

Regular Town Council Meeting July 8, 2019 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, Mike Walter and Rahn Abbott were present. Fire Chief Ben Hitchcock and Clerk Ginger Galiger were present.

Guests: Steve Wood and Hannah Kears with the Madisonian

Pledge

Opening of sealed bids of surplus items

Public Comment not on the Agenda - None

Department Reports

Sheriff – None

Library – In May, the library hosted Legal Services and other agencies. Bill attended the DPHHS Mental Health First Aid training in VC for certification. On July 7th, The Friends of the Sheridan Library hosted More Wolverines by Kalon Baughan. 74 people attended.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Hitchcock gave the report for the Fire Department. They had 3 calls last month. 1 illegal building fire, 1 brush fire on Tuke Lane and 1 carbon monoxide detect. Sheridan Fire Department is not hosting Sheridan days this year. Dan Durham asked about the USDA RD grant. Still waiting on quotes and the issue of the department being ran by the rural and town may be an issue.

Public Works

Mayor Stump reviewed the Public Works Report. They did not have a chance to start the sewer cleaning last month. Will continue to work on rehabbing well #1 and hope to have it on-line by the end of the week. Will continue to sample for lead and copper. Still waiting on the permit for the bollards for the light post.

Clerk – We will be working on 2019/2020 budget.

Board and Committees

MSIT- None

Park District Board-None

Public Comment on the Agenda – none

New Business

1. 2nd reading of Amendment to Ordinance #113 – Prohibiting Acts Which Disturb the Peace

Mayor Stump described the purpose of the amendment and read the changes to the original. There is a resident interested in purchasing the Mill Creek Inn and would like to have live music outdoors every Friday and Saturday night during the months of May through September. The council wanted to amend the ordinance to define the allowable hours of 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and up to and until 12:00 midnight on any Friday and Saturday night.

Bob Brannon wrote a letter opposing the amendment and feels that the outdoor music needs to be moved indoors at a more reasonable time, 8:00 or 9:00 would be less intrusive.

Dan Durham feels that if he was a neighbor to the Mill Creek, he would be unhappy about it. We haven't had any public attend the last 2 readings. Rahn Abbott feels that if we don't put a time frame on it then it could go all hours of the night. Without City Court, the Ordinance does not have any teeth. Mayor Stump has not heard from the potential buyers of the property, so we are not certain that this is still his plan or not.

Dan Durham moves to TABLE the approval of the 2nd reading until we talk to the potential buyer to see what his plans are. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Dan Durham voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

2. Allow Steve Wood to perform due diligence at Town dump prior to pursuing land acquisition

Steve Wood is proposing to take a bob cat on the town's property near the dump, to remove the sage brush and river rock to see what kind of ground is there. They may be able to determine where the old dump site is at. There will be no expense to the town. Dan Durham moves to allow Steve Wood to perform due diligence at the town dump to see what is there. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting, Dan Durham voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

3. COLA increase for town employees

Ginger Galiger reported that according to MACo the cost of living increase is 2.4% and per BLS Consumer Price Index is 3.1%. Health insurance went from \$615 to \$655 per person, per month for FY 2019/2020. Mike Walter feels that 3% is a fair increase, that is what we usually receive. Mayor Stump needs an increase. Currently he is paid \$424.36 per month. Mayor Stump works more than 40 hours per week for the town. All of his hard work is much appreciated, and we are very lucky to have him. Dan Durham would like to see a comparison on what other town's our size pay their employee's and Mayors. Ginger will provide that next month to determine a fair increase for the Mayor. Rahn Abbott moves to go ahead with a 3% increase for employees and look into the budget and research for the Mayors wages for this coming budget year. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting, Dan Durham voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes.

The minutes from the June 10th and July 1st meeting were reviewed. Rahn Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dan Durham seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion carried unanimously.

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

Council Reports – Mike Walter asked if anyone will be grazing their cows near the lagoon. On a temporary basis we could to prevent fire issues, until construction starts. Rodney Braaten usually does it through a contract.

Mayors Report – We are still waiting on the casing for the well. We are hopeful in getting well #1 back on-line this week. Today we shock chlorinated and a sample will go to Energy Lab in the morning. The variable drive for the pump will be here tomorrow. A resident down on Park street observed someone dumping their camp trailer down the sewer manhole. This is NOT allowed. The alarm on the lift station went off last evening. They had to replace the pump and Dan Kenworthy rewired it back in.

Curtis asked the council if they have given parallel parking on Flick Lane anymore thought. It is difficult to snowplow when the road is so narrow. It is mainly one resident that owns many vehicles. Curtis has tried talking to the owner. Perhaps it would help if the council wrote him a letter.

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

Warrants July 2019

GINGER GALIGER	2747.57
CURTIS A. GREEN	2926.61
BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK	1501.35
ROBERT C. STUMP	83.90
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1640.57
EFTPS	4078.17
DEPT OF REVENUE	681.00
MMIA	79.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	228.03
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	50.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	7.95
BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE, INC.	7415.00

ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	390.00
MMCT & FOA	50.00
MMIA PROPERTY PROGRAM	5338.38
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	43.10
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	34.62
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	111.96
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	16.38
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	52.23
WALTER'S IGA	4.49
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	98.61
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	110.00
MMIA LIABILITY	6495.00
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	1954.83
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	1807.67
OVERDRIVE, INC	798.21
POSTMASTER	140.00
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING USA	311.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	96.59
DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	31.00
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	20.00
GRAHAM DRILLING, INC.	11582.69
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	300.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	1508.00
MONTANA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUA	60.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	3673.04
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	12.90
LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC	748.45
MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE	2859.15
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	13330.90
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	1073.00
SOUTHWEST FENCE	2450.00
TOTAL	77217.35

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved: Robert Stump, Mayor

Attest: Ginger Galiger, Clerk

