

Regular Town Council Meeting June 10th, 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 Sayler, Mike Walter and Rahn Abbott were present. Curtis Green PWD, Fire Chief Ben Hitchcock and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Phil Fortner, Stephanie Kruer, Michael & Anne Wentz, Cindy Adams, Esther Lince, Janet Wellman, Steve Wood, David Stout and Monty Simonsen

Pledge

Cindy Adams and Esther Lince are prevention specialists in drug and alcohol prevention for South West Montana. They came tonight to share the "Get Addicted to Life Coalition" program. They have been awarded 2.1 million dollars in grants to bring awareness and help prevent substance abuse in Madison County through outreach to youth. They are looking for active partners to fill vital roles throughout the county and are also looking to train and provide resources to teacher's grades K-5th. They are also developing a parent empowering class and working with the DUI task force.

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

Sheriff – Sheriff Phil Fortner reviewed the report from May 2019. The Madison County Sheriff's Officers received 15 calls for service and made 17 traffic stops. 2 Animal Problems; 1 Citizen Assist; 1 DUI Arrest; 1 Missing Person who was found; 2 Suspicious Persons/Circumstances; 4 Unfounded 911 Call; 1 Theft/Burglary; 1 Vandalism/Criminal; 1 Wildlife Complaint.

Library – None

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock gave the report for the Fire Department. It has been a quiet month with just one lift assist.

Public Works

Curtis Green provided a work schedule for the month of June. Curtis discussed the bollard protecting the light pole in front of the Prospector with Tom Broksle and he is waiting for a call back from the State for authorization. During the windstorm last Thursday, Curtis had a tree fall about 8 feet in front of him. Mayor Stump requested the removal of additional damaged or rotten cottonwood trees be removed. The meter pit in front of the new Senior Center is complete. Widening of the roads on Crofoot and Ruby are also done.

Clerk – None

Board and Committees

MSIT – Mayor Stump gave quotes for sod in the Main Street Park is \$1290 for approximately 4000 sq. ft. for all 3 levels. The cost for the topsoil is \$1665. There is still a concern with watering this summer.

Park District Board

The pool BBQ is this Friday and swimming lessons started today.

Public Comment on the Agenda – none

New Business

1. USDA RD Application for new Town Pumper Truck

The Fire Department has the opportunity to apply for a grant and loan through USDA RD to help fund a new pumper truck. The current truck is over 30 years old. Ben is looking at a truck in the \$100,000 range. The grant would cover \$35,000 and they can get a 20-year loan to cover the balance with payments of \$4800 per year. The department can cover this payment with their existing budget. Ben is waiting for quotes to see what they can get for that dollar amount.

Mike asked if they can sell the other truck or hold onto it for a reserve truck. Rahn Abbott explained that the truck would have to be kept outdoors which is hard on the equipment and the cost to equip 2 trucks. Dan Durham moves to proceed with the application process for a new pumper truck. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council**

members. Emilie Saylor voting yes, Mike Walter voting, Dan Durham voting yes and Rahn Abbott abstained.

2. Resolution 2019-2 Request Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety & Accountability Funds

The Town of Sheridan's BaRSAA/HB 473 Fuel Tax Allocation is \$12,608.85 for 2019. The Town has budgeted for the 5% matching funds. At this time, we can request distribution of funds through this resolution. Mike Walter would like to hold onto these funds as long as we can to eventually have enough for a small paving project. Emilie Saylor moves to approve Resolution 2019-2. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

3. Wood's request for land at the Sheridan dump site

The Wood's have property on Coulee Rd and Horse Creek that adjoins the towns 24 acres of land, at the dump site. They are proposing either buying or trading land to help square off their property to make it easier to irrigate. Mayor Stump walked down by the old dump where there is a lot of asphalt and other junk that needs to be removed. The town stopped using the lower end of the dump in the mid 80's. This was also the potential site for the animal compost location. David Stout from Ruby Valley Conservation District said they are still waiting to hear back from DEQ. They are still hopeful, but no progress has been made. Emilie Saylor has had people request not to sell town property but would be open to leasing the property to them. Dan Durham asked for how long would you be interested in a lease? Steve hasn't given it too much thought but maybe 10 years. The Mayor encouraged the council to take a look at the property and to look into a lease term from Steve Wood. Dan Durham motioned to TABLE the issue until we gather the information discussed. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

4. Convert the 2nd tennis court to pickleball court

The Park District Board had a request from Tom & Marilyn Walter for some funding to convert the tennis court into 2 more pickleball courts. Last year, they funded the conversion on their own by repainting one of the courts and purchasing the net and equipment. The pickle ball club meets every Thursday night. Discussion on whether or not the courts are used for tennis and if they could be converted in a way to meet both needs. The Parks District Board will help in funding if there is a 50% match. They project the total cost to be about \$8000. It is nice to see people down there utilizing the pickle ball courts. Dan Durham like the enthusiasm of the pickle ball club and moves to allow the conversion of the tennis court into another pickle ball court. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes, Mike Walter abstained. The motion passed.

5. Amendment to Ordinance #113 – Prohibiting Acts Which Disturb the Peace

Mayor Stump read the amended ordinance and pointed out the changes that were made by Attorney Kruer at the town's request.

Section 2. An exception is made to the requirements of this Ordinance for live music or outdoor concerts which shall be allowed within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Sheridan up to and until 10:00 p.m. on any Sunday through Thursday; and up to and until 12:00 midnight on any Friday and Saturday.

Monty Simonsen asked if there is a distinction between residential and commercial? Will this create a nuisance for the neighborhoods. Attorney Kruer explained, a public nuisance is different and is handled by the Sheriff's office. The ordinance was amended so the council could put a time limit for live music and bands. The town of Sheridan is small enough that we don't feel things will get out of hand. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the first reading of the amendment to ordinance 113. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

6. Transverse rumble strips at the North entrance into town

Mike and Anne Wentz live at 128 North Main Street, they recently had their home crashed into by a large diesel truck, when the driver fell asleep at the wheel. The crash cause extensive damage to the porch, thankfully nobody was injured. The excess speed of traffic coming into and going out of town has always been a real problem. This is a State Highway, subject to State regulations. On April 29, 2019, Anne wrote a letter to the Montana Department of Transportation asking for transverse rumble strips to be place at the speed limit signs coming into town. On May 29, 2019, the Montana Department of Transportation responded with "MDT typically does not install the transverse rumble strips in areas close to residences

due to hearing them day and night”. A Safety Engineer has been asked to review this site in his annual Highway Safety Improvement Program to determine its eligibility for any safety improvements.

Anne has also been talking to neighbors to get their input along with signatures in support or against with any comments. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz are here tonight to ask the Council to craft a letter to the State asking them for a remedy.

Janet Wellman also came tonight, as a resident that would be affected by the noise of the rumble strips. She wrote a letter stating, “The consequences of speeding or other traffic infractions should be imposed upon the driver, not upon Sheridan Residents who would be subjected to a perpetual noise problem”.

Emilie Sayler made a motion to recommend a letter on the behalf of the Town Council to the Department of Transportation & The Highway Patrol, requesting urgency for the safety evaluation. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

David Stout with the Ruby Valley Conservation District uses a gauge to monitor water flow. The Stream near the highway has too much pressure at this time so he moved it down stream near the park. He also discussed the erosion of the bank and ideas on how to stabilize it, and stresses not using rock. David talked to Janet at the Shovel and Spoon he would like to put in some box demo landscaping that could educate people on plants that survive the best with little watering.

The minutes from the May 13th meeting were reviewed. Mike Walter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Rahn Abbott 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 May were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moved to accept the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports – Dan Durham reported; the fence work will be done this week around the well. Rahn Abbott expressed concern about getting rid of a 30-year-old truck to replace it with a 20-year-old truck that will take 20 years to pay off. He is in support of moving forward with the application but doesn't think it's a good idea to buy a 2000.

Mayors Report – Tomorrow we will begin the aquifer testing on well#1, well #3 is still questionable. Cold Water Drilling is still waiting for the screen casing for the new well. The company they ordered from has been very slow and not easy to get ahold of. They hope to be able to continue the well work early July. We received 4 bids on our RFP, they were all very good. The Mayor asked the Council to take time to review them all.

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

Warrants June 2019

GINGER GALIGER	2412.64
CURTIS A. GREEN	2596.62
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1198.83
ROBERT C. STUMP	83.90
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1404.17
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3514.38
PERS	2148.95
DEPT OF REVENUE	571.00
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	228.98
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	312.03
CHRISTENSEN RENTALS	100.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	615.26

UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	16.38
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	284.71
WEX BANK	905.69
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	102.72
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	42.91
ANDY'S SERVICE	338.45
BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	35.00
CITI CARDS	727.92
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
GREATER RV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	55.00
HEADWATERS RC & D AREA, INC	388.44
MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWN	277.50
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	52.10
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1760.79
POSTMASTER	195.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	349.51
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS	100.50
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	120.00
US BANK-Spa Lockbox	8473.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	93.96
INDEPENDENT RECORD	137.48
L. N. CURTIS & SONS	828.86
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2754.68
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	647.61
INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	2859.15
STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF UI	226.24
MMIA WORK COMP	1536.62
	39072.73

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

