

## **Regular Town Council Meeting August 10, 2020**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Stump. Council members Mike Walter, Emilie Sayler, and Rahn Abbott and Corey Theis were present along with Clerk, Ginger Galiger.

Guests: Mike Dietrich, Kaylie Theis, Tiffany Lyden, Alex Hogle and Stephanie Kruer

### **Pledge**

### **Public Comment Not on the Agenda – None**

### **Department Reports**

Sheriff – Sheriff Fortner was not present. Mayor Stump read the June- July 2020 report. The Madison County Sheriff's Officers received 44 calls for service and made 5 traffic stops in the Town of Sheridan. Accidents 3; Animal Problems 4; Citizen Assists 5; Coroner Calls 4; Fraud/Scams 1; Lost/Found Property 1; Public Safety Complaints 3; Suspicious Persons/Circumstances 5; Thefts/Burglaries 2; Traffic Complaints/Abandoned Vehicle 6; Trespass Complaints 2; Unfounded 911 Calls 2; Vandalism/Criminal Mischief 3; Welfare Checks 3.

Library – None

Attorney – None

Fire Department – Mike Dietrich reported for the month of July, they received 1 structure fire. Mike presented the preliminary budget to the council. The department is working on getting all apparatus working up to standards. They need to purchase more PPE, a foam system on the new town truck with an estimated cost of \$5000, this does not include the labor. Continue to replace old bunker gear.

Public Works – Curtis Green resigned his position with the town on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Mayor Stump has continued working in the parks to repair the sprinkler systems. Bradley's started irrigating about 10 days ago, Bob is keeping an eye on the cells. He is very disappointed in the condition of the lawn mower, weed eater and the town trucks. Everything needs repaired before using the equipment.

The Dollar Store has contacted both the town and Alex Hogle, the Madison County Planner. They are interested in building a store on the south side of town which will need to be annexed into the town. They want to connect to the town's water and sewer system. There may be some water right issues as it is on the town boundary so there may be too many hoops to jump through.

Mike Walter asked about the roads being paved. Mayor Stump reported Mungas will be mobilizing the paving crew this week and paving is supposed to be done next week.

Clerk/Treasurer – I have been working on the annual budget and started the annual RD reports. My daughter is scheduled for hip surgery on September 21<sup>st</sup>. I will have to be out of the office for 2 to 3 weeks during the beginning of her recovery. I will do my best to keep things caught up in the evenings and weekends when there is someone else home with her.

### **Boards and Committees**

MSIT – The Main Street Improvement Team would like to get going on the Town Square Project for the Main Street Park. Currently we do not have a public works person so we will have to hire the project to be done. It was suggested to contact Dan Baril or Philly Saxon.

### **DNRC Briefing – Draft Floodplain Mapping and Adoption Process**

Tiffany Lyden with the DNRC and Alex Hogle with the Madison County Planning Board were at tonight's meeting to present the draft floodplain mapping and understand the flood study process. This project that is funded by FEMA began August 2017. The flood plain map for the Town of Sheridan has not been updated since 1975 which was an "approximate" drawing based on memory. The purpose of the study is to identify what rivers can flood if a "one-hundred-year" rain event occurs. This is important information for the National Flood Insurance Program, current homeowners and future building that may be at risk.

They would like to hold an open house and notify people this may affect. They will be looking for public outreach and input. The timeline projects that it will take another 2 years before the plan will be adopted.

## Public comment on the agenda - None

### New Business

#### 1. Northern Rockies Engineering, Inc. amendment No. 4

Amendment No 4 is for additional services performed by the Engineer after turning the new well on and detecting air in the system. The estimated cost on July 13, 2020 was for an additional \$6,808. Additional system tests were done to evaluate the extent of pressure loss and presence of the air in the system. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the amendment no. 4 for NRE. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

#### 2. RD/TSEP/SRF draw requests

The current draw request is to reimburse Mungas, Great West Engineering and Northern Rockies Engineering for work done on the well and the water distribution project in the month of July. SRF A4 - \$43,956, SRF B7 - \$81,271, TSEP \$1,125 and RD \$8,258.73. Mike Walter moved to approve the draws from SRF/TSEP and RD. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Motion passes unanimously.

#### 3. Hire Mayor Stump as a temporary employee

Councilman Mike Walter would like to propose hiring Mayor Stump on a temporary basis until we can get another public works person hired and trained. The Mayor is out working everyday to see to the needs of the town. He is also the person on call days, nights, and weekends. The council is aware of the possible conflict of interest; however, the position needs to be filled. Mike Walter proposed paying a salary of \$3,466, based on an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour. The rate coincides with our budget. We can do this on an emergency, short term basis and revisit the situation in October. So far, we have received 2 resumes and the ad will go into the paper this week. Corey Theis expressed concern about the public's opinion. Additional discussion with Attorney Kruer. Mike Walter made a motion to hire Robert Stump as a temporary public works employee, on an emergency and short term basis, with a salary of \$3,466 per month, until a permanent employee can be hired; and that any conflict or appearance of conflict is hereby waived; and that this action will be evaluated at the October 2020 council meeting. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **President Mike Walter called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Emilie Sayler voting yes, Corey Theis voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion was approved.

The minutes for the July 20th, 2020 were reviewed. Emilie Sayler moves to approve the meeting minutes and Corey Theis seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Emilie Sayler voting yes, Corey Theis voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes unanimously.

The delinquent utility reports were reviewed and currently there are no shut offs.

### Councils Report

Mike Walter asked about the survey opportunities for the CIP and Growth Plan. Emilie Sayler talked about the young man selling educational books from door to door. Someone reported him to the Sheriff's department because he was visiting with their children.

Mike Walter entertained a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

### **Warrants August 2020**

GINGER GALIGER	2742.26
ROBERT C. STUMP	2854.30
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1535.30
D COMP ST OF MT OF DEFERRED COM	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	2834.62
PERS	1049.14
DEPT OF REVENUE	466.00
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	231.44
ANDY'S SERVICE	736.50

ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	42.00
HEADWATERS RC & D AREA, INC	332.80
RE MILLER & SONS	8634.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	556.14
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	14.56
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	304.51
WEX BANK	537.55
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	102.61
CITI CARDS	709.88
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	3117.80
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1724.52
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	49.52
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	3069.22
RAVEN PUBLISHING, INC	19.00
ROBERT STUMP	300.67
TAMI BURNEY	120.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	97.71
POSTMASTER	140.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	42.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2216.18
ROBERT STUMP	261.36
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS, IN	932.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	26.00
INSURANCE MMIA	759.15
TOTAL	37013.74

Meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

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Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

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Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

