

## **Regular Town Council Meeting October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Stump at 6:04 p.m. Council members Rahn Abbott arrived at 6:36 due to being on a fire call. Dan Durham and Emilie Saylor were present, and Mike Walter was absent. Public Works Director Curtis Green, Fire Chief Ben Hitchcock and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Stephanie Krueer, Steve Wood, Doris Fischer, Mary Pat Graham, David Stout, Steve Primm, Kris Inman, Hanna Kearse

### **Pledge**

#### **Doris Fischer with Madison County Mental Health to conduct an interview on need assessment for short term housing**

Doris Fischer is a volunteer on the Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council. The Council is conducting a countywide survey of Supportive Housing Needs in Madison County. Supportive housing is safe, short-term housing for individuals who live with a mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction, are victims of domestic abuse and/or are homeless. The program would provide community services designed to provide a kind of safety net for the people being housed.

Doris and other volunteers are going around to different groups in the county taking surveys and then the surveys will go to the general public. This is the first step to explore if this area has a need for this service.

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

#### **Department Reports**

##### **Sheriff** – None

**Library** – Mayor Stump read the report. In September the library hosted the Garden Club, Knitting Club, Historic Newspaper Group and Book Club. They held the annual Ice Cream Social on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the last warm weekend. We have acquired a new Experience Works worker, Susan Monroe. The Library is hosting free Meditation Classes on the first and third Mondays. The Library will also be hosting a program on UFOs in Montana on Sunday October 27 at 5 p.m.

##### **Fire Department**

Chief Ben Hitchcock reported, they are still waiting on the pump test to be completed on the new fire truck. The Rural Department has acquired a free military water tender from DNRC.

##### **Public Works**

Curtis Green reported for public works. The motor on the floating pump at the sewer had to be rebuilt, the cost is yet unknown. Public works has been screening debris piles and have about 300 yards of nice topsoil we will be able to use on projects. The sander is on the truck and the sprinklers have been blown out. Curtis will have knee surgery toward the end of this week.

##### **Clerk** – None

#### **Board and Committees**

**MSIT**- Stephanie Krueer reported MSIT held a yard sale. They are doing some fund raising to be able to replace some plaques and other items as they come up. She is unaware if the new plaque has been ordered. Brief discussion on the missing plaque in front of the Moriah Motel.

**Park District Board** - Mary Pat Graham reported on the pool. They made it through the season with 7 guards. Profits were down this year due to weather conditions. They had to have a crane come in and lift the old filter out to replace it with a new one and they are currently trying to find a plumber to finish the job and put the new pump in, it may not be done until spring. The sheds have been painted, boiler repaired, and gutters done. Dan Baril has donated his time with the carpentry work.

Mary Pat requested that public works trim the trees around the pool as it is hard for people to walk around.

#### **Public Comment on the Agenda** – none

## ***New Business***

### ***1. The use of the town grader for the purpose of the fire department property***

The fire department has a couple of contractors donating their equipment to create a proper road through the property where they hold demonstration fire trainings. Ben would like to use the grader to smooth out the ground and asphalt millings will be used to make a road for better winter use. Rahn Abbott moves to approve use of the grader at the new fire department land provided the grader is operated by Ben Hitchcock. The fire department would be responsible for any repairs. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion was approved.

### ***2. Steve Wood lease proposal***

Steve proposed a lease contract with the town on the property near the dump site for agricultural purposes. It would be a one-year, reoccurring lease that will be reviewed annually. A payment of \$200 per year due at the yearly renewal. Wood's will be removing the current fence and a new fence will be placed. If and when the lease comes to an end the property will be returned to its native condition. Stephanie Kruer has reviewed the contract. Dan Durham moves to accept the lease proposal from Steve Wood for one year, with mutual options for additional one- year terms. 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 carried unanimously.

### ***3. Carcass composting site decision***

Kris Inman, David Stout and Steve Primm joined us from the Ruby Valley Conservation District to discuss the approval from the town to use the dump site as a carcass composting site. DEQ has met with them for a site visit and everything looked good for them to permit the site. They would like a memorandum of the "terms of use" to define the details.

David explained that this will be a public program but not open to the public. A pick-up plan will be established to prevent carcasses from being dumped out there. It will serve the communities from Silver Star to Virginia City. The program is targeted at the agricultural community and hope to be up and running prior to calving season. Wildlife and livestock carcasses have to be kept separate. An electric fence will be put around the composting site to prevent bears and other wildlife from entering. Dan Durham asked who has liability over the site. The Conservation District will be the insured with the town listed as the additional insured. Discussion on how they plan to get water to the site as they cannot use the canal water.

