

Regular Town Council Meeting October 18, 2021

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

Guests: Mary Pat Graham, Kaylie Theis, Richard and Patricia Wang, Richard King, Jerry Wolter, Cory Smith, Janet Doornbos, Rick Hecker, and Todd Dahlman

Pledge

Public Comment Not on the Agenda – None

Todd Dahlman to present his proposed development on Tolson Lane

Todd Dahlman purchased the property on Tolson Lane 2 years ago. Todd is proposing to build 3 cul de sac with 12 equal sized lots on the 960- foot piece of property. These would be 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, single family homes. There are 7 water taps in place but there is no sewer or electricity on the property. Todd is planning on annexing the property into the city limits. Todd has an informal meeting with Alex Hogle from the County Planning Board on Thursday, but he first wanted to get input from the surrounding neighbors.

Rick Hecker was concerned about losing his view. Rick King wants to know if there will be covenants and who will be enforcing them? He also asked if the town's water system can handle an additional 12 homes? Patricia Wang asked what the benefits are? We need housing and there is not a lot of lots to build homes on. Wade Hampton asked if the property will be annexed before or after building? Todd will find out on Thursday. Mayor Stump read Sally Schendel's comments which talked about the benefits of "open land".

Department Reports

Sheriff – Mayor Stump read the Sheriff's report for the month of September which consisted of 31 calls in the Town of Sheridan.

Library – In September, the library hosted juvenile fiction author LuAnn M. Rod for a reading of her book, *Maddie McDowell, and the Rodeo Robbery*, which was well-attended. The also hosted the Knitters, the Newspaper Group, and the support group at the library. The Roofing Center will be here tomorrow to start reroofing the library.

Attorney – None

Fire Department – Mike Dietrich reported on the department receiving 5 calls in the month of September. 2 motor vehicle, 2 EMS calls and 1 false alarm. They plan to burn at the dump in December.

Public Works – Duke reported that the lagoons have been drained, pivots winterized. They changed out one of the pumps in the lift station and blew out the sprinklers.

Clerk Treasurer – Ginger has received several people asking who the candidates are that are running for council. Emilie Sayler said that there will be something in this week's Madisonian.

Boards and Committees

MSIT – None

Park District Board – Mary Pat Graham reported for the pool. They are waiting to get a quote on a pool liner, boiler and the cost for new rollers and a cover. Everything has been winterized. The pizza fundraiser will take place the Saturday before Superbowl weekend. Kaylie Theis is here with the Sheridan Days Committee to propose a project. Janet Doornbos talked about the application process and is happy to be working with this committee.

Fire Station Committee – Have a meeting this Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment on the Agenda – None

New Business

1. Sheridan Days

Kaylie Theis, Pete Rossiter, and Katie Holden formed the Sheridan Days Committee. Kaylie came tonight to discuss their ideas for park improvements. Their top priorities are an amphitheater, moving the horse-shoe pits to the old ice-skating rink area, tent sites and bathrooms, ball field and playground equipment. Sheridan Days raised \$6000 on Friday night and will apply to the Parks District Board in hope of receiving an additional \$5000. With a total of \$11,000 they would like to begin the parks improvement with an amphitheater.

Mary Pat was disappointed with the low ranking of the playground equipment. The committee's idea is to begin showing the community that they will make improvements with what they have received this far and playground equipment is so expensive. Mayor Stump talked about the vandalism that happens at the baseball park and that, being the reason for the bathrooms being removed from there. He would like to see a masterplan. Janet feels that it would be best to start in the library park, a place that is more visible to the public. It would be a great place for a pavilion, somewhere people can sit down and eat. We need signs directing visitors to the parks. Emilie Sayler suggested getting community input. After lengthy discussion, the council decided to continue the conversation with a work meeting schedule for November 1st at 6:00 p.m.

