

Regular Town Council Meeting May 13th, 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, John Taylor, Stephanie Kruer, Sara Dunham, Sherry Huff, Kali Stender, Rocky and Susan Byers, Chris Fritts and Scott Payne

Pledge

Public Comment not on the Agenda - None

Department Reports

Sheriff – Sheriff Phil Fortner reviewed the report from April 2019. The Madison County Sheriff's Officers received 19 calls for service and made 13 traffic stops. 1 Accident; 1 Animal Problems; 4 Citizen Assist; 3 Coroner Call; 3 Suspicious Persons/Circumstances; 3 Unfounded 911 Call; 1 Vandalism/Criminal 1 VIN Inspection; 1 Wildlife Complaint.

Library – The Library report was read by Mayor Stump. In March, the library hosted Legal Services. Every month, they host the Garden Club, the Historic Newspaper Group and the Book Club. The library also hosted a meet-and-greet for the Knitting Club, who were our artists on display for the last month. 3Rivers held a day of computer classes at the library. They also hosted the living history presenter Anne Foster for a Humanities Montana program, *Alcohol, Corsets and the Vote* on the 24th.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock gave the report for the Fire Department. The department responded to 8 calls in the month of April. 1 Building fire, 1 medical assist, 2 mutual aid calls in Twin Bridges, 1 car accident and several out of control burns. 5 volunteers from the department participated in the Cody firefighter's training course.

Public Works

Curtis Green reported starting to work on the service line for the new Senior Center. WE Dust will be here June 26th, their cost will be \$10,297.98 for the magnesium chloride. Curtis is concerned with the parking on Flick Lane, we need to institute parallel parking on such a narrow road. The USDA sign will be installed tomorrow.

Mayor Stump also talked about the drilling that started today.

Clerk – Ginger Galiger reported on attending Clerk's Institute. She asked the Council members to see Jenny at Opportunity Bank to have their notarized signature done at the bank for TSEP. I also encouraged them to file for their election seats.

Board and Committees

MSIT – Kali Stender asked again about the light post near the Prospector. Curtis wants to get bollards up before installing the new light post. Discussion on cleaning up the Main Street Park, it needs more dirt and reseeding, but it will be hard to keep people off of it. They are waiting on bids for the brick laying in the corner.

Park District Board

Mayor Stump reported for Mary Pat Graham on the swim club. The new filter system will not be here and installed before the seasons opening. This year the cost for a family pass will increase by \$10.00, for a family of three it will be \$110.00, and the day passes have been raised by \$1.00. 6-10 years old will be \$4.00 and 11 and up will be \$6.00. They did not have a price increase last year. They plan to offer pre-season swim lessons the week of June 10th, weather permitting. The pool BBQ will be held on June 14th.

Public Comment on the Agenda – none

Old Business

1. Watering Restrictions

Mayor Stump started by updating the council on the rehabilitation on wells 1 and 3. O'Keefe Drilling attempted to rehabilitate these wells with Airburst Technology discussed at last months meeting. Well 1, the shallower well, with the screen did well. It was pumping 50 gallons per minute for an hour. Well 3 is the deeper of the two wells has not appeared to work as well, the static level kept dropping. Neither pump is right for these wells.

Mayor Stump would like to propose watering for no more than 4 hours a day, every-other day according to their address. Hand watering for trees, shrubs and flowers can be done anytime. Mike Walter asked if the pump shows distress under these restrictions, can the Mayor change the restrictions without council's consent. Yes, he can. Dan Durham moves to implement watering restrictions as described. Rahn Abbott seconded the notion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Potential noise issue – outdoor live bands behind Mill Creek Inn on Friday and Saturday nights

Rocky and Susan Byers are interested in purchasing the Mill Creek Inn. They would like to build a stage off the back of the building to have outdoor, live music from May through September from 7 pm to 10 pm. The town currently does not have a noise ordinance. Mr. and Mrs. Byers do not want to pursue this business investment if outdoor music will not be allowed. They are asking the town to create an ordinance that states the specific times that they could have outdoor music. Sheriff Fortner said, "They can not enforce town ordinances without us having city court." Discussion on amending our current ordinance or creating a new one and what that process takes.

Rahn Abbott moves to create a city ordinance for live, outdoor bands/music Sunday through Thursday until 10:00 pm and Friday through Saturday until 12:00 am. Mike Walter seconded the motion. Dan Durham asked about getting feedback from the residence. Passing an ordinance takes 2 readings and that is their opportunity to share their opinions. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

2. Great West (Distribution Project) Task Order No. 1 - Amendment No. 3 - Wisconsin Creek Road Main Extension \$2,100

Great West Engineering will design a main extension on Wisconsin Creek Road to include approximately 400 feet of pipe. Mayor Stump asked to have this included in the water system improvement project after having the freeze at the end of the mains this winter. The additional cost estimated total amount not to exceed \$2,100. Mike Walter made a motion to move forward with the said task. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

