

Regular Town Council Meeting September 13, 2021

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Robert Stump, Council members Mike Walter, Z. Wade Hampton, Rahn Abbott, were present along with Clerk, Ginger Galiger and Duke Gilman, Public Works.

Guests: Mary Pat Graham, Stephanie Kruer and Kaylie Theis

Pledge

Public Comment Not on the Agenda – None

Department Reports

Sheriff – The Sheriff's report consisted of 3- accidental 911 calls, 1 burglary report, 1 death investigation/hospice, 5 traffic stops, 1 citizen assist, 1 suspicious circumstance, 1 welfare check and 1 theft-fraud-under investigation as elder abuse.

Library – None

Attorney – Stephanie Kruer reported on the town's position regarding the lien on 101 Jefferson St. The initial foreclosure was not done correctly. The property will be sold at a Sheriff's sale and depending on the bid, the town may or may not be able to collect on the past due water bill of \$1530. The town could take further action, but it may be cost prohibitive to do so.

Fire Department – Rahn Abbott reported August being a slow month. The department aided in 2 lift assists.

Public Works – Duke Gilman reported for Public Works. They ran the camera down some sewer lines but had equipment issues and are now waiting on repairs. Bradley's have been running the pivots and the cells are mostly empty. The cross walks have been painted. There are 4 new meter pits to be installed and a water line at the Silve Ball Park that needs to be replaced.

Clerk Treasurer - We have received the insurance check in the amount of \$29,378.06 for repairs to the library roof, siding and gutters. I am waiting to hear back from Zach Munns to get started on the roof. Big Sky Exterior will be here the week of the 20th to look at the siding.

Boards and Committees

MSIT – Stephanie Kruer said they are still waiting on the tables. The Park looks great, and it is great to see people using it.

Park District Board – Mary Pat Graham reported tonight for the Parks District. She would like to get back on track to create a committee to move forward with raising money to buy new park equipment.

Mary Pat also spoke on a very successful pool year. She also discussed the ongoing issues with the pool, the difficulties in getting supplies and the cost of the chemicals. The power and gas bill has been \$2,400 per month due the leak in the pool and the boiler have to work harder to keep the pool heated. The pool staff had a lot of problems with the junior high student causing problems for the life- guards and using foul language. There is a 3 strikes out policy for bad behavior, but they may have to do something more.

Fire Station Committee – No meeting has taken place.

Public Comment on the Agenda – None

Old/Unfinished Business

1. SRF A/B Draw Request

We had an invoice from the Attorney for \$65.00, Great West Engineering for \$210.25 and an invoice from Meridian Land Surveying for \$1,650. This draw request was for a total of \$1,925.25, \$939 from the grant and \$987 from the loan. There was a brief discussion on the amount of work left. Mayor Stump said less than one day but he has not been able to get Mungas to come back to complete the finish work.

Rahn Abbott moves to approve the 2 draw requests for \$1,925.25. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. No further Discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes.

New Business

1. WWC Work Order to support ARPA funding

The County is giving the Town \$225,000 of ARPA funding that was planned to be spent in water projects that were prioritized in the Capital Improvement Fund. The first disbursement of \$105,000 and the second round will be \$120,000. The Department of Commerce is putting together an interlocal agreement.

Task 1. ARPA Minimum Allocation Grant Application. WWC will prepare the application and submit to DNRC for consideration of the second disbursement from the County. The cost of task 1 is \$3,000.

Task 2. PWS Hydraulic Model and Capacity Assessment. WWC will assist the town to develop a hydraulic model to assess the most efficient operation of the water system with the current and future expanded well field. From the assessment and modeling, WWC will develop an O&M manual to outline system operations such as seasonal operation, well priority, pump replacement, pipeline startup, well maintenance, disinfection procedures, and troubleshooting problems. The cost is \$40,000.

Task 3. Public Water Supply Backup Power. This will allow for backup power at the storage tank to operate the telemetry system, tank level monitor, and single-phase power at the manifold building for SCADA operations and pump control. The cost is \$3,000

Task 4. Public Water Supply Distribution System Improvements. Repairs on the distribution system, including failing pipe, valves, and service connections are considered routine maintenance. The cost is \$5,000

The cost of this work order will not exceed the amount of \$51,000 without written concurrence from the Town.

