

Regular Town Council Meeting August 9th, 2021

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Stump, Council members Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Emilie Saylor were present along with Clerk, Ginger Galiger and Duke Gilman, Public Works.

Guests: Mike Dietrich and Stephanie Kruer

Pledge

Public Comments not on the Agenda - None

Department Reports

Sheriff – There were 21 calls/traffic stops in the month of June 2021 and 29 calls/traffic stops for the month of July 2021. Mayor Stump read through the reports.

Library – Recently some of the shingles have blown off the roof of the library. Duke contacted a roofing company to determine if it could be repaired. The roof was found to have hail damage and needs replacing. Ginger filed a claim with MMIA and an adjustor was sent out. We are waiting to hear back.

Attorney – None

Fire Department –Mike Dietrich reported on the 8 calls the department received in the month of July 2021.

Public Works – Duke Gilman reported that while R.E. Miller was here grading the roads, it gave him the opportunity to practice grading and he is feeling more comfortable doing so. A new meter pit was placed on Gourley Lane. Weed spraying around the aerated lagoon. Put well one online however, it is not pumping water and we think it may be the setting in the VFD. The sprinkler at the pool had a blow-out that was temporarily repaired. We will replace it this fall. The backflow preventer came apart during the night and a steady stream of water flowed down Poppleton St. and a portion of the road had to be repaired from the washout. The pivot pump is ready to be turned on when Bradley is ready. Out of the 3 cells there is not quite 2 full at this time. The hydrants on Jefferson St have been blown out.

Clerk/ Treasurer – Ginger reported that the bank has fulfilled their required pledged securities with a cushion of \$46,153.02.

Boards and Committees

MSIT – They are still waiting on the tables to come.

Parks District Board – No report

Fire Station Association – The Association has not met.

Public comment on the agenda – None

Old/Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. Tony Simonsen request for exemption from water/sewer hook-on

Tony Simonsen is considering building some small housing units to help with the shortage in the area, partly for his own staff. Per DEQ, if he is within 500 ft of a municipal water/sewer service he would be required to hook on unless the cost is 3 times the amount of money to do so. The water service is more than 500 ft away but there is a sewer service within the 500 ft that he could hook to on Washington St. Due to the elevation, he would most likely have to install a lift station. Tony does not have quotes to know what the cost would be but figures it to be at least \$20,000. Tony is requesting that the Council provide a letter to DEQ asking for a variance to the rules due to the cost.

Mayor Stump spoke with Allen Hogle, the County Planner and according to the cadastral, the portion of the property that he wants to build on is in the town limits. Tony stated that when he purchased the land in 2019, the survey revealed that the entire property was in the County limits. It was suggested to check the metes and bounds. If the property is in town limits, the town would be required to get water and sewer services to him. Attorney Kruer suggested that he may be grandfathered in. The original Ordinance 118 was adopted in 2012.

Tony is planning on building 2 more rooms onto the Assisted living so they will be splitting their home off of the septic that they share with the Assisted Living and will build a 2nd septic upon approval of DEQ.

They will share the common well for water. Mike Walter feels that if there are no issues with the property boundaries, he would agree to this due to the housing shortage. Mayor Stump will help put together a cost estimate from previous estimates the town has received. Discussion.

Emilie Saylor moves to TABLE Tony Simonsen's request for exemption from the water and sewer hook-on until our next meeting on August 23rd. Rahn Abbott 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. The motion passed.

2. Town of Sheridan to sponsor a CDBG grant for Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center

Commissioner Dan Allhands has asked the Town of Sheridan to sponsor a CDBG grants to remodel the residence rooms and update the ADA requirements at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center. Currently Madison County has an open grant for the remodel at Madison County Nursing Facility, therefore they need us to sponsor it because they can't apply for more than one grant at a time. The downside to this opportunity is the town will not be able to apply for a CDBG grant until this project is finished and the time frame is unknown. We will also have to hold two public hearings which are tentatively schedule for August 23rd and September 13th. The Council all agrees that the nursing home facility needs these improvements, and we need to take care of our facilities and our people. Nobody came from the County or from Great West Engineering to answer questions, so we contacted Craig Erickson from Great West via a phone call.

Craig Explained to the council that the funds would come through the town, and we would be approving the draws and Ginger would be responsible for the record keeping and submitting payments. The grant is for \$450,000 and Craig feels that the probability is very high. The application has to be submitted by September 15th and they should hear back by the end of the year. They hope to start the remodel by the fall of 2022 and conservatively project the project to last 2 years. Stephanie Kruer asked if this sponsorship will add additional liability for the town? Craig responded that it would not. Ginger also asked Craig if the town would be reimbursed for the additional cost of a single audit if this grant puts the town over the \$700,000 revenue and for her time spent. Craig stated that it could be put into the budget.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of this difficult decision as one needs to be decided by the end of the night in order for the County to move forward.

Emilie Saylor made a motion for the Town of Sheridan to sponsor a CDBG grant for TRMCC, pending the discussions to take place and information received during the public hearing process. Rahn Abbott 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. The motion passed.

3. ARPA matching funds

Mayor Stump discussed the Tier 3 application requirements. We are applying for a \$350,000 grant that the town would be required to match. We have received the first allotment if \$94,767.99 and we would need to commit an additional \$255,232 out of our own reserves to come up with the matching funds. WWC is already working on 3 task orders in sewer. Monitoring the inflow and outflows, pump evaluation and the infiltration evaluation and repairs into the sewer mains. We have budgeted money for these projects for the past 3 years and our sewer fund is healthy. No further discussion. Mike Walter moves to approve the ARPA matching funds. Rahn Abbott 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 passed.

4. SRF A/B draw request-

Mike Walter moves to TABLE the SRF draw request as it was not received from Great West. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Emilie Saylor voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes.

The meetings minutes from June 21, 2021, were reviewed. Emilie Saylor moves to approve the minutes for June 21st. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Stump reviewed the financials and based on last years values we spent about 3% in the month of July. There are 2 residences on the utility report that will receive a shutoff notice tomorrow and 1 lien will be filed. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the utility report as presented. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passed unanimously.

Councils Report

Rahn Abbott talked about school starting in 2 weeks and he would like to close the orange gate between the 2 schools. People get used to driving through there and every year after school starts, someone runs into them. Rahn would like to close them early so people get used to going a different direction. He would like them to stay closed year around. Mike Walter would prefer the gates to stay open permanently. Rahn feels that it is a safety issue.

Emilie Saylor asked if the cross walks will be painted. It is on the to do list.

Mayor's Report

With no further discussion, Emilie Saylor moves to adjourn the meeting. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Warrants August 2021

CAROL DELISI	484.07
GINGER GALIGER	3004.85
DUKE GILMAN	3613.76
ROBERT C. STUMP	3005.87
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1600.18
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3795.94
DEPT OF REVENUE	670.00
DEFERRED COMP	226.67
PERS	1909.17
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	229.58
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	92.76
ANDY'S SERVICE	325.00
CITI CARDS	1044.21
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	58.05
MMIA	79.00
MOUNTAIN WEST HOLDING COMPANY	690.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1989.83
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE	75.13
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	643.73
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	9.99
SPARLING INSTRUMENTS, LLC	1125.00
TAMI BURNEY	120.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	27.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	23.66
VERIZON WIRELESS	69.17
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	188.01
WE DUST CONTROL INC	2040.82
WESTERN WATER CONSULTANTS	4046.00
WEX BANK	475.87
ZACH THOMPSON	40.99
CORE & MAIN LP	4008.26
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	42.00
GINGER GALIGER	108.00
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	628.26
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2126.56

NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2239.15
S.J. PERRY COMPANY	1590.55
WESTERN WATER CONSULTANTS, INC	11532.50
YELLOWSTONE WATER WORKS	1152.97
MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE	1477.15
TOTAL	56885.71

Meeting adjourned 8:47

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

