

Regular Town Council Meeting April 9, 2018 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 Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Dan Durham and Public Works Director Curtis Green and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Geoff Hamill from the Madisonian, Eileen Pearce, Ben Hitchcock, Sheriff Roger Thompson, Mary Pat Graham, Janet Doornbos and William Talbott

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment not on the Agenda - none

Department Reports

Sheriff

Roger Thompson reviewed the 46.25 hours spent in Sheridan during the month of March 2018. Officers responded to 10 calls and made 6 traffic stops. 1 animal problem; 1 citizen assist; 1 disturbance; 1 missing person; 1 public nuisance; 2 suspicious persons/circumstances; 1 theft/burglary; 1 unfounded 911 calls; 1 vandalism/criminal mischief.

Library

The library continues to look for an assistant through the Experienced Work Program and is asking for the Council's support in the upcoming budget to help with the additional cost.

The new computers are all up and running. Callaway's are donating an additional 3 computers.

Bill will be attending the State Library Conference in Bozeman on April 11th and 13th, the library will be closed those days.

The library will be having a book sale beginning on Friday until the end of April.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock reported – March being a slow month. The department did a slash burn at Woodson's Ranch over the weekend. On April 14th they will begin the construction on the training building.

The compressor will be here this week. The 501c3 has been approved for the Fire Department Association. We will also be meeting with USDA RD on Thursday, there is a \$50,000 grant available.

Public Works

Curtis Green – Public works department have been cleaning the storm drains and getting the meter pit in for 319 W. Poppleton St.

Clerk

MMIA's final rate adjustments are a 3.7% increase from last year, raising health insurance premiums from \$594 to \$615.98.

Ginger will be attending Clerk's Institute in Billings the week of May 6th.

Boards and Committees

Park District Board

Janet Doornbos- we're gearing up for the summer season. The pool still needs life guards, training is provided. The baseball club has asked for some financial assistance from the park district. There are some costly repairs that need to be made at the pool before they can open.

Mary Pat Graham reviewed the structure repairs and estimated costs with the Council. There are cracks in the cinder blocks due to the age of the building and weather, mostly in the dressing rooms. Jack Bieler gave an estimate of \$2000, he will donate his own time and supplies but needs to pay his crew. Jason Hardy gave an estimate of \$5500 for repairs, 3 coats of paint and seal. The pool cover and rollers also need to be replaced for \$4000 to \$5000. We are looking at about \$12,000 in repairs just to open this year. The sand filter system will also need to be replaced soon and that is \$10,000.

Eileen suggested if the town, parks district and pool committee can split the cost we can make it work. We all agree that we need to do whatever it takes to keep our pool open. It's important for the kids to have something to do during the summer. The pool is scheduled to open June 16th with a BBQ.

Public Comment on the Agenda - none

Old Business

1. Lease agreement between the Town of Sheridan and the Park Board for the Pool

Mary Pat reviewed some of the verbiage in the lease agreement that she would like to see changed. The Town agrees to provide \$4000 with an additional \$4000 worth of in-kind services. Mary Pat is asking that the area around the gazebo also gets mowed, so they don't have to hire someone else to do it. Curtis agreed to do that. Mayor Stump feels that we should approve it as we are all working together on this.

No further discussion. Mike Walter moves to sign the lease agreement between the Town of Sheridan and the Park Board for the Pool. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passed.

New Business

1. Task Order No. 8- Transmission Line with Great West Engineering

Great West Engineering is the towns on-call Engineering Services and Mayor Stump has called on them to provide the design, bidding and construction services for the new transmission main in hopes of having the new well and transmission line up and running by the end of the summer.

The Council reviewed the scope of work and has concerns on the cost estimate. Dan Durham is concerned about the additional cost if we will be dealing with wetlands. We may be spending a lot of money to get the project done and we still may not be online before the end of watering season. Mike Walter would like to put bids out to find a less expensive engineering firm. This process takes a lot of time.

Northern Rockies completed an Earthquake Water Supply Impact study for submittal to USDA RD for possible emergency funding. Mayor Stump will be meeting with Laura Sattler this Thursday. We may qualify for the funding, but it won't be a fast process and there are still a lot of unknowns.

Mayor Stump talked about well 3 still is not producing. They plan on taking the pump out of well 1 and replace it in well 3 at a different elevation. We will need DEQ's approval. If that works, we will attempt to rehab well 5.

Rahn Abbott made a motion to accept Great West Task Order 1-5, bidding services, pending further project definition. The cost shall not exceed the itemized costs of Task 1-5 defined in the schedule of fees. Dan Durham seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

2. Rate Analysis Software with Black Mountain

Mayor Stump and Ginger Galiger participated in rate structure demonstration through Black Mountain Software. The benefit of the program is you can look at individual customers to see how changes effect individual bills. The cost of the program is \$1575 with a \$30 maintenance fee per year. Ginger feels that with the information the we have from Montana Rural Waters this program is not worth the cost. We would benefit from it temporarily then not use it again for another year or two.

Mayor Stump would like to use a tiered rate increase which will demonstrate water conservation. That is important to the Morris Land Company and part of our agreement with them.

Dan Durham made a motion not to purchase the rate analysis software. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

The minutes from March 19, 2018 were reviewed by the council. Mike Walter moves to accept the minutes as presented. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passed.

The financial and delinquent reports were reviewed. Dan Durham moves to approve the reports as presented. Rahn Abbott seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Dan Durham voting yes. The motion passed.

Council Reports

Mayors Report

There is a process that has to take place to increase our rates and we will hold a public meeting. Next month's meeting we will do the resolution of intent. Mayor Stump will meet with Attorney Krueer in the morning regarding the easements.

Warrants April 2018

GINGER GALIGER	2436.63
CURTIS A. GREEN	2708.22
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1141.38
ROBERT C. STUMP	73.49
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1303.69
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
EFTPS	1873.33
PERS	2099.56
DEPT OF REVENUE	561.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	237.09
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	80.30
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	316.25
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	22665.12
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	9444.73
L&J PLUMBING, INC.	313.58
MADISON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT	1319.53
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	202.85
MMIA	79.00
MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY	2968.39
MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	415.00

SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	220.86
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	508.25
WEX BANK	644.15
CITI CARDS	881.58
DEQ-PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE	800.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	315.00
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	7128.00
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	8552.83
MERIDIAN LAND SURVEYING, INC	3800.00
MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	65.00
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	110.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	322.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	13229.75
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	434.99
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DEC LIGHTS	87.71
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1904.92
POSTMASTER	189.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	123.99
ADVANCED PUMP & EQUIPMENT, INC	13190.39
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	22.54
FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS, LLC	339.62
L. N. CURTIS & SONS	210.03
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	244.02
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2896.60
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	10.92
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	604.79
MT MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	2575.15
TOTAL	109997.23

The Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

 Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

 Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

