

## **Regular Town Council Meeting March 11, 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 were present; Rahn Abbott was absent. Curtis Green PWD and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Phil Fortner, Mary Pat Graham, John Taylor, Joe Willauer, Stephanie Kruer

### **Pledge**

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

### **Department Reports**

**Sheriff** – Sheriff Phil Fortner reviewed the report from February 2019. The Madison County Sheriff's Officers received 19 calls for service and made 5 traffic stops. 2 Accidents; 2 Animal Problems; 2 Civil Standby; 2 Coroner Call; 3 Suspicious Persons/Circumstances; 1 Theft/Burglary; 1 Unfounded 911 Call; 3 Welfare Checks; 1 Wildlife Complaint.

**Library** – The Library report was read by Mayor Stump. In January, 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.

**Attorney** – Stephanie Kruer came to discuss the lease agreement from Spiffy Biffy.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Ben Hitchcock gave the report for the Fire Department. They meet with the Rural Board for their yearly meeting and the board agreed to put the title for the service truck in their name. The town has already removed the insurance coverage. The Fire Department has removed snow from around the fire hydrants for easy access. They have also assisted residents with snow removal. Four volunteers participated in an incident management training last weekend.

### **Public Works**

Curtis Green reported on the frozen service line on Wisconsin Creek Rd, it is frozen before the meter pit but is unsure of the exact location. Today he plowed the snow and ice off the road and tomorrow they can get a unit from Dillon that sprays warm water to help it thaw. There is only one resident affected and they have already expressed that they want the water bill forgiven and the cost of his showers to be paid for. Mayor Stump has made arrangements with the hospital to allow him to shower there. Curtis has been bringing them water.

Curtis has been looking into a portable mixer for the water tank. This device will churn the water which will help keep the ice off the top and keep the water cooler, this will help with corrosion and reduces sediment if we ever have to chlorinate. The cost is approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Mayor Stump commended Curtis and Ben for the great job they did with plowing and the snow removal. The town does not have a lot of equipment or manpower.

**Clerk** - None

### **Board and Committees**

**MSIT** – None

### **Park District Board**

Mary Pat Graham presented to the Council their needs for additional funding and the costs for new repairs and equipment for the swimming pool. Prior to the pool opening this season they need a new filtration system which is \$21,000. The pool also needs a new pump, if it can be installed at the same time as the filter the cost will be \$8000, if Thompson Pools out of Billings have to come back to install the pump it will be an additional \$1000. They currently get money from the Parks Board collected through taxes, \$7000 from the town's general fund. \$4000 to help in operations and \$3000 towards maintenance. The pool club is still fundraising. At this point they will still not have the money to order the filter in time for it to be installed before opening for the season.

Mary Pat wants to know, when does the Town help with the facility and who owns the pool? Attorney Kruer suggested looking at the resolution between the parks and boards and the Memo of Understanding between the Town and Parks District Board. It was also suggested that the Park District Board meet with the Commissioners to ask for an increase of the flat fee on taxes. Grant writing is also a possibility, but time is running out.

The pool will be opening two weeks earlier for swim lessons and ending on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Lifeguards are looking good this year. James Shrank will be taking over as the facility manager.

The next fundraiser will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sheridan Elementary School with a Spring Boutique, activities for the kids, a luncheon and a silent auction.

**Public Comment on the Agenda** – none

### **Joe Willauer with Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development**

Joe Willauer is the Executive Director of Headwaters Resource Conservation Development for Southwest Montana. This program is funded through membership fees which the Town of Sheridan is a part of. Joe asked to come tonight to inform us of what resources they have to offer to small business development and other training opportunities, loan funding and guidance at a free or reduced cost. Per request from

Mary Pat and Emilie Sayler, he is willing to schedule a grant writing class and look into other options to assist the pool.

**New Business**

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

Gary Caprara is the owner of Spiffy Biffy Portable Toilets, Inc. and was not present tonight. Gary presented the Mayor with a request to utilize the Town's sewer lagoon, for \$500 per month, on a temporary basis while he waits for a new a land permit application. Mayor Stump explained that at this time, it would have to be dumped in the lagoon that is currently covered with snow, we do not want anything going through the pumps. Do the chemicals used in portable toilets influence the end product that ends up on Bradley's ground? Gary submitted his disposal log for 2018 and the amount is not a concern. Attorney Krueer reviewed the lease agreement and said the document needs a lot of work. It needs to include liability provisions and feels that it is a huge risk. Mike Walter feels that it could be a liability to the towns system. Through further discussion, it is believed that the owners may have secured another site.

Dan Durham moved to TABLE the issue. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Dan Durham. The motion passed.

The minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Dan Durham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Dan Durham. The motion passed.

The financials and delinquent utility report for the end of February were reviewed. Mike Walter moved to approve the reports as presented with exception to one shut off notice, as they are out of town. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Dan Durham. The motion passed.

**Council Reports** – Dan Durham asked about the brewery project moving forward. We haven't heard anything. Mike Walter asked about putting up a sign to alert drivers to the bumps in the road at the end of main street. It is a state highway so Curtis will contact the state tomorrow. Mike also thanked public works for plowing and removing the snow.

Emilie Sayler reported people coming to the hospital to complain about not being able to get to their mailboxes. She also asked about plowing the alley ways as she was not able to get to her house from the street.

We have had much more snow than usual, and we run out of places to put the snow. This year we needed additional road funding in the budget.

**Mayors Report**

We were finally able to go out to bid for a well driller. We have 8 potential bidders, widespread throughout the state and one from Georgia. We will have a pre bid on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 for any of the bidders to ask questions and see the site. Bid opening is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are still a couple of months out at best.

Mayor Stump addressed some of the additional costs that were not included in the budget. We budgeted \$17,000 for the electrical service to the well. Northwest Energy is charging \$60,000 for the distribution line which also requires a soft start. Our current telemetry has 2 systems cobbled together and when we have problems it is costly to have someone come to work on it. If we could go to a new system for both, the cost would be \$78,000.

We are still waiting for the final permit from the railroad. Dan Durham may be able to help with that.

Mayor Stump participated in the FCCLA fundraiser last month and commends Zoe Lee, Micara Devereaux and Tia Hill in doing a fantastic job.

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

**Warrants March 2019**

GINGER GALIGER	2476.43
CURTIS A. GREEN	2890.46
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1248.98
ROBERT C. STUMP	83.90
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1519.03
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3762.70
PERS	2262.36
DEPT OF REVENUE	614.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	36.00
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	1337.75
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	55.95
CURTIS GREEN	386.38
FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS, LLC	293.88
MMIA	79.00
MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC	100.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2773.71
PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	393.09
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	439.18
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	172.33

WEX BANK	647.96
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	225.46
BADGER METERS, INC	780.00
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	189.43
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	588.75
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	1213.04
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	38.95
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	88.51
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1699.18
ROBERT STUMP	14.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	124.17
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	96.03
CITI CARDS	754.69
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
HCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	42.95
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	618.80
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1416.00
McLEOD MERCANTILE	19.99
MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	415.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2914.51
POSTMASTER	190.00
SHERIDAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION	1416.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	68.00
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	647.99
MMIA Health Ins	2663.15
UI- STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF	226.39
MMIA Worker's Comp Ins	1555.25
Total	40122.27

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

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Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk







