

January 6, 2025, Zoning Commission Meeting (210 E. Crofoot)

Members in attendance: Jan Bowey, Charlie Rossiter, Tom Roberts (Via Phone), Patricia Wang, Mike Walter, and Anne Wentz. Ann Good was absent.

Guests: Dan Baril, Sally Schendel and Kristi Millhouse (Town of Sheridan Clerk/Treasurer)

Charlie Rossiter called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from December 2, 2024, was postponed to the next meeting.

REPORTS

Town Council Representative Jan Bowey, commented on the compliance officer and a judge for the Town of Sheridan. It is not realistic for the Town to hire its own police officer because of the cost. The Town is willing to look at getting a judge. The judge would be something that would be shared with Twin Bridges and Virginia City.

Jan also reported on the funding for the zoning commission. Last year the Council approved the engineer to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help with the costs for the zoning plan through the Department of Commerce. The application was not submitted to the Department of Commerce, so the CDBG grant was not awarded to the Town. The Town did receive a Montana Community Reinvestment Grant for the project for \$30,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion occurred of where the zoning commission wants to start with planning and what areas to look at. Jan commented that they need to focus on health, safety, and land use. Areas that need to be looked at are traffic, parking, emergency vehicle access, lot sizes, one-way streets. Items currently not in compliance are grandfathered in. Discussion continued.

Ordinances – Jan went through the Town ordinances and looked at everything that pertained to zoning. Anything that pertained to land use would be part of zoning. Examples of items that are not zoning are littering and dumping on public property (nuisance ordinance), snow removal, etc. Encroachment on the right-a-way could apply to zoning.

Jan will divide the Town map into sections and assign to other zoning commission members to review what types of districts are in their areas just as residential, commercial, agricultural, etc. The area assigned to each individual will not include where they live or own a business so there is not a conflict of interest.

New Business

Election of Officers: Current officers are Vice-Chair Tom Roberts and Chair Charlie Rossiter. Patricia made a motion to approve Charlie Rossiter as Chair and Tom Roberts as Vice-Chair of the zoning commission for 2025. Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Announcements: The next zoning commission meeting will be February 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Anne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

Charlie Rossiter, Chair