

Public Hearing on Growth Plan Policy Modifications Monday January 8, 2024

Present: Jan Bowey, Tammy Todd, Tonya Romkema, Mike Zielinski, Mayor Judy Edwards, Public Works Director Ty Gerth, and Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Meacham

Guests: Michael Douglas, Kate Rose, Kaylie Theis, Corey Theis, Julie Ward, Duncan Hedges, Kay Colwell, Kali Stender, Rhan Abbott, Penn Spell, S. Iverson, Philly Saxon, John Magnus, Frank Colwell, William Roylance, Diane Kaatz, Stephanie Kruer, and Jeff Gerth.

Called to order at 6 PM

Julie Ward has a small parcel of land, and all the ranch is within the 1-mile boundary. Julie produced a letter to the council that was read in September and would like it to be read again to the Council. The letter addressed the concerns that she and Cal had about the interim zoning. Julie was part of the Sheridan Advisory Committee and part of the Growth Plan subcommittee. There were 3 people who attended the meetings regularly along with Tom Roberts. Julie would like to know if the committee is still in effect. If the Growth Plan Policy provided by Tom Roberts was submitted to Triple Tree Engineering? Also, would like to know when the Interim Zoning ordinance expires. Would also like to know where the \$60,000 is in the budget for the Engineering firm.

Tammy Todd said the legal notice in the Madisonian was not properly dated for the second reading because it was not due to being improperly dated the second reading will be moved to the next council meeting in February. ~~Meeting~~ Hearing was recessed till February.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:10 PM.

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Call to order at 6:10 PM

Pledge was recited.

Public comment for items not on the agenda:

Penn Spell is looking to get on the Madison County Planning Board a resume was submitted to the Town of Sheridan. He talked about why he would be a good candidate for the position.

Town council ex Partee Communications: Jan- nothing, Mike spoke with Jeff Gerth about the fence in front of the fire hydrant, discussion resulted in the issue has been taken care of. Tammy- nothing, and Tonya-nothing.

Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2023: Tonya motioned “to approve the minutes with amendments”, Tammy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Sheriff: There were 7 ambulance calls, 3 civil services, 36 total CFS.

Library: ~~Nothing~~ No report

Attorney: Nothing to report

Fire Department: No fire calls. Spoke with the landowner with the fence in front of the hydrant and it is being taken care of.

Public Works: No water/sewer issues. The redundant well was drilled by O’Keefe. The rest of the report is on file.

Finance: Requested information for the FY 2022 and 2023 audits are around ~~Audit is almost done about~~ 90% finished. Still working on bank reconciliations. Currently working on October. The expenditure budget for December was reviewed.

Mayor: O’Keefe started the redundant well on December 18th. The well was drilled to a depth of 555 feet. There is money from the ARPA account that was moved into construction from our MOU from the county to cover the additional cost of increased depth of the well. Working on getting the reimbursements to ARPA from the claims paid to WWC.

Town Council: Mike doesn’t want to be emailed to his personal account, please email to the council email address. It is also a liability to the city and the council when there are group emails going out. Tammy would like to know if there was a list for local contractors. There is no list, it goes to who can get there first. Also, Tammy wanted to know what the extension is for the Interim Zoning Ordinance. The extension is good until October. Tonya was concerned about the sewer usage rate that should have been changed in July and wasn’t done until August if and/or when the July usage rate will be applied. The clerk will look into getting it done. Jan commented on getting document requests in a timely manner.

Boards and Committees:

MSIT: Nothing to report.

Park District Board: Funding/donations is now open for recreations.

SCCF: Their yearly events are posted on Facebook to include bingo, Sheridan Days, Octoberfest Christmas Stroll, and other events.

Old Business:

Triple Tree Engineering, project updates: No representative

Commercial Advertising on Town Property: A letter was read from Frank Colwell and Philly Saxon; both are on file. ~~Philly was asked to get permission for the signpost, Permission was granted to the Goldthwaits 7 years ago and Philly spoke to Mayor Stump to the Goldthwait’s and 3 years ago. Mayor Stump gave permission to Philly.~~ Public comment: Philly brought up other businesses having signs out on public property. ~~Public comment:~~ Sandra Iverson discussed the signpost. Council had discussion, ~~with no further discussion~~ Jan motioned “that we deny the request for permission to maintain the signpost at the Main Street Park and request that the signpost be removed by May 1.” Philly ~~interjected~~ commented that she wanted it noted that she is not asking for permission, she was given permission years ago. Tonya seconded. Vote: Tammy-yes, Tonya-no, should obtain legal advice, Mike-no, and Jan-no, motion fails. Jan motions “that we seek legal advice on the commercial signpost residing at Main Street Park and how to best to proceed with removal.” Mike seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Consent Agenda/Claim Approval: Jennifer presented claims for December. There was discussion pertaining to the claims, before the motion. Mike motioned “to accept the claims as written.” Seconded by Tammy, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Sheridan/Alder Park Board District discussion on swimming pool: Presented by Karen Talley that they are looking for funds for a new pool liner or other possible solutions. The pool is an important asset for the community due to it being the only public pool in the county. The potential of using HB355 funds was discussed.

John Magnus subdivision of property possibility: John is looking to do a property adjustment line for him and his mom [as a family conveyance](#). Stephanie recommended to the council that she look into this further. It was tabled till February's meeting.

Cole Royslance zoning questions regarding potential land purchase: Cole was looking at purchasing 61 acres of property to split into commercial and residential property. He wanted to know what the future of Sheridan's zoning is going to be. There is no zoning now. It is being worked on but won't be done for at least 8 months.

Appointment of Madison County Planning Board member from Sheridan: There is an open seat on the MCPB for Sheridan and there was an application from Penn Spell. Tammy motions "to appoint Penn Spell as Madison County Planning Board member from Sheridan as of today." Tonya seconded. No discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Semi-Annual budget review and discussion of using interest bearing accounts: Mayor Edwards discussed the budget appropriations. [Council discussed](#) ~~Discussion went around about looking at an~~ interest-bearing account for a 4-month or 10-month CD. Tammy motioned "for the mayor to deposit \$500,000 into a 4-month CD bearing interest at 4.5%." Mike seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:46 [Tammy motioned to adjourn, Tonya seconded, all in favor. Adjourned at 9:46 PM.](#)

Next Meeting February 12, 2024, at 6pm at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Meacham
Clerk/Treasurer