

Minutes of November 10, 2025, Town of Sheridan Regular Council Meeting (Sheridan Senior Center).

Council Members present were Tamara Todd, and Diane Kaatz. Jan Bowey was ill and participated via the Town's Zoom link, Russ Hamilton was absent. Mayor Bob Stump and Public Works Director Curtis Green were also present.

Guests in attendance were Corey & Kaylie Theis, Dave & Stephanie Haag, Glenn & Kellie Lindsey, Janis Hansen, Chris Roberts, Jim Jarvis, Doris Fischer, Peter Kleinsasser, Rural Fire Chief Jeff Gerth, Mayor Elect Brandy Tudor and Co. Commissioner Duke Gilman.

Mayor Bob Stump called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON AGENDA: Glenn Lindsey inquired if the Town had any plans to annex any property into the Town limits. Mayor Bob replied that he was not aware of any plans but explained there was talk about the Rural Fire Department Annexing the Town into the Rural Fire District.

CONSENT AGENDA: Tammy moved to approve the claims and the Minutes from the October 14, 2025, Council Meeting. Diane seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 126: The first reading of Ordinance 126, an Ordinance to separate the Town Clerk/Treasurer position into two separate part time positions instead of the current combined position was held. Discussion was held about anticipated hours each position would work and benefits. Tammy questioned the timing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, whether it could be done at the meeting already scheduled for November 17, 2025, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Zoning Ordinance. Bob will look into the question. If it is not enough time, the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be done at the regular December Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim Jarvis presented an update/overview of the work undertaken in the County regarding affordable housing. He reported that the Twin Bridges School was awarded a grant to help pay for the construction of teacher housing and the other funding sources used. He explained he had talked with representatives from the Sheridan School and RV Medical Center about the current need in Sheridan for affordable housing. He said it appeared there was need but it was not yet a crisis. He then held a question-and-answer session.

2. Approval of Shawna Van Houten as the newest member of the Zoning Commission was discussed. She applied to the County Commissioners, and they provided a recommendation for her approval. Tammy moved to accept the Commissioners' recommendation and approve Van Houten. Seconded by Diane and passed unanimously.
3. Resolution 2025-17, adoption of the revised and updated Employee Safety Policy. Resolution read by Bob, Tammy inquired about who recommended updating, Bob said MMIA, and the MT Dept. of Labor and Industry were also involved. Several updates to trench box usage and additional safety measures for life jackets and life preservers at lagoon. Employees will be required to read and sign off on it. Diane moved to adopt Resolution 2025-17 as presented, Tammy provided 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.
4. Resolution 2025-18, adoption of MCEP Planning Grant Water Pre-Engineering Report. Bob gave brief description of project, explained cost was \$30,000 of which \$6,000 was to be paid by Town. Tammy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-18 – MCEP Planning Grant Water PER as presented, Jan seconded motion. Carried unanimously.
5. Truck Purchase. Bob explained current situation with two existing trucks and his request to trade in the 2015 Maroon Ford (while it was still running) and to put the 2017 Ford up for auction as the transmission has gone out on it. He recommends purchasing a 2026 GMC Sierra Basic model work truck. Discussion was held on funding of the vehicle and what vehicles employees were currently utilizing. Diane moved to approve the purchase of a new GMC Sierra Cab Pro truck, Tammy provided a second and the vote was approved unanimously.
6. Discussion held regarding the formation of a Town of Sheridan Pool Board. Why it would be needed, size and makeup of board. Nothing to be voted on at this time.

#### BOARDS AND COMMITTEE:

1. Park District Board: Corey Theis reported that the lining is installed, and the pool is covered. Coping tiles will be installed next spring.
2. Sheridan Community Charitable Foundation: Kaylie Theis reported the Christmas Stroll is set for Friday, December 5 from 5:00 to 8:00 with parade at

6:00. Will have food, desserts, face painting and a visit from Santa. Bingo fundraisers are on the first Monday of the month.

3. Zoning Committee: Mayor Bob reported on Jan's behalf that the first reading went well and gave summation of the meeting, process used, and the changes made to the Zoning document and map. Jan commented that a discussion of the role the Zoning Commission will play once Zoning is adopted should be on the December council meeting agenda.
4. Local Government Study: Doris Fischer reported the Commission held their last meeting. The recommendation is that no change be made to the current structure of the Town government and therefore, nothing will be placed on the ballot for next year. Commission will put conclusion into the Madisonian, a written report will be available at Town Hall and Library (possibly others) next week. She thanked the hard work of members and commented that they learned a lot. Of the funds allocated of \$18,000, 44% were used and the remaining will go back into the Town's general fund.

#### REPORTS:

1. No report from Sheriff's Office.
2. Doris F. reports for the library that October was a busy month and there was an increase in overall use. The usual monthly activities were held. Library hosted a display from the Women's Resource Center in Dillon domestic abuse awareness. Shirley Sand had a quilt/book fundraiser and there will possibly be a pie fundraiser in the future. A Strategic Plan survey will be conducted in the next few months.
3. No report from Town Attorney.
4. Chief Jeff Gerth reported that there were no calls in Town, and that the Department responded to a rural structure fire, a downed power line, two incidents of smoke and one alarm going off.
5. Public Works Director, Curtis Green, reported that pipeline is in for well #7 and the pump was powered up, and bacteria testing is underway. Well #5 needs to be stopped and refurbished. Bob reported on the issues encountered and the current status of the boring project under the highway for the 3 new water service lines to the former "Schulz Ranch" property. Curtis reported on the water "looping" project on Madison and Washington Streets and on general road repair, alley grading and well status.
6. No Clerk/Treasurer report as the position(s) remain unfilled.
7. For Council Reports, Diane noted that the first reading went very well. Tammy reports she has received emails regarding the potential Town/School property

swap. Jan reported she had received texts inquiring about status of the contract the Town has with the Fire Rural Fire Department. Jan recommends that we make sure the Town is fulfilling its obligations under the agreement.

8. Mayor Bob gleefully reported that he only had 28 working days left in his term. He plans to swear in Mayor-Elect Brandy Tudor at the December meeting so he will be ready to assume the role on January 1.

At 8:20 p.m. Tammy moved that the meeting be adjourned, Diane provided second and motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Robert "Bob" Stump