

## **Public Hearing for Preliminary 2019-2020 Budget**

Postponed to a later date.

### **Regular Town Council Meeting August 12, 2019 at 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 and Rahn Abbott and Emilie Saylor were present. Public Works Director Curtis Green, Fire Chief Ben Hitchcock and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Rocky and Susan Byers, Stephanie Kruer

#### **Pledge**

The preliminary budget needs to be postponed, we have not received comment back from the accountant and the library board still needs to approve their budget. Temporarily it will be scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Sheriff** – The Madison County Sheriff's Department received 32 calls for service and made 39 traffic stops in the Town of Sheridan in June-July 2019. Sheriff Phillip Fortner was not here to review the report.

**Library** – None

#### **Fire Department**

Chief Ben Hitchcock gave the report for the Fire Department. They had 5 calls last month; 1 brush/grass fire, 1 natural gas leak, 1 power line down, 1 gas detector, 1 grass fire above Mill Creek and 1 wild land fire mutual aid call. The department has acquired a new pumper truck from the Department of Defense that was free to them other than \$3,100 to transport it from Arizona. The truck is currently in Butte having new signs and stripes put on it. They hope to have it in service by the end of this month. The equipment off of the old truck will be placed in the new truck and they will be able to sell the old truck.

#### **Public Works**

Curtis Green report the vandalism in the park. The ICE House had a cooler in the park from Sheridan Days and the door was kicked in. Trash cans were dump over and trash was scattered all over. It is under investigation. FFA will sandblast the sander as a school project and the chain needs to be replaced in preparation for the winter. The bollard's have been placed in front of the Prospector and the new lamp post will be installed as soon as the electrician is available.

**Clerk** – This summer there has been a lot of water and sewer change overs. Working on the budget.

#### **Board and Committees**

**MSIT**- None

**Park District Board**-None

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

#### ***New Business***

*1. Final Adoption of the 2019-2020 Budget – Postponed until August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00*

*2. Wage increase for the Mayor*

The Council discussed the wage comparison from other towns our size. The current Mayor makes \$424.36 per month and puts in many hours every day, on call 24-7 and is involved in every aspect of the many projects that we have going on. This wage increase will only be for Mayor Stump and will be reevaluated upon his term expiring. Rahn Abbott moves to increase the Mayors wage by 20%. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. With no further discussion, **Mike Walter called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes, and Emilie Saylor voting yes. The motion passes.

*3. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Amendment to Ordinance #113 – Prohibiting Acts Which Disturb the Peace*

The adoption of the Amendment to Ordinance 113 was TABLED during last months meeting until we talked to the potential buyers of the Mill Creek Inn. Rocky and Susan Buyers were in attendance tonight and discussed their plans for the future of the property.

Mayor Stump read the amendment and the expectations out loud. At last months meeting a resident sent in a letter, opposing the amendment to the ordinance. Bob Brannon feels that outdoor music should be moved indoors no later than 9:00 p.m. Rocky explained that they will not have any outdoor music after 10:00 p.m. on any given night and during the off season all music will be indoors. During the first discussion, the council felt it important to put a time frame in the ordinance but did not want to exclude Sheridan Days which does go on until 12:00 a.m.

Emilie Saylor and Mike Walter have had people express their concerns. Attorney Kruer feels that this is not unreasonable. If this is not a suitable amendment, down the road it can be changed. The Amendment to the Ordinance will go into effect 30 days after adoption.

Mike Walter moved to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #113. Emilie Saylor seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

*4. Three Year Contract Agreement with Amatics CPA Group*

The Town of Sheridan has used Amatics CPA Group to conduct our annual audits for numerous years. Our last 3-year contract has expired, Ginger requested a new contract with the cost for budget purposes. They have always done a good job and they are easy to work with they are also familiar with us as an entity. Emilie Saylor moves to contract with Amatics CPA Group for the next 3 years. Rahn Abbott seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

*5. Resolution 2019-3 A Resolution of Intention to Cancel the November 2019 General Elections*

Montana rules allow towns to cancel the election if no-one files as a write in. They have until September 3<sup>rd</sup> to do so. This resolution lets the County know of our intent. Being able to cancel the elections, saves the town \$800. Mike Walter moves to approve Resolution 2019-3 Intention to Cancel the November 2019 General Elections. Emilie Saylor seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

*6. Pledged Securities for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter*

Mayor Stump reviewed the analysis which reflects sufficient pledged securities. Ginger explained that one security has been removed and replaced with additional securities as there has been a shortfall in the past. Each quarter I would have to contact Opportunity Bank, going forward we should be in good shape. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the Pledged Securities as presented. Emilie Saylor seconded. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

The minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup> cannot be approved without Dan Durham.

The financials and delinquent utility report for the end of July were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moved to approve the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Council Reports** – Rahn Abbott asked about the empty, unmaintained lots around town with tall weeds, grass, junk cars and old buildings ready to fall down. This creates a fire hazard and how can we get people to maintain their lots? Mayor Stump suggested having the fire department talk with them and Curtis suggested getting the County involved. Discussion.

Mike Walter asked how the rehab to well 1 was doing. Mayor Stump reported that the well has been back on for about 3 weeks and putting out 80 gallons per minute. They are still having some problems with the VFD going into a fault mode and not kicking the pump on. The water usage in the last 10 days has been down. Mike Walter would like to back off on the watering restrictions and let people green up their lawns and increase town revenues. Discussion.

**Mayors Report** – Mayor Stump reported on the new well. They are on the last step of developing the well. Currently it is pumping 300 gallons per minute approximately. When the pump is placed it will pump more. They need to find a 175 kw generator to rent to perform the aquifer test.

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

**Warrants August 2019**

GINGER GALIGER	2664.74
CURTIS A. GREEN	2886.66
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1298.20
ROBERT C. STUMP	237.67
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1584.80
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3930.30
DEPT OF REVENUE	646.00
DEFERRED COMP - JULY	100.00
PERS - JULY	2477.61
DEFERRED COMP - AUG	100.00
PERS - AUG	2367.76
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	227.53
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	25.00
COLDWATER DRILLING & PUMPS	26516.16
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	1260.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	2873.56
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DEC LIGHT	48.59
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	42.24
REX OLSON TRUCKING INC	3100.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	591.20
THE MADISONIAN LLC	292.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATE	38.22
WALTER'S IGA	27.25
WEX BANK	589.09
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	104.84
CITI CARDS	1422.05
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	187.27
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2321.13
POSTMASTER	195.00
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	150.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	48.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	96.59
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	200.66
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	42.91
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	79.98
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	385.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	884.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC	303.10
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	4010.96
OCLC, INC.	476.14
RE MILLER & SONS	277.50
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	680.74

MMIA HEALTH INS	2859.15
COLDWATER DRILLING & PUMPS	69683.84
TOTAL	138728.44

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

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Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk







