

SC MINUTES for April 24th, 2025, meeting at Sheridan Town Hall at 6 pm

Attendees: Chair Doris Fischer, Ralph Sand, Ex officio Tammy Todd, newly appointed Michael Walter.

Public: Claire Leonard

The meeting opened at 6:08 pm after being unable to access zoom. Our apologies to the online crowd. The pledge of allegiance was recited. No public comment. Chair Doris thanked Claire for her service and wished her well. Doris also welcomed Michael to the SC and thanked him for his willingness and interest.

Minutes of the previous meeting on March 6th were read and approved as presented: Ralph moved, Doris seconded, Michael abstained, motion carried.

Reports: Doris informed the group of the preparation of printing materials and notifications in the Madisonian and through mailings. She reported on conversations with other Study Commission groups, i.e. Virginia City and Madison County. Virginia City has already determined that there would be no change to their municipal form. Madison County is doing a survey, prioritizing citizen concerns, and reviewing current services. Doris questioned the process with Town Council authority; it was determined that this is a good question for Ashley Kent at MSU LGC. Mayor Bob Stump provided Doris with two folders regarding previous government review studies in the Town. There has only been one change in the form of an amendment to elect town officials "at-large rather than per wards." The amendment took place in 1989. Tammy stated it had been recommended to find someone younger for the SC. Thank you Michael for your service. Ralph encouraged Michael about the online course at MSU LGC.

Unfinished Business: Discussion was held regarding the educational meeting with Ashley Kent and her presentation of the SC process for the public. Both will be held on Monday, April 28th: the SC meeting from 4 to 5:30 pm, followed by the Public Informational Forum from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Senior Center. Content discussed included a flip chart for the question, "why voters voted yes and why they voted no?"; Red light, green light form, i.e. what is the government review process and what is it Not; SC Timetable; and current structures and options of forms of government. There was also the question of using social media, another question for Ashley. The forum is educational only, no action, no debate.

Public comments from Claire: What works currently? What doesn't work? Consideration of the budget if a Manager versus a Mayor. She recommends the same questions for each of the current Town officials and employees.

New Business: Scheduling a joint meeting with Madison County Study Commission was moved by Ralph to table the decision, Michael seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, April 28th, as discussed above at 4 pm, followed by informational forum at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Todd, Ex officio