

Regular Town Council Meeting April 11, 2022

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Mayor Robert Stump, Council members Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Z. Wade Hampton and Tammy Todd were present along with Clerk, Ginger Galiger.

Guests: Mike Dietrich, Bill Ray, Mary Pat Graham, Kaylie Theis, Eileen Pearce, Gary & Doris Hilliker, Jason Hardy, Bob & Candice Mauseth, Bob Bates, Keith Petersen, Luke Cordingley, Britani Allhands, Maria Bartoletti, Colin Barnosky, Pete Rossiter, Mark Cadle, Jaclyn Wolf Tayler, and Jeff Gerth.

Pledge

Cody Ferguson from the Department of Commerce presented a slide show on zoning, annexation, subdivision regulations and general land use planning. We had a good turnout with lots of questions and discussion.

Public Comment Not on the Agenda

Gary Hilliker stated that he talks to a lot of people, and they want to know if the council members can be contacted? Not everyone wants their cell phone numbers given out but if you go to the town website at townofsheridanmt.net, under council, there is a link to each of their email addresses.

Department Reports

Sheriff – Mayor Stump read the report for the month of March 2022.

Library –

Attorney – Attorney Kruer reported on looking into steps as to how the town could obtain their own court by using the Justice of the Peace. We would want to take a look at the economical side of it. Mike Walter feels that we need to get buy-in from the community. Council will have further discussion at a later date.

Fire Department – Jeff Gerth gave the report for the month of March. The department received 1 motor vehicle accident and have been assisting in controlled burns.

Public Works – Mayor Stump reported in Dukes absence. They have spent about 2 weeks cleaning up the baseball parks and have installed 2 new water meters in March.

Clerk Treasurer – I had to purchase a new domain name and the new website is townofsheridanmt.net. I will be working on ARPA reporting. Mayor Stump announced me receiving the Clerk of the year award from Montana Rural Water Systems.

Boards and Committees

Park Board District – Mary Pat talked about the annual lease agreement of \$7000 plus \$4,000 of in-kind work from the town. This includes mowing, watering, and trash pickup.

Sheridan Community Charitable Foundation

Kaylie Theis, Britani Allhands and Pete Rossiter came tonight to talk about the amphitheater. They feel that they have gotten push back from the town even though building the amphitheater was already approved. The town has yet to prep the area for the cement pad. The Foundation has put a lot of thought and work into their plan and the goal has been to have the amphitheater built in time for Sheridan Days. The placement of the theater and the general layout of the plan was discussed in length. Mike Walter feels that we all need to have better communication as he has multiple concerns. He would like to see a master design that everyone agrees with. Mary Pat agrees with Mike Walter and would like to see a definite plan, coming from the view of the Park Board.

The foundation had 2 options for the location of the amphitheater. Option A was near the playground equipment because it would be closer to electricity, therefore less expensive and option B was to the north corner of the park, near the creek. The council agreed that they liked option B more and Mayor Stump committed to helping with the extra expense of running the electricity. This week public works will take a look at the storm drain and get the location marked again.

Fire Station Committee – None

Public Comment on the Agenda – Jaclyn Wolf Tayler applauds Kaylie and the team for what they have accomplished already.

Old Business

1. Proposal from Clearview Tower Company

Bill Ray is part owner of Clearview Tower Company who put together the offer to buy the lease we currently have with American Tower Company near the dump site. The Town currently receives \$8,694.55 per year. Clearview Tower is offering a lump sum of \$167,500 for a 50- year exclusive easement for the ground space defined in the lease. Bill explained that American Tower would have the First Right of Refusal. Bill does not believe that American Tower would be willing to give up this lease, however it would be an opportunity for the town to receive a lump sum of cash.

Last month the town received the annual payment of \$8,955.39. The council is still undecided. Ginger will email the council a copy of the current lease tomorrow.

Mike Walter moves to TABLE and Tammy Todd seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Tammy Todd voting yes, Z. Wade Hampton voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes. TABLE

New Business

1. Ruby Valley Swimming Pool boiler financial assistance

Lockmer Plumbing and Heating out of Butte recommends replacing the boiler rather than putting any more money into the old one. They referred Mary Pat to Northwest Pipe and Mary Pat was given a quote of \$14,000 for a new boiler. This cost was paid for by an anonymous donor. The plumber will honor the warranty and maintain the boiler since it will be purchased through Northwest Pipe. The labor costs for the plumber are \$9,625.00. Mary Pat is requesting to split that cost 3 ways. The Town, the Pool Club and the Parks Board can each pay \$3,208.34. Tammy Todd moves to fund one third of the cost to remove the old and install the new boiler. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** Rahn Abbott voting yes, Tammy Todd voting yes, Z. Wade Hampton voting yes and Mike Walter voting yes. The motion passes.

Consent Agenda Items

The payroll and claim checks 17334-17366 and 17368 along with the minutes from March 14, 2022 were reviewed. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the claims and meeting minutes for March 2022. Tammy Todd seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passed unanimously.

The financial and utility delinquent reports were reviewed, with no shut off notice. Rahn Abbott moves to approve the financial and utility delinquent reports as presented. Mike Walter seconded the motion.

Mayor Stump called the question for the council members. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Report - Nothing further to discuss.

Mayor's Report - Nothing further to discuss.

Tammy Todd moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned 9:51 p.m.

Approved: Mayor Robert C. Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger