

Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting July 12, 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, Z. Wade Hampton, Emilie Sayler were present along with Clerk, Ginger Galiger and Duke Gilman, Public Works.

Guests: Chris & Susan LaRue and Andrew Huggins

Pledge

2020-2021 Budget Amendment

Mayor Stump read Resolution 2021-4. The amendments are to include additional revenues from HB 473 Special Gas Tax in the amount of \$12,494.02, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds \$94,767.99, Police Reserves and Fireman's Reserves each for \$23.00.

Additional Expenditures of \$23.00 for Police Reserves and Fireman's Reserves. A transfer of \$673.37 out of general into the BARRSA Special Gas Tax for matching funds provided by the Town.

Chris LaRue asked about the ARPA funds. The Town will be using the money to camera the rest of the sewer lines and a lining project to help stop the infiltration. The town will be receiving the same amount next June. We are also going out for the competitive sum of money. The application is due July 15th, 2021. Discussion.

Public Comment on the Budget Amendment – None

Mayor Stump closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:15.

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Public Comments not on the Agenda

Department Reports

Sheriff – No report

Library – No report

Attorney – Attorney Kruer was not here.

Fire Department –Rahn Abbott was absent, no report.

Public Works – Duke Gilman reported, R.E. Miller began grading our roads today and will be done tomorrow. We have Mag Chloride scheduled to be done on Wednesday. Bob has been working in the Main Street Park and it is looking really good. Wade Hampton asked Duke about the drainage that runs through the property at 121 N. Main St. He would like to try to divert or dam the water to stop it from coming up to the foundation on the house. Bob and Duke will meet with Wade to see if they can determine where the water is coming from. Wade stated that it is not just a seasonal issue.

Clerk/ Treasurer – We received \$30,000 CDBG reimbursement for a portion of the cost of the Growth Policy and CIP. William Lev also wanted me to report that his request to name a portion of his property on Mill Gulch Road "DeHorty Flat" was approved.

Boards and Committees

MSIT – Bob has completed most of the work on the Main Street Park, the sod will be here tomorrow.

Parks District Board – The Ruby Valley Pool appears to be doing very well.

Fire Station Association – No report.

Public comment on the agenda – None

Old/Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. Resolution 2021-4 to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

No further questions or comments on the Budget Amendment. Emilie Sayler moves to adopt Resolution 2021-4 to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes and Z. Wade Hampton voting yes. The motion passed.

2. SRF A/B draw request

The next draw request from SRF is to cover Attorney fees for April and May for hours spent from issues with the water project along with an invoice from Great West Engineering. We are requesting \$893.00 from the loan and \$893.00 from the grant portion. The total draw request is for \$1786.00. Mike Walter asked where we are with everything. Mayor Stump responded, we had the railroad area re-surveyed a couple weeks ago to have a comparison from prior to the project. We are waiting for the results. Discussion. Mike Walter moves to approve the SRF draw request. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes, Mike Walter voting and Z. Wade Hampton voting yes. Motion was approved.

3. Pledged Securities for the 2nd Quarter

Mayor Stump reviewed the Pledged Securities as of June 30, 2021. The analysis reflects that there is an insufficient number of pledged securities to the Town of Sheridan in the amount of \$8,376.24. We had a large deposit made in June. Ginger will call the bank tomorrow and follow up with the Council next month. Emilie Sayler moves to approve the 2nd quarter's pledged securities as insufficient. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Emilie Sayler voting yes. Mike Walter voting yes and Z. Wade Hampton also voting yes. The motion passes.

4. Wage Increases for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

MACo cost of living increase is 1.3%. Mayor Stump suggested a 5% increase and asked for input. Clerk Ginger Galiger received her certificate of completion for the 4- year Clerk Institute Program. This pays an additional \$1.00 an hour, per sign-on agreement. Discussion on how much longer the mayor will continue to work in public works. Bob would like to be done in September and Duke does not feel that a second public works person is necessary for the winter months, and we can revisit the position next Spring. Mike Walter proposed giving Ginger the \$1.00 an hour increase plus a 5% COLA and all other employees a traditional 3% increase. Duke would like to have some backup to cover weekend checks and when he is on vacation. Emilie Sayler expressed the importance of keeping dependable employees and if we are eliminating one full time employee, we could do a little more. The cost of living is not going down, and it has become very expensive to live here. Emilie Sayler moves to approve a 5% wage increase for town employees with an additional \$1.00 per hour for the town clerk to honor her certification agreement. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Emilie Sayler voting yes. Z. Wade Hampton voting yes. The motion passes.

The meetings minutes from June 21, 2021, will be approved next month.

The financials for the end of the fiscal year were reviewed and we stayed under budget. There are 2 residences on the shut off notice this month. Mike Walter moves to approve the financial and delinquent reports. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes. Emilie Sayler voting yes and Mike Walter also voting yes. The motion passes.

Councils Report

Mike Walter asked about forming a planning board and if so, would the volunteers have to be town residence, or could we recruit people out of town limits? The board requires 7 members. Emilie Sayler suggested looking at the by-laws. Mike Walter would like to host a meeting with the surrounding towns, Ennis, Virginia City and Twin Bridges. We could invite MMIA and Montana League of Cities to help us work together in brainstorming common issues. We are looking at potential growth in the community and we need to have some things in place.

Discussion on the ARPA money coming from the County. Mayor Stump was contacted last week and joined in the commissioners meeting. The County is potentially giving the Town of Sheridan \$225,000.

Mike Walter also asked if the high-water usage has improved since the watering restrictions were put in place. Duke said it has not gone up anymore, may have leveled off some.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stump reported on the letter we received from DEQ regarding our lead and copper sampling. The new lead and copper monitoring schedule has dropped from 20 samples every six months, back to a monitoring period of only 10 samples every 3 years. This is really good news and will save us a lot of money.

With no further discussion, Emilie Sayler moves to adjourn the meeting. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Warrants July 2021

CAROL DELISI	511.78
GINGER GALIGER	2921.39
DUKE GILMAN	3529.29
ROBERT C. STUMP	3005.87
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1770.46
DEFERRED COMP	222.84
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3817.05
PERS	1911.87
DEPT OF REVENUE	671.00
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	229.58
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	144.27
ANDY'S SERVICE	680.00
BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE, INC.	7700.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	9.95
MMIA - PROPERTY	8156.00
MMIA	79.00
MMIA - LIABILITY	4607.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES ENGINEERING, INC	1749.80
ROBERT STUMP	488.31
SHEPHERD'S GARAGE INC.	1378.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	44.74
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	40.04
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	373.55
WEX BANK	360.73
CITI CARDS	416.44
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	1993.92
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1800.18
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	84.59
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2164.23
OCLC, INC.	485.67
OVERDRIVE, INC	880.03
POSTMASTER	199.00
SUMMIT VALLEY TURF	228.00
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING USA	327.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	28.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	12.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	69.17
B & D KEYLOCK	55.00
L. N. CURTIS & SONS	4834.00
THE MADISONIAN LLC	13.00
BEACON BUSINESS CENTER	15.24

ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	84.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2398.61
RUBY VALLEY TREE SERVICE	550.00
MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE	1477.15
TOTAL	62518.65

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