Emilie Saylor moves to approve the use of the old town dump site as a carcass composting site. Dan Durham would like to amend the motion by stating, **contingent upon approval of the review of the site and operating plans.** 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 passes.

### ***4. Resolution 2019-4 Resolution relating to up to \$1,101,000 water system revenue bonds from State Revolving Fund***

Mayor Stump read the cover page of the resolution and explained that approximately \$135,000 from the SRF funds for the distribution project will be going towards the transmission main. To have a revenue bond, you have to generate enough revenue to pay back the bonds and we have demonstrated that we can do that. \$500,000 will be forgiven and the town will have to pay back \$601,000. Dan Durham moves to adopt Resolution 2019-4 approving water revenue bonds up to \$1,101,000 for our water system improvement project. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham voted yes, Emilie Saylor voted yes and Rahn Abbott voted yes. The motion passes.

### ***5. Resolution 2019-5 Resolution relating to up to \$400,000 water system bond from USDA RD***

Mayor Stump read the cover letter of the resolution. There were no questions. Rahn Abbott made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-5 approving water revenue bonds for up to \$400,000 for the well project. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham voting yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion was approved.

### ***6. Resolution 2019-6 Resolution cancelling the November 5, 2019 General Election of certain municipal officers.***

HB 447 passed by the 2017 Legislature authorizes a municipality to cancel a general election for the election of a municipal officer by resolution after notification by the election administrator if the number of candidates filing for election is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled.

Rahn Abbott moves to adopt Resolution 2019-6 cancelling the November 5, 2019 general elections. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham voting yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion was approved.

*7. Change order on the PER project with Great West for \$105,458.40*

Mayor Stump discussed the change order with the council. Mungas Co. Inc. realized after being awarded the contract that there were areas of the road that will need to be resurfaced. With this cost increase of \$105,458.40, Mungas Co. Inc. would still be the lowest bidder. Rural Development was concerned by the lateness of the change order and the funding agencies are going to have a conversation. The options that the town has are as follows. We can approve the change order, we can negotiate the cost, or we can throw the bid out. Mayor Stump feels that this was an honest mistake and Dan Durham agreed with that. Dan Durham would like to approve the change order contingent to the funding agencies agreeing. We don't want to hold up the project. Dan Durham moved to accept the change order 1 for the PER project pending approval from RD. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham voting yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion was approved.

The minutes from September 9th were reviewed. Dan Durham pointed out a correction to the spelling of Kay Colwell's name under the MSIT report. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the minutes with the one correction. Emilie Saylor seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham voted yes, Rahn Abbott voted yes and Emilie Saylor voting yes.

The financials and delinquent utility report for the end of September were reviewed. Folks still have a week before their bills are due. Dan Durham moved to approve the financial and delinquent reports as presented. 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.

**Council Reports** – Rahn Abbott thanked Public Works for fixing the street going up Poppleton from Main, the section of the road was a wash board.

**Mayors Report** – Mayor Stump discussed the issues with the transmission main alignment along the railroad tracks. Attorney Kruer prepared a letter to the landowner explaining the situation and that the town has gone above and beyond to please them and that the town will be moving forward with the project. Mayor Stump and Attorney Kruer met with Mr. & Mrs. Dale, in the end they have agreed with the conditions. The Dale's will be putting up cameras along their property and will press charges for any trespassing. They want assurance that they will have a point of contact, this will be Stephanie Kruer. They would also like to see the work schedule and walk the pipeline with Lew Burton.

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

**Warrants October 2019**

GINGER GALIGER	2773.24
CURTIS A. GREEN	3006.64
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1437.44
ROBERT C. STUMP	161.29
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1676.24
D COMP ST OF MT OF DEFERRED COM	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	2203.29
PERS	2494.77
DEPT OF REVENUE	687.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	1930.10
MMIA	79.00
ANDY'S SERVICE	1025.00
BRADLEY LIVESTOCK LC	480.38
HCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC.	300.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	100.00
RE MILLER & SONS	176.89

SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	216.13
WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT CO.	2016.00
WEX BANK	922.23
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	226.68
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	95.56
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	41.75
CITI CARDS	746.43
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	2225.60
McLEOD MERCANTILE	434.10
MERIDIAN LAND SURVEYING, INC	775.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	2818.50
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	70.67
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	3004.19
PAIGEVILLE ACCOUNTING SERVICES LL	300.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	120.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	3.64
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	250.67
WATSON IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, INC	1974.16
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
POSTMASTER	195.00
ROBERT STUMP	20.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	97.29
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	36.45
ALTERNTIVE FUEL MECCA	758.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3193.59
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	727.15
HEALTH INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	2859.15
TOTAL	43075.22

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

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Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk









