

## **Regular Town Council Meeting February 10, 2020**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Stump at 6:04 p.m. Council members Mike Walter, Emilie Sayler and Rahn Abbott were present. Dan Durham is absent. Clerk Ginger Galiger and Ben Hitchcock were also present.

Guests: Phillip Fortner and Stephanie Kruer were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Public Comment Not on the Agenda -None**

#### **Department Reports**

##### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Phil Fortner reviewed the report for January 2020. During the month they received 13 calls for service and made 11 traffic stops in the Town of Sheridan. The calls consisted of 1 Accident, 1 Animal Problem, 1 Assault, 1 Citizen Assist, 2 Fraud/ Scams, 3 Suspicious Persons/Circumstances, 1 Threat/Harassment, 2 Unfounded 911 calls and 1 Welfare check.

**Library** - None

**Attorney** - None

##### **Fire Department**

Ben Hitchcock reported for the Fire Department. The department received 1 sprinkler activation call, 1 vehicle fire and a call when a vehicle hit a power pole. On average there have been 6 volunteers responding to the calls. As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, Ben will be stepping down from Chief and leaving the Fire Department.

The ISO inspection was done today, and the insurance rating will stay the same. In June, the flow rate test will be done on 6 hydrants and at that time they will receive a final report. This inspection is done every 5 years.

##### **Public Works**

In Curtis' absence, Ben Hitchcock reported for Public Works. Mungas Company is currently on winter shut down. The winter snowfall has been keeping them busy with plowing. Ben is resigning his position with the town on April 15<sup>th</sup> as he has accepted another job out of state. He would like for us to get someone else hired in time to have a chance to job shadow in the maintenance and upkeep of vehicle and machinery.

**Clerk** – None

#### **Boards and Committees**

**MSIT** - None

**Park Board** - None

**Public comment on the agenda** - None

#### **New Business**

##### *1. CDBG Grant match for the Growth Policy and Capital Improvement Plan*

Northern Rockies Engineering applied for a \$50,000 CDBG Planning Grant and the town agreed to spend \$16,500 for the match in preparation of the Growth Policy and Capital Improvement Plan. We were notified on January 15, 2020 that the town was awarded \$30,000. Mayor Stump is asking the Council if the matching funds from the town should be reduced to \$10,000. If we do that, we will not have enough money to complete both the Growth Policy and CIP.

Mike Walter moves to keep our match of \$16,700 for the Growth Policy and the Capital Improvement Plan. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes, Mike Walter voting and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

##### *2. SRF/TSEP/RD Draw requests*

The following draw request for SRF of \$2,927.00, TSEP \$1,660.25 and RD \$228,925.12. The majority of the funds to be paid to Mungas for the work and supplies purchased this far. \$29,000 is due to Great West

Engineering, mostly for inspection services. Mayor Stump updated the Council on what will take place when Mungas resumes work this spring.

Rahn Abbott moves to approve the draw requests for SRF/TSEP and RD. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

*3. Discussion – Dedication of the pool to a long-time contributor*

Mayor Stump received a request from Mary Pat Graham with the Pool Club. The Park and Pool Club would like to give recognition to Dr. Warren Swager. Mary Pat was unable to attend tonight's and the Mayor is not certain what they have in mind. Possibly a plaque or renaming the pool. According to Attorney Kruer, there is really nothing that the "town" needs to do.

The minutes from January 10, 2020 cannot be approved in Dan Durham's absence.

The delinquent utility report and the financials for both the main checking and project account for the end of January were reviewed. No questions or comments. Mike Walter moves to accept the financials and utility delinquent reports as presented. Rahn Abbott seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

**Councils Report**

Mayor Stump reported for Dan Durham's concern of speeding cars up and down Water Street. Mayor Stump discussed this with Sheriff Fortner to come up with a possible solution of putting up an electric speed sign to get drivers attention. Mike Walter would like to find a way to pave some roads after the project is done to save on some mobility costs. Emilie Saylor gave an update on the baseball park and the current needs and goals.

**Mayors Report** -None

Rahn Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Saylor voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Warrants February 2020**

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| GINGER GALIGER                    | 2437.63 |
| CURTIS A. GREEN                   | 2543.11 |
| BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK                | 1319.72 |
| ROBERT C. STUMP                   | 161.29  |
| WILLIAM TALBOTT                   | 1444.00 |
| MMIA                              | 79.00   |
| AMATICS CPA GROUP                 | 8800.00 |
| AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.      | 44.53   |
| INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS              | 926.71  |
| MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.            | 100.00  |
| MT DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY       | 31.00   |
| NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC | 781.50  |
| NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS,INC       | 1291.90 |
| NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI | 105.08  |
| NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER         | 2250.88 |
| SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC           | 404.25  |
| THE MADISONIAN LLC                | 117.00  |
| UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE | 14.56   |
| VERIZON WIRELESS                  | 96.93   |
| WEX BANK                          | 376.29  |
| 3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)       | 109.77  |
| CITI CARDS                        | 518.74  |
| CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE, INC      | 123.17  |

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| MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY       | 65.00    |
| NORTH WESTERN ENERGY             | 276.00   |
| POSTMASTER                       | 195.00   |
| TAMI'S CLEANING SERVICE          | 120.00   |
| WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE            | 96.28    |
| WALTER'S IGA                     | 22.98    |
| A+ ELECTRIC MOTOR, INC           | 5016.00  |
| DARK HORSE OUTFITTERS            | 522.45   |
| JOHN M. WARREN, INC.             | 325.35   |
| KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.            | 910.00   |
| L. N. CURTIS & SONS              | 84.00    |
| MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC | 185.00   |
| MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER      | 415.00   |
| LEE & ASSOCIATES LLC             | 687.91   |
| MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE            | 2859.15  |
| TOTAL                            | 35857.18 |

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

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Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

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Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