The review of work order WWC-2 led to much discussion on pursuing our water rights. Mike Walter would like to work toward utilizing the Indian Creek water rights. Rahn Abbott agrees, even if we have to put a treatment system in place. This will be a costly endeavor but one that we need to move forward on. Mike Walter moves to approve work order WWC-2. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Mike Walter voting yes, Rahn Abbott voting yes and Z. Wade Hampton voting yes. The motion passes.

2. Resolution 2021-6 Request Distribution of BARSAA

Mayor Stump read the resolution aloud. The Town's allocation this year is \$18,502.79 and we have included the 5% match in the budget this year. Rahn Abbott moves to approve Resolution 2021-6. Mike Walter seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

3. Future of the Ray Silve Ball Field

The softball field is in such poor condition and several of the council members have received complaints from the public. Mike Walter feels that it is time to rethink and or remove the field. There was much discussion on various ideas such as a walking paths through the forest, a pavilion, new playground equipment and an RV park. We are unsure of what portion of the park was dedicated to Ray Silve. Mike Walter would like to do something completely new and redesign it. Mike would like to hold a public meeting to gather the ideas of the community. Rahn Abbott is aware of potential grant opportunities through the Fish and Game. Mike Walter, Kaylie Theis and Mary Pat Graham agreed to come together and begin by forming a committee. Discussion.

Consent Agenda Items

We are unable to approve the minutes from July 12th and August 9th meetings. The meeting minutes from August 23rd were reviewed. Z. Wade Hampton moves to accept the minutes of August 23, 2021. Rahn

Abbott 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. 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. Mike Walter moves to accept the financial and delinquent reports. Rahn Abbott seconded. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Z. Wade Hampton voting yes, Mike Walter voting yes, and Rahn Abbott voting yes. The motion passes.

Council Report

Mike Walter has been asked about the legality of bow hunting in the town limits. We need a deer management plan for the Town of Sheridan. We will put the issue on next month's agenda.

Mayor's Report

After Sheridan Days, the Main Street was cleaned up very well. However, after the car show this Saturday, it was a complete disaster. The trash cans were over-flowing and there was trash left laying around clear down to the church. Bob went down Sunday and cleaned it up himself. Next year we may charge a cleaning deposit on such events.

Rahn Abbott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Z. Wade Hampton 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. The motion passes.

Warrants September 2021

RAHN ABBOTT	548.92
CAROL DELISI	267.43
GINGER GALIGER	2933.90
DUKE GILMAN	3602.52
ROBERT C. STUMP	3526.32
WILLIAM TALBOTT	1751.70
MICHAEL W. WALTER	588.15
EFTPS ENROLLMENT PROCESS	4307.91
DEPT OF REVENUE	727.00
DEFERRED COMP	223.41
PERS	2177.65
STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF UI	125.35
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION	215.09
BADGER METERS, INC	520.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	34.05
MONTANA RAIL LINK INC.	146.00
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	16.04
PAIGEVILLE ACCOUNTING SERVICES LL	375.00
PETTY CASH	134.11
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	38.05
THE MADISONIAN LLC	13.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CE	9.10
WALTER'S ACE HARDWARE	97.97
WESTERN WATER CONSULTANTS, INC	643.50
WEX BANK	377.75

KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	325.00
MMIA	79.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1233.03
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY-DECORATIVE LI	93.26
NORTHWESTERN ENGERY-SEWER	2667.95
POSTMASTER	210.00
SHERIDAN AUTO PARTS INC	23.99
VERIZON WIRELESS	69.11
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS (L)	92.14
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	97.61
CITI CARDS	1647.80
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	42.00
KENWORTHY ELECTRIC, INC.	1036.96
KRUEER LAW FIRM, P.C.	1430.00
LEE'S OFFICE CITY	243.72
DEQ	820.00
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	276.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2630.95
SOUTHWEST FENCE	3486.00
SPIFFY BIFFY PORTABLE TOILETS	271.00
TAMI BURNEY	120.00
ZECHARIAH HAMPTON	124.67
EMILIE SAYLER	591.27
HEALTH INSURANCE	1477.15
WORKER'S COMP MMIA	652.76
TOTAL	43141.29

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger