

Regular Town Council Meeting September 14th, 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: Kali Stender, George Trischman, Richard Wang, Mary Pat Graham, Cameron & Carrie Gibson, Rocky & Susan Byers, and Stephanie Kruer were also present.

Pledge

Public Comment Not on the Agenda –

George Trischman owns the liquor store on main street and wanted to bring it to the attention of the council that Rocky and Susan Byers who own the property behind his, is planning on building a solid fence around Rocky's Roadhouse. If this fence goes up, there is no way the 53- foot semi-truck can back up to his back door for deliveries. George will have to start blocking off Main Street every Wednesday when his order arrives. He is also concerned about not having fire access to all of the buildings back there. Susan Byers spoke next and asked George how they received their deliveries when their business was across the street. George said that the driver brings the cases off the truck and then he and his wife have to carry them in. Richard Wang believes that the delivery driver may be a State Agency employee and is only allowed to remove the alcohol from the truck. Susan and Rocky would like to put up a 6- foot high fence for multiple reasons. A fence would stop cars from using the drive- way as an alley, which will help them maintain the condition of the road. They have already had to have it graded once and it is already in bad shape again from the big trucks going back there. It would also block the view of the donation bags that get dumped behind the Reruns and the large trash cans that set directly from their entrance into the restaurant. The fence will have access gates to Richard Wang's property and open access for Dillon Disposal. This is an extra expense to the Byers, but they are trying to be accommodating. They purchased this property, and it is not a public access road. As far as the concern for fire suppression back there, Rahn Abbott said the fire department would not bring a firetruck back there due to it being in a collapse zone and recommended they contact the State Fire Marshall for the regulations of commercial buildings. After much discussion, Corey Theis asked why this was brought to the council, "we don't have any say in the decision." The town does have utility easements through there and the Mayor suggested spray painting where the fence is going to go to get a better idea.

Department Reports

Sheriff – Sheriff Fortner was not present. Mayor Stump read the August 2020 report. The Madison County Sheriff's Officers received 18 calls for service and made 4 traffic stops in the Town of Sheridan. Accidents 2; Animal Problems 1; Disturbance 1; Public Nuisance 1; Suspicious Persons/Circumstances 3; Thefts/Burglaries 1; Threat/Harassment 1; Traffic Complaints/Abandoned Vehicle 1; Trespass Complaints 2; Unfounded 911 Calls 2; Welfare Checks 4 and 1 Wildlife Complaint.

Library – Mayor Stump also read the library report for August. The Pilcrow Foundation grant books are now on display. Dan Kenworthy has not received the rest of the lighting for the LED project. The Mayor announced that the project was completed today. The library is more than half-way in raising funds for the window replacements. They are hosting the Knitting and Newspaper groups, as well as the meditation and yoga classes and a support group which usually meets at the Senior Center. The Ice Cream Social was held at the Main Street Park on September 12th from 2:00 to 4:00.

Attorney – None

Fire Department – Rahn Abbott reported for the Fire Department. Despite all the fires burning around us, we have not been too busy. They did send a crew to Norris to help mop up last month and were also called to the fire on Middle Road last week.

Public Works – Mayor Stump continues to keep up with the watering and mowing the parks. Continuing to work on the vehicles and has been slowly building up the tool supply. Corey Theis asked how the job search has been going and Bob reported that we received a total of 5 applications, and we have 3 interviews scheduled this week. We would like to be able to make an offer by this Friday.

Clerk/Treasurer – The lighting has been replaced in Town Hall and I have also received my stand-up computer mount. Both have been nice upgrades to my office space. The Rural Development reports are complete and submitted. I am still waiting on additional quotes for the fence around the sewer lagoon before I can upload the budget. It is due on October 1st.

Boards and Committees

MSIT – Kali Stender came tonight for the Main Street Improvement Team. They are continuing to move forward with the Main Street park project and wants to continue to coordinate that. Mayor Stump is waiting to hear back from Eric Van Houten, we have a contractor ready to do our part.

Parks District Board – Mary Pat Graham reported for the Parks Board. The board has not received any additional requests for funds. Walters have not gotten back to them about Pickleball. Mary Pat plans on attending the public meeting in October to work with Scott Payne on the park's equipment.

The Ruby Valley Swimming pool had a great year. The attendance was way up and there were no Covid-19 related issues. They have detected a small leak in the pool, and it was losing 1 to 2 inches of water a day. The pool is being monitored each day until the pool drops down to the leak. In early August, the boiler began having problems with the temperature switch and they are waiting for the part. The boiler may need to be replaced next year. Mary Pat thanked Walter's Family Food for donations and Mayor Stump for taking care of the lawn and painting the picnic tables.

Public comment on the agenda - None

New Business

1. Resolution 2020-3 Requesting Distribution of BARSSA Funds

Mayor Stump read the resolution out loud. Emilie Saylor made a motion to adopt resolution 2020-3. Corey Theis 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

There is not a pay application for Mungas at this time and the project is close to being complete. The telemetry system is still not working, and Bob is not satisfied with some of the work that Mungas say is done. The RD reimbursement total is \$11,013.62, August SRF draw is \$8,258.73 and September draw request are for \$2,754.89. Mike Walter moved to approve the draw requests. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Motion passes unanimously.

The minutes of the August 10th and August 31st meeting were reviewed. No comments. Corey Theis moves to approve the meeting minutes from last month and Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

The financials and delinquent utility reports were reviewed and currently there is one utility shut off on the list. Mike Walter moves to approve the financial and delinquent reports. Corey Theis seconded the motion. No further questions. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Councils Report

Emilie Saylor asked about the cross walks near the school not being painted yet this year. With everything else going on Bob forgot. Richard Wang volunteered to help him with that.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stump received a request from a resident about setting up an RV park on the lot next to them. They currently have 4 spaces that were plumbed in with water and sewer years ago and have occasional renters. Per the County, splitting up property to receive an income has to go through a subdivision review. The process may not be worth their time as they only live in Sheridan for part of the year. We need to think about adding a rate structure to our ordinance as our current one does not address RV parks. Mike Walter's would like to see if some decisions, such as this, do not have to go through the County but be left up to the Council. He would like to see growth for the town but some of the Counties processes make it not affordable or timely to builders.

Keith Petersen joined the meeting and is upset about the high speed of traffic. He lives on the corner of Poppleton and Boundary and is afraid that someone is going to get hurt. Bob let him know that the town has asked multiple times for an increase of patrol and he will send them another email. We see speeding throughout the entire town.

Emilie Saylor moves to adjourn tonight's meeting. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Warrants September 2020

RAHN ABBOTT	548.92
GINGER GALIGER	2792.98
CURTIS A. GREEN	2.08
ROBERT C. STUMP	3374.75
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1697.83
MICHAEL W. WALTER	546.92
ED COMP ST OF MT OF DEFERRED COM	100.00
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3572.02
PERS	1344.83
DEPT OF REVENUE	574.00
STATE OF MONTANA UI	83.36
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	228.28
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	30.98
JULIE A. WARD, CPA, PC	175.00
MONTANA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUA	812.00
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1471.04
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	54.05
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	49.74
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	477.08
THE MADISONIAN LLC	124.80
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	14.56
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	124.00
WALTER'S FAMILY FOODS	6.69
WEX BANK	326.77
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	94.94
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	254.45
BADGER METERS, INC	1311.75
BROWN CONTRACTING HEATING & PLUMB	184.76
CITI CARDS	611.90
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	660.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	2565.20
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	3482.16
PAIGEVILLE ACCOUNTING SERVICES LL	450.00
SHOVEL AND SPOON	331.00
TAMI BURNEY	120.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	650.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	68.62
PETTY CASH	90.48
POSTMASTER	195.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	94.12
EMILIE SAYLER	633.95
COREY THEIS	180.70

MMIA HEALTH INS	759.15
MMIA WORKER'S COMP	1373.03
TOTAL	33144.89

Meeting adjourned 7:51 p.m.

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

