

August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting (210 Crofoot, Sheridan, MT) 6:00 pm.

Council Members in attendance were Jan Bowey, Curtis Green, Tammy Todd, and Diane Kaatz. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Stump and Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse.

Guests: Kerry Walter, Wyatt Macy, Janis Hansen, Chris Roberts, Rebecca and Brandon Macy, Stephanie Kruer, Paul Marsh, Eileen Pearce (Library), Mati Bishop (The Madisonian), Michael Douglas, Kaylie Theis (SCCF), Luana Dowling

Mayor Stump called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): Stephanie Kruer notified the council that the Main Street Improvement Group is disbanding. They have accomplished what they wanted to as a group. Projects included the period lamps that are located on Main Street and the purchasing of the park on Main Street.

Paul Marsh commented that Macel Anderson started the Main Street Program. She was a driving force of the group. Other projects that they completed were grass for the Main Street Businesses that were within one block of Main Street, flowerpots, and banners. The final project was a sign with the history of the Main Street group and the projects that they completed. The sign is displayed in Main Street Park.

CONSENT AGENDA: Jan made a motion to approve July 14, 2025, council meeting minutes and the claims as submitted. Diane seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No items

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-11 Council Bylaws: Discussion occurred regarding the bylaws and the purpose of having them. Bob asked the council to send their comments back to him and he will forward them to the attorney. The resolution will be put on next month's agenda.

Resolution 2025-12 Fire Department Interlocal Agreement. Discussion occurred. Tammy asked if there is a clause that says that the fire chief will give a financial account regarding the money. Jan commented that we are contracting with the Fire Board, and they are accountable for the money. Kristi commented that it is public funds so anyone could ask for the accounting of the funds to find out where money is being spent.

Diane made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12 Town of Sheridan and Sheridan Rural Fire District #4 Interlocal Agreement. Tammy seconded the motion. Further discussion. Jan commented that it took a while for this to get completed but it is a good thing to make the Board responsible for the finances. The Town does not have a representative on the Board, and this is the risk of having the interlocal agreement. The Town now has no say on how the funds are spent. Discussion occurred. Luana Dowling asked if there was anything, saying that they have to keep one truck back in case there are two fires happening. Discussion occurred. That would be the responsibility of the Fire Board to determine that. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sheriff Department Interlocal Agreement: Discussion arose regarding the agreement with the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Stump provided a summary of the history of the interlocal agreement with the Sheriff's Department. The Town used to pay seventeen mills to the sheriff's department. This changed in 2017 when the Sheriff said the taxpayers are already paying for the sheriff's department. The new agreement is asking for the seventeen mills back and was written by the Madison County Attorney. The agreement has been reviewed by our attorney, and he has made lots of comments on it. This was supposed to be completed at the end of June, but we received an extension to October 1st. If we do not come to an agreement, then it can go to

arbitration or mediation. Jan asked about meetings with the other towns. Ninety-nine percent of the funding for the Sheriff's office comes from taxes. The Towns already feel that they are paying the Sheriff's Department through property taxes as there is a charge on the taxes for sheriff services. Bob has been talking with the mayor up in VC. They are setting up a meeting with the other Town's to see what their thoughts are. There were no final decisions made at this meeting.

Tax mill approval for FY25-26 Budget: Kristi explained to the council that she is asking for the tax mills to be approved now so she can provide the Madison County Treasurer's office with the information as it is due to them before our next council meeting. Kristi also explained that the mills need to include the amount for the study commission so the total will be 103.45 regular mills plus 14.09 for the \$18,000 for the study commission. Jan made a motion to approve the 117.54 mills at \$1227.51 per mill for the FY25-26 Budget. Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Sheridan/Alder Parks Board: No representative present

Sheridan Community Charitable Foundation: Kaylie Theis spoke on behalf of SCCF. Sheridan Days came and went. Thank you for attending and all of your support. October 11th will be a Fall Fest event. They are looking at having a pickleball tournament incorporated into the Fall Festival. They will have music, food, drinks, and kids' activities. Time will be from three o'clock to seven o'clock.

SCCF is planning to start working on the baseball field after October 11.

Mayor Stump commented that the Town has received a request to reserve the Pavillion in September for a family event. The Town will put up signs that it is reserved if there is no objection to that. SCCF is ok with the signs.

Bob has also acquired some sod that he is going to lay out around the Pavillion.

Zoning Committee: Jan reported that the zoning ordinance is about complete and available in full form for comment. There will be a public hearing on September 2nd, and the committee is hoping to present their final document to the council at the September 8th council meeting. The Council also needs to have a public hearing in October.

Government Study Commission: Tammy reported on behalf of the study commission. The study commission met last Thursday and concluded that there has been minimal input from the public. They have decided that the current form of government is adequate. They are moving forward with the notion that there will be no change in government. They need to do a tentative report and then a public hearing and then propose a final report. They are estimating it will be finished in November.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Robert Stump provided a summary of the sheriff's report to the public. Fifty-five calls for service and nine ambulance calls.

Library Report: Robert Stump read the library director's report. Eileen Pearce reported that both bathrooms and the drinking fountain have been fixed.

Attorney Report: no report

Fire Department Report: Kristi Millhouse reported on behalf of the fire department. There were two calls in town and five out of town. The two in town were lift assists and one was cancelled.

Public Works Report: Wyatt Macy reported on behalf of the public works (pw) department. The PW Department has done park maintenance, asphalt repair and patched the potholes around

Town during the month of July and into August. They have also repaired the sidewalk that was damaged by the lightning this past spring. Wyatt and Curtis are currently cleaning storm and sewer drains. They also had to clean the pivot out and repair a fire hydrant up on Poppleton (Curtis and Bob). Edge Tree is coming in on Wednesday to remove problem trees.

Clerk/Treasurer: Kristi Millhouse reported that she has completed the USDA Report for the water and sewer loans, calculated the tax mills for the FY2025-26 budget. She will be out of the office the rest of the week for her daughter’s wedding but if something comes up, please call.

Council Reports: Tammy commented that she would like to thank Bob, Wyatt, and Curtis for continuing to beautify the parks and the roads.

Diane thanked the SCCF for a wonderful job with Sheridan Days.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bob talked about the goat problem in town. He read the letter received from an individual in Town regarding the goats. The individual with the goat and rooster has been given until September 1st to resolve the issue.

The Town is moving forward with the water system looping on Madison and Washington Street. Our main part of the project is to get the T in the water line and off the streets before the Nursing Home and Hospital pave the road. DEQ will approve after a letter from the Fire Chief is signed regarding the fire hydrant on Madison St.

DEQ approval has been received for the connection of the redundant well to the manifold building. We need to buy supplies and get the line scheduled to have it excavated and completed.

The next council meeting will be September 8 at the Sheridan Senior Center (210 Crofoot).

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:

Signature on File

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

Signature on file

Robert Stump, Mayor