

## **Regular Town Council Meeting Monday April 8, 2024, at The Senior Center, Sheridan MT**

**Attendees:** Jan Bowey, Mike Zielinski, Tammy Todd, Mayor Judy Edwards, Public Works Director Ty Gerth, Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Meacham.

**Guests:** Bob Stump, Rick Hecker, Dan Allhands, Rahn Abbott, Paul Marsh, Jeff Gerth, Sharon Berry, Janis Hansen, Kali Stender, CeCe Weldon, Kaylie Theis, Diane Kaatz, Kay Colwell, Sherry Huff, Stephanie Kruer, Corey Theis, Daniel J. Kenworthy, and Claire Leonard.

**Call to Order:** Called to order at 6PM

**Pledge:** Was recited

**Public Comment Not on the Agenda:** Bob Stump discussed what he researched regarding the SLFRF/ARPA funds. Rick Hecker offered to clean up with his mower at Crowfoot/Washington and Tolson.

Tammy injected with parliamentary inquiry directed to Judy wanting to know who the governing body is. Judy responded saying ~~the council and mayor~~ **everyone sitting at this table**. Jan brought up with parliamentary inquiry also wanting to know why the agenda deviates from Roberts Rule of Order. Judy's response was that it was a request from the council. Jan would like to motion that the reading of minutes be put back at the top of the agenda following what Roberts Rule of Order goes by. Since this would be an actionable item no motion can be made but Mayor Edwards will look into when and why the minutes were moved on the agenda and get back to the council. Tammy would like to move the agenda to the standard order of business and would like financial, mayor, and council report under department reports.

### **Department Reports:**

**Sheriff:** There were 10 Ambulance calls and 48 CFS.

**Library:** No report

**Attorney:** Waiting for new council members before going forward with a retreat/training. The official misconduct investigation is finished and will be going to the ~~county~~ attorney **general**. There have been other requests sent to the Attorney General's office.

**Fire Dept:** there were 5 calls for service. The developers will be out next week to start on the new building. Jeff Gerth asked the council to not speak on behalf of the fire dept. this pertains to the fund raiser in Virginia City, there was a cake donated thanking VC for their mutual aid which implied it came from the Sheridan Fire Dept.

**Public Works:** No water/sewer issues. Mowers have been serviced and the Public Works dept. purchased an F250. As soon they are able to, they will get the one-way signs up.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Clerk went over the expenditure budget vs actual report. There was no revenue budget vs actual report at this time. Working on MPERA audit, which is the retirement **fund** for the town employees. Attended a zoom call for rural water training for clerks. Adjusted accounts for July 2023 sewer overcharges for a total of adjustments of \$762.59. The clerk is looking forward to clerk/treasurer institute in May. Tammy would like to remove Tonya Romkema from the checking account and add Jan Bowey as a signer. It is believed that this would need to be an action item for a motion, **according to the town attorney**.

## **Boards and Committees:**

**MSIT:** Want to thank Ty Gerth properly for the work the public works dept did on the parking lot at Main Street Park. There is a banner missing on Main St, the banner was found and the public works dept has it. MSIT would like to have an update ~~from the council~~ concerning the privately owned signpost at Main Street Park.

**Park District Board:** Looking to get bids for the pool liner. The pool liner will cost around \$180,000 and will last 20 to 30 years.

**SCCF:** ~~Nothing at this time.~~ See report below.

**Public Comment on Items on the Agenda:** None

## **Old Business:**

**Sheridan Community Charitable Foundation:** They are looking at a covered area (pavilion) for picnic tables with storage. They are looking at removing the old playground and the white shed. They will need to get with public works dept concerning where the location could be. Would like the pavilion to hold 8 to 10 picnic tables. Next fundraiser will be May 5<sup>th</sup>, Cinco De Bingo. The funding for the project is to get as ~~much~~ many donations as possible.

Jan motioned for the SCCF to proceed to construct a pavilion down at the baseball field. Mike seconded the motion. Discussion with the council, mayor and legal advisor concerning amending the motion. Jan moved to withdraw the motion. Tammy seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Jan motioned to have SCCF proceed with construction of the pavilion at the baseball field with updates as they are available. Tammy seconded. Tammy moved to amend the motion to include the clause then it would become town property. Jan seconded. Motion will read as follows SCCF will proceed with construction of the pavilion at the baseball field and to make contribution to the town and the pavilion will become property of the town. Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

## **New Business:**

**Consent Agenda on Claims:** Clerk presented the consent agenda to the council. With no questions Mike motioned to accept as presented. With no second discussion was held, Tammy objected to the purchase of the \$25,000 pickup truck and questioned the attorney fees. There was MCA presented from Tammy along with MSU Local Government. It is unknown as to what happens with the consent agenda on claims at this time.

**Fire Truck:** the town engine is a 1996 Pierce and there are major air leaks. When Jeff Gerth looked at the truck, he said there are about 9 air leaks. It is Class B foam; they should be using Class A foam. To switch over to Class A foam will cost around \$20,000 if it can be done. Right now, it is unsafe to drive. As of now, the fire dept is using the rural fire truck. Jeff would like to look at purchasing a used fire truck. The funds he would like to spend is \$80,000 and up. Larger cities put their front-line trucks to second line after 10 years of service and after 20 years of service they sell the truck. The recommendation is to not use the truck and find funding for a different truck. Jeff would like to request that Triple Tree do a hydraulic model of hydrants around the town.

**Search and Rescue Building Waiver:** Search and Rescue is looking to get a waiver to build another building on their property. Unsure of size and funding at this point because they are looking to get the waiver from the Town Council before continuing with planning. There was discussion between the council members and CeCe from search and rescue. The council would like to look further into the

request and get back to search and rescue. Jan motioned to table this discussion until a recommendation is received from Triple Tree and have the discussion at the next available meeting. Tammy seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Purchase Policy, Forms, Spending Review:** Mayor Edwards suggested a committee with Jan, Mike, and Tammy, and for them to bring back what was recommended by the committee and do a review. Committee members discussed a date and time. Committee will be held on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Town Hall Office.

**Adjourn:** Mayor Edwards called for adjournment at 8PM. Jan motioned to continue this meeting at the next available date that the council members and the mayor is available immediately to resolve the remaining matters left on the table. Mike seconded. Jan amended the motion to include appointment of council member and discussion of the approval of the exemption from the interim zoning ordinance for search and rescue. Mike seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at ~~9PM~~ 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Meacham