

Regular Town Council Meeting December 9, 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 Dan Durham, Emilie Saylor, Rahn Abbott and Mike Walter. Clerk Ginger Galiger and Ben Hitchcock were present.

Guests: Stephanie Kruer, Jean Prough, Zachary Thompson, Mark McLaughlin, Phillip Fortner, Cory & Kaylie Theis.

Pledge

Public Comment not on the Agenda – Mark McLaughlin addressed the Council with the issue of snow removal on the Main Street sidewalks. Mark has always tried to do his part by plowing when he can but doesn't always have the time to do so and feels that it should be the towns responsibility. The snow and ice on the sidewalks are a liability to the town. Per Town's ordinance, the responsibility falls on the property owner and or business owner. If the town starts plowing for one individual, then it is expected from all the others. Discussion.

Department Reports

Sheriff – Sheriff Phillip Fortner read the Sheriff's report. Madison County Sheriff's office received 12 calls and made 1 traffic stops in the month of November 2019. Calls consisted of Accidents 1; Animal Problems 1; Citizen Assist 2; Coroner Calls 2; Suspicious Persons/ Circumstances 2; Threat/Harassment 1; Trespass Complaint 1; Unfounded 911 Calls 2.

Library – Mayor Stump read the Library report. In October they hosted the Garden Club, Knitting Club, Historic Newspaper Group and Book Club. The Library also hosted Joan Bird on the 27th for a Humanities Montana program on UFOs and Extraterrestrials in Montana, which attracted an audience of 47. The Library is hosting free Meditation Classes on the first and third Mondays, at 5:15, and will hold a session of yoga instruction on December 1.

Attorney – Attorney Kruer reported being contacted by 2 separate homeowners regarding their water bill. Both individuals have more than one dwelling are being charged 2 separate bills and are not happy about it. That is the way our ordinance reads.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock reported for the Fire Department having one gas odor call in the month of November. The new truck is now in service and ready to be put to use.

Public Works

Ben Hitchcock reported for public works. Curtis is out and currently recovering from knee surgery. Ben has been working on equipment maintenance and repair. Just received our lead and copper sample results.

Clerk – Craig Shepherd is done with the Annual Financial Report and it has been uploaded to the State. The field work for the audit will be December 18th. The Clerk for the Town of Twin Bridges would like to know if our Council would be interested in taking a 2-hour course put on by Dan Clark for MSU Local Government Services. If there is enough interest with the surrounding towns, we can split the cost 4 ways.

Board and Committees

MSIT- Jean Prough reported that the Main Street Improvement Team switched out the banners and decorated the planters in time for the Christmas Stroll this weekend.

Park District Board - None

Public Comment on the Agenda – None

New Business

1. *Approval of draw request from RD for the Transmission main \$334,845.50 and from TSEP and SRF for the Distribution \$70,590.53*

The Contractor's application for payment was reviewed by Mayor Stump along with a breakdown of the bid items. A good part of the cost is for the materials that have already been ordered. The Mayor updated the Council on the work that has been done so far.

Dan Durham moves to approve the draw request from TSEP/SRF and RD for a total of \$405,436.03. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion was approved.

2. Ruby Valley Conservation District Livestock Carcass Composting Facility - Discussion

Mayor Stump and Steve Primm met with DEQ last month at the dumpsite and was formally given the go ahead to submit the final design for the composting facility. Steve Primm was notified on Thursday from DEQ that there was concern about the location. The distance from the facility to the standing water has to be 150 feet away. The Mayor went out to the site and does not believe there is another spot that will work for the facility. Steve has been unable to reach DEQ at this time but will let the Mayor know when he does.

The minutes from November 12, 2019 were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the minutes as presented. Emilie Saylor seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Dan Durham voted yes, Rahn Abbott voted yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The minutes were approved.

The financials from both the main checking account and the new project account along with the delinquent utility report for the end of November were reviewed. Mike Walter moves to accept the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes.

Mayor Stump swore in Emily Saylor for an additional 2- year term. He also swore in Daniel Durham and Mike Walter for another 4-year term. Mayor Stump thanked them all.

Council Reports – Nothing

Mayors Report – Update on Curtis’ knee surgery and recovery.

Rahn Abbott moves to adjourn the meeting. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

Warrants December 10, 2019

GINGER GALIGER	2620.65
CURTIS A. GREEN	2912.48
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1425.95
ROBERT C. STUMP	161.29
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1507.88
EFTPS	3946.69
DEPT OF REVENUE	652.00
DEFERRED COMP	100.00
PERS	2386.45
UI STATE OF MONTANA	107.53
MMIA	79.00
BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	47.39
CRAIG A. SHEPHERD	3000.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	40.00
ESRI	400.00
JDL CONSTRUCTION, INC.	406.50
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	195.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	4569.28
MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC	200.00
MT DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION-LGS	550.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	4000.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	3693.48
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2839.23

SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	354.26
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	10.92
VERIZON WIRELESS	97.29
WEX BANK	228.72
YELLOWSTONE WATER WORKS	650.99
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	233.07
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	95.10
CITI CARDS	246.08
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, LLC	1468.17
FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS, LLC	570.01
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	146.21
McLEOD MERCANTILE	6.51
MIDCO DIVING & MARINE SERVICES, I	200.00
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	100.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	104.58
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1789.73
ROBERT STUMP	33.48
TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE	120.00
US BANK-Spa Lockbox	8395.00
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	189.43
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	41.75
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	720.00
GREATER RV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &	55.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	676.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	180.00
POSTMASTER	140.00
U.S. BANK TRUST SPA LOCKBOX CM969	12460.46
VERIZON WIRELESS	98.75
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	21.20
CORE & MAIN LP	103.13
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2920.08
POSTMASTER	55.00
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	723.32
HEALTH INSURANCE MMIA	2859.15
WORKER'S COMP MMIA	1618.16
TOTAL	73848.35

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