3. Great West (Well Project) Task Order No. 8 – Amendment No. 1 – Electrical and Controls \$11,974

This amendment is for additional electrical engineering work related to incorporate a new telemetry and controls system for the Town's water system into the New Transmission Main project. The estimated total amount not to exceed \$11,974. Dan Durham moves to approve task order No. 8 – Amendment No. 1 for the electrical controls. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

4. Amendment No. 2 – Modifications to services of Engineering by NRE \$12,825

Mayor Stump explained that due to the oversight requirements and the amount of time it has taken to get us to where we are at, the estimated costs have gone up. As a USDA requirement, they want constant oversight and inspection. Rahn Abbott moves to approve Amendment No. 2 with NRE in the amount of \$12,825. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

5. Increase for legal services

Kruer Law Firm is increasing her rates, effective May 2019. Currently we pay \$170 per hour, the rates will increase to \$200 per hour. Attorney Kruer thought she had increased our rates in 2016 to \$190 but did not find a signed document from the town. Dan Durham moved to approve the increased rate. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

6. Pledged Securities 1st Quarter

This is the second quarter that the Clerk has had to contact Opportunity Bank to ask for additional securities. They have responded with the additional securities which now shows that they are sufficient. Emilie Saylor moves to approve the pledged securities. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

7. Reimbursement request for showering while pipes were frozen

The resident of 22 Wisconsin Creek Road is requesting a reimbursement of \$196 for the cost of 28 showers that he took at Chicks Bar during the time that the water main was frozen. He claimed to be without water for 2 months. The Town Clerk was notified on March 6th that he had frozen pipes (frozen from the main to the meter) and our records show that his lines were thawed as of April 8th. His water bill was adjusted by \$30.51 in the month of March and \$27.00 in the month of April. He would like the \$196 applied to his water/sewer bill. The Council feels that it's fair just for his inconvenience.

Emilie Saylor moves to reimburse the resident at his requested rate with the understanding that the reimbursed amount will be directly returned to the town and applied to his water/sewer bill. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

8. Main Street Park improvements in collaboration with adjacent business owner

Janet Marsh is interested in helping with the improvements and care of the Main Street park. The Town is in the process of getting the automatic sprinklers up and running and plan on renting an aerator next week. It needs some Round Up and new topsoil. The hard part will be keeping people off of it after it is seeded. Rahn Abbott thought maybe MSIT would want to look into having sod laid. There is concerns with watering this summer. Rahn Abbott also suggested a concrete patio on the lower level. Discussion. Mike Walter moves to TABLE the Main Street Park improvements until further discussion. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

9. Path forward with rehabbed wells

Mayor Stump reported on the progress this far with rehabilitating wells 1 and 3. Well 1 is the shallow well, cleaned, it increased the depth by 4 feet. During the test pumping, the well produced 50 gallons per minute and the static level dropped 5 feet and then stabilized. Well 3 pumped 40 gallons per minute for an hour but the static level did not stabilize. Neither of the pumps are correct for either of these wells.

Scott Payne from Northern Rockies Engineering encouraged the council to have an aquifer test done with the right pumps and see what these wells can do. He believes that by spending the money on these wells, we can maximize irrigation and fire suppression for the summer months. Well 3 is a redundant well and that is very valuable to the Town. We will eventually need to rely on well 3 so we need to deal with this now. He discussed what we need to do, and the equipment that will be need. The town can do a lot of this work themselves to save money.

Mike Walter moves to do an aquifer test on well 3 and 1 and identify appropriate pumps. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

10. New infield dirt for ballpark

The ballclub is waiting on cost estimates. Dan Durham moves to TABLE the item pending cost estimates. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the April 16th 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 minutes from the April 8th meeting were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

The financials and delinquent utility report for the end of April were reviewed. Mike Walter moved to accept the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports – Dan Durham asked about the Todd Dalman project.

Mayors Report - None

Emilie Saylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

Warrants May 2019

GINGER GALIGER	2719.90
CURTIS A. GREEN	2943.99
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1425.27
ROBERT C. STUMP	83.90
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1606.70
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	4006.46
DEPT OF REVENUE	665.00
ED COMP ST OF MT OF DEFERRED COM	100.00
PERS	2413.33
ANDY'S SERVICE	1630.00
MMIA	79.00
PIONEER EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	115.92
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	942.18
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	29.12
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	193.86
WALTER'S IGA	45.31
WEX BANK	699.35
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	226.57
ADVANCED PUMP & EQUIPMENT, INC	5179.02
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	143.05
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, LLC	1495.60
McLEOD MERCANTILE	125.01
MONTANA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUA	2250.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	72.96
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2089.01
POSTMASTER	140.00
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS, IN	100.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	93.96
WATSON IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, INC	4532.45
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	93.54
BOZEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	24.95
CITI CARDS	796.98
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	187.50
BRIAN MCPARLAND	617.50
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALI	70.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	374.95
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2813.25
O'KEEFE DRILLING	20010.00
PETTY CASH	92.31
THE MADISONIAN LLC	136.00
GINGER GALIGER	512.17
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	706.76
MMIA HEALTH INS	2663.15

TOTAL

65608.48

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

