cost of the painting supplies and fencing for the total of \$200. Currently there is \$725 in a fund for Art Bieler Memorial designated to the baseball field. They would like to purchase plaques to be placed on each dugout in memory of Art Bieler and the cost is approximately \$50. Dan Durham made a motion to take \$250 out of the Art Bieler fund to help fix up the dugouts. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

*3. Approve Del Bieroth to the Madison County Volunteer Boards and Advisory Committees*

Del Bieroth submitted his application for Madison County Planning Board. The Council agrees that Del would be a great fit for the position. Mike Walter made a motion to appoint Del Bieroth to the Madison County Planning Board. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

*4. MMIA 8% Increase for Health Insurance*

The town's current health insurance rates are \$616 per month for each employee. The town pays the premiums for the 3 employees covered by MMIA. For the fiscal year 19/20 there will be an 8% increase for a total of \$665 per month. Emilie Saylor made a motion to approve the 8% increase. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

*5. Re-Establish water service to new location of Senior's Center*

Ralph Sand gave an update on the remodel of the old clinic as it will be the new home for the Senior Center. After the hospital was taken down, it left the clinic building without water. They are requesting the town to run a new service line from Madison Street down Crofoot Street and move the meter pit about 142 feet. From there, they will hook on from the meter pit to the building. Digging the line is something our public works can do. Rahn Abbott made a motion to put a water line from Madison Street to re-establish water to the Senior Center. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

*6. Watering restrictions*

With warmer weather around the corner, we need to talk about watering restrictions once again. Mayor Stump explained that our circumstances are no different than last summer. We are looking at the end of summer before we have our new well and transmission main on line. The Mayor feels that to be on the safe side, there should be no lawn irrigation. Hand water only, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. The town must maintain fire suppression. There is a process called AirBurst that has been known to successfully rehabilitate wells by pushing rock and debris out and away from the screen. Emilie Saylor feels that in all fairness to the residents we should inquire about the cost and potential success for well number one. There was also discussion on watering on odd/even days and stage the restrictions. Discussion. Rahn Abbott made a motion to TABLE the watering restrictions until we can explore the costs of well rehabilitation on well one and then readdress restrictions again next month. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

*7. Water Well Construction Contract Award to Coldwater Drilling & Pumps*

O'Keefe Drilling Company and Coldwater Drilling & Pumps submitted their sealed bids and attended the meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Coldwater Drilling & Pumps was the low bidder at \$273,700. Next, we send a recommendation for award letter along with the required documents to the USDA RD. They have 15 days to approve. We are still waiting for a signature on the Railroad Lease Permit. Attorney Kruer has reviewed the bid package and signed off on the certificate. Dan Durham made a motion to approve the recommendation of the award to Coldwater Drilling & Pumps to drill the new town well. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Dan Durham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, Dan Durham and Rahn Abbott was absent last meeting. The motion passed.

The financials and delinquent utility report for the end of March were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moved to approve the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Council Reports** – Emilie Saylor has helped coordinate a grant writing workshop that is being provided by Joe Willauer from Headwaters Resource Conservation Development. Everyone is welcome to attend March 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 at the Ruby Valley Medical Center.

**Mayors Report**

We are still moving forward with combing the transmission line and the distribution project when we go out to bid. It appears that the TSEP money will be reinstated. The PER project was put together in 2016 and since then some of the town's immediate needs have changed. Any changes that are made must be approved by the Department of Commerce. There is a greater need on Wisconsin Creek Road rather than putting a service line in on Crofoot. The need for a generator at the old well site will now be needed at the new well site.

Great West Engineering has done a review of the cost estimate for the 2016 PER, there estimate has gone down. How can that be?

I would like to go out to bid on the transmission line sooner than later so we can continue to move forward. This is risky if we don't wait until the well is completed and we find there isn't the quality or quantity that we need. Discussion.

Dan Durham moved to adjourn the meeting. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Warrants April 2019**

GINGER GALIGER	2560.69
CURTIS A. GREEN	2861.05
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1157.99
ROBERT C. STUMP	83.90
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1434.96
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3702.01
PERS	2225.33
DEPT OF REVENUE	601.00
MMIA	79.00
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	53.67
ANDY'S SERVICE	4710.00
BEN HITCHCOCK	181.26
BOZEMAN CHRONICLE	144.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	14.94
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	0.00
MT DEQ	140.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	972.55
THE MADISONIAN LLC	68.00
WEX BANK	721.34
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	670.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	225.74
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	97.78
AMATICS CPA GROUP	8300.00
CITI CARDS	455.91
HANNA DIETRICH	250.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	1635.40
McLEOD MERCANTILE	519.74
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	75.66
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1623.27
POSTMASTER	140.00
SHERIDAN/ALDER PARK DISTRICT	7000.00
THE MONTANA STANDARD - AD	137.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	7.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	93.96
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	130.55
WALTER'S IGA	42.74
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	159.97
HANNA DIETRICH	500.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	947.78
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2957.89
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC.	335.68
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	617.66
MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE	2663.15
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Meeting Adjourned at 8:38

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Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

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Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk







