

Regular Town Council Meeting April 12, 2021

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

Guests: Stephanie Kruer, Gary Hilliker, Steve & Joyce Dobb, Brad Schwend, Janet Marsh, Torricelly Rodriguez, Jonathan Laurin, Kali Stender, Tymbre R. Stender, Jean Prough, Paul Marsh, Kaylie Theis, Janet Doornbos, Eileen Pearce, Pete Rossiter, Kay Colwell, Mary Pat Graham, Scott Payne, Lewis Burton, Tony Simonsen & Landon Dybdal

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge

Kaylie Theis and Pete Rossiter came to discuss the plans for Sheridan Days tentatively scheduled for July 30th, 31st and August 1st. They would like to set up a non-profit and the funds would go to support improvements to the parks. Sheridan Day's will begin on Thursday night with the Cruise In night, other activities will be held at the baseball park Friday and Saturday and then closing the Main Street down for a concert Saturday evening and ending with brunch at Jacksons Garden Sunday morning. Pete Rossiter would like to see more community engagement. Janet Doornbos feels that many businesses are left out when Sheridan Days is not held at the Library Park.

Janet Marsh – Main Street Park

Janet Marsh is the owner of the Shovel and Spoon which offers homemade meals at an affordable price, located next to the Main Street Park. She believes in recycling, composting and saves food scraps and left-overs to feed farm animals. Janet is here tonight to ask the council to reconsider putting concrete in place of the grass in the Main Street Park. Concrete absorbs the heat which heats up the local environment, where grass has a cooling effect on the environment. She is also concerned about the cement covering up the roots of the Aspen tree and the storm water run-off. Janet would like to see a "green space" and if her and the Main Street Improvement Team cannot come to an agreement, there will have to be a survey done because a portion of the plan is believed to be partially on her property.

Kay Cowell spoke for The Main Street Improvement Team. MSIT took a lot of time and put a lot of thought into this project. Grass in this area has always been hard to grow and maintain. An attractive cement slab would be far less maintenance. MSIT came to town council last July to introduce their plan for the park which the council approved. Mayor Stump thought that they had a great plan and feels that a survey needs to be done before we move forward. This issue will be placed on the agenda for next month.

Public Comment Not on the Agenda – None

Department Reports

Sheriff – In the month of March, there was a total record of 4 records. Traffic stops are not included. 1 Threat; 1 Fire/Smoke; 1 Animal bite and 1 Other call.

Library – none

Attorney – Memo regarding violation of Ordinance 118 – 207 Ruby Street will be discussed later.

Fire Department –Rahn Abbott reported for the month of March. The department received calls for 1 chimney fire and 1 assist with a structure fire in Alder.

Public Works – Duke Gilman passed the 2 water certification tests. Last month Duke and Bob gathered up all the e-waste materials and took them to the Logan Landfill for recycling. They also stopped at the Three Forks wastewater facility that is similar to ours, on a bigger scale.

Clerk/ Treasurer – None

Boards and Committees

MSIT – Changed out the banners and continue to fund raise to replace the banners.

Parks District Board – Mary Pat and Janet both expressed having a shortage of life- guards to cover the pool this summer. If they are unable to fill the positions, they may have to be closed during the weekends. They have not been able to locate the leak in the pool, but the water has not drained down to the lights.

The leak may be in the pipe underground. They could continue to run the pool, but they use a lot of water and electricity to keep the pool heated. James Schrank will continue working on these issues.

Fire Station Association – Mike reported Dawn Marie Buttrey and Jim Fordyce joined the Fire Fighters Association. Creating a Go Fund Me was also discussed at the last meeting.

Public comment on the agenda – None

New Business

1. Scott Payne to discuss the CIP and Growth Policy - Discussion

Northern Rockies Engineering and WWC Engineering have been working on developing the Growth Policy and Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Sheridan. The County approved the Growth Policy at their last months meeting. Scott Payne and Lewis Burton are here tonight to discuss the matrix of the Capital Improvement Plan, starting with the highest to the lowest priority. The pool ranked very high, Tony Simonsen and Landon Dybdal came to discuss their ideas. Tony feels that Sheridan is a unique community and if we can bring some of these small groups together, we could consolidate to form one facility to hold a community center, pool, and gym into one. The ladies from the Park and Recreation Board know how hard it has been to keep the pool running financially and the expense of the upkeep of the facility.

Scott's job was to determine the needs of the community by taking surveys, interviewing folks, and holding public meetings. He is still interested in public comments and would like to receive those comments by April 30th. Next month the Town will be holding a public hearing to address the 2 resolutions to pass the Growth Policy and the Capital Improvement Plan.

Some of the high priority needs are a generator for the PWS ballfield wells, storage tank and SCADA system. Wildlife management plan for the deer population in town. PWS capacity analysis, O&M manual, hydraulic model, and well rehabilitation/replacement strategy. Wastewater system infiltration analysis and corrective measures. Six new SCBAs for the fire department. The town will not be able to do everything at once and we are not held to do anything in a particular order. New playground equipment, roads and equipment for public works continues to rank high as well.

2. Jonathan Laurin – 207 Ruby Street

Jonathan Laurin came tonight with a POA letter from his father Michael Laurin which he read aloud to the council. This letter allows Jonathan the ability to make decisions regarding the utilities at 207 Ruby Street. Jonathon is here to plead his case to the council and be forgiven the \$90.00 monthly fees being charged to the house at 207 Ruby Street, that is unlivable at this time. He does not have the money to remodel the home to make it habitable and the electric company will not turn the services back on. The town has offered Michael Laurin the option of severing and capping the line. There is one meter on the property that serves both 207 & 207 1/2, discussion of the town to sever the line and install separate meters to each home. The town did not receive an answer from Michael and a lien was filed on the property. As of today, the bill has been paid in full and a lien release has been sent to the County.

Corey Theis has been paying a \$90.00 monthly service fee for the past year on a house that he has been remodeling while no-one has been living there. Corey feels that it would be good to sever the line at this time and when the house is ready to be hooked back up, the owner will have to pay the hook up fee. Rahn Abbott agrees with Corey, we need to stick with what our ordinance says. The town has already spent a lot of money on this issue, and it will cost much more to replace the meter and redo the service line. The public works department will meet with Jonathan to see what else can be done to make the shut off permanent. Corey Theis moves to *TABLE* this for one month and wave the fees for one month bill cycle until the town's public works can assess the situation. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion to *TABLE* the topic passes unanimously.

3. American Tower offer for site at the dump

Mayor Stump discussed the history of the lease agreement. At this time American Tower is trying to renegotiate the most recent agreement in order to reduce their costs, nation-wide. Currently the town receives \$8,694.55 each year with a 3% increase. American Tower is offering a one-time signing bonus of \$5,000 and a \$400 per month payment or a one-time payout of \$100,157 in exchange of a perpetual easement. Corey Theis asked, "why would we be willing to take less money?" Discussion. Rahn Abbott made a motion to counteroffer with extending the current lease with the 3% increase. Corey Theis seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

4. Pledged Securities for the 1st quarter

Mayor Stump reviewed the analysis reflecting that there is sufficient number of pledged securities to the Town of Sheridan. Emilie Sayler moves to approve the pledged securities as sufficient. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

The meetings minutes from March 8th were reviewed. Corey Theis moves to approve the minutes from March 8th. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

The financials and utility delinquent reports were reviewed. Mike Walter moves to accept the financials and utility delinquent reports as presented. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Councils Report

Emilie Sayler reported that baseball is up and going and the fields are in good shape. There is a need for concession stands during games as most games do not get over until after 8:00 pm and all the businesses are closed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stump talked about filing for the open election seats that will be coming up. Mike Walter holds the only position that is not up for elections. Ginger will keep them posted on the dates.

Mike Walter moves to adjourn tonight's meeting. Corey Theis seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:22 p.m.

Warrants April 2021

GINGER GALIGER	2804.06
DUKE GILMAN	3396.98
ROBERT C. STUMP	2857.55
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1653.33
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3535.12
DEPT OF REVENUE	620.00
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
PERS	1790.23
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	227.89
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	50.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	42.00
MMIA	79.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	5.54
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	113.57
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	148.49
WALTER'S FAMILY FOODS	19.40
WEX BANK	498.61
SOUTHWEST FENCE	7680.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	22.00
FRANKLIN ROOTER INC. DBA ROTO ROO	25.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	10934.70
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	598.78
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	91.12
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1993.47

UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	27.30
MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC	150.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	94.47
CITI CARDS	908.10
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
TAMI BURNEY	120.00
FIRE STATION SOFTWARE, LLC	135.00
G & E DEVELOPMENT LLC	1500.00
POSTMASTER	144.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	910.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	860.56
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1717.05
INS. MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	1477.15
TOTAL	47606.47

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