2. Deer Management

Mike Walter spoke to Dean Waltee with Fish Wildlife and Parks, along with other Communities to find out how they were able to put a deer management plan into place. In Helena, it is a salary position. They trap the deer, kill it then have it tested for chronic wasting disease. If the deer has CWD, it is disposed of and if not then it is processed, and the meat is donated to the food pantry. In Glendive, there is a regulated bow season in town to help control the deer population. It has been a good way to manage their deer population with minimal issues in the 8 years they have been doing it. Dean Waltee will attend next month's meeting to help us come up with a plan. This may not be popular with every resident in town and Dean can provide the educational piece to this.

3. Pledged Securities

Mayor Stump reviewed the pledged securities as of September 30, 2021. The analysis reflects that there is a sufficient number of pledged securities in the amount of \$39,399.74, to the Town of Sheridan. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the pledged securities as presented. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

4. WWC Work Order to develop a "Future Water Rights Needs Assessment"

Mayor Stump hired Attorney Ross Miller out of Missoula, who specializes in water rights. The town of Sheridan has 8 water rights including ground water and surface water, which is enough to cover the entire town of Sheridan, including the South side of the homes on Ray Lane. Through researching the history of the current wells, we have learned that there have been problems from the beginning. Bob briefly discussed the issues.

Due to the length of time that the town has not utilized the Indian Creek water rights, there could be a protest. Through this Needs Assessment, we can demonstrate the need and have the ability to transfer those rights from Indian Creek to another well. This is important for the future needs of Sheridan and to accommodate growth. Mike Walter moves to approve work order WWC-3. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passes unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

The minutes from July 12, 2021, were reviewed. Emilie Sayler moves to approve the minutes. Mike Walter seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade

Hampton voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, Emilie Sayler voting yes and Rahn Abbott was absent during that meeting. The motion passes.

The meeting minutes from August 9th, 2021, were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the meeting minutes from August 9th. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes. Emilie Sayler voting yes and Rahn Abbott voting yes. Z. Wade Hampton was absent for the meeting. The motion passes.

The meeting minutes from September 13th, 2021, were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the meeting minutes. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes, Rahn Abbott and Mike Walter voting yes. Emilie Sayler was absent on September 13th, 2021. The motion passes.

The financials and utility delinquent reports were reviewed. We have one utility user that is 3 months behind and will receive a shut off notice. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the financial and delinquent reports as presented. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, and Rahn Abbott voting yes and Emilie Sayler voting yes. The motion passes.

Council Report

Rahn Abbott report on the Fire Department having a meeting with the hospital and EMS this week due to the increase of lift assists that the department is being called out on. Many of the volunteer fire department does not have the medical training that could potentially be needed during these calls.

Mayor's Report

No additional discussion.

Rahn Abbott made a motion to adjourn the meetings. Emilie Sayler seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, and Rahn Abbott voting yes and Emilie Sayler voting yes. The motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CAROL DELISI	502.54
GINGER GALIGER	2785.32
DUKE GILMAN	3245.21
ROBERT C. STUMP	3005.87
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1727.87
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	3690.07
DEPT OF REVENUE	637.00
DEFERRED COMP	216.60
PERS	1806.21
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	212.85
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	50.00
ADVANCED PUMP & EQUIPMENT, INC	2415.00
ANDY'S SERVICE	700.50
ESRI	400.00
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	85.00
MIDCO DIVING & MARINE SERVICES	3223.00
MMIA	79.00

SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	7.25
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	226.70
WALTER'S FAMILY FOODS	10.98
WESTERN WATER CONSULTANTS, INC	179.50
WEX BANK	437.71
B & D KEYLOCK	165.00
GILMAN, DUKE	350.00
GINGER GALIGER	25.00
McLEOD MERCANTILE	70.05
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1112.37
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	91.20
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2578.56
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	18.20
WESTERN WATER CONSULTANTS, INC	3145.85
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	101.05
CITI CARDS	1031.88
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	130.00
KRUER LAW FIRM, P.C.	750.00
MAD TOWNS INTERLOCAL	2000.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
RANGE MAGAZINE	49.95
TAMI BURNEY	140.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2136.23
POSTMASTER	160.00
ROBERT STUMP	207.73
VERIZON WIRELESS	69.04
THE ROOFING CENTER MONTANA	18524.75
MMIA HEALTH INSURANCE	1477.15
TOTAL	60254.19

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger

