

Town of Sheridan Town Council Meeting April 17, 2023 at Town Hall

In attendance: Mayor Mike Walter, Tom Roberts, Tammy Todd, Rahn Abbott, Tonya Romkema, Ty Gerth (public works), Sarah Hanson (clerk, treasurer)

Other Attendees: Kaylie Theis, Lon Seidel, Kay Colwell, Stephanie Kruer (town attorney), Zachary Thompson, Rich Bayers, Clayton Barr, Mark McLaughlin

Call to Order 6:02pm

Pledge

Public Comment Not on the Agenda - None

Department Reports

Sheriff: None Reported

Library: Had resignation from the library board, they are looking for another person to join.

Attorney: Stephanie has nothing to share today.

Fire Department: Rahn Abbott advises not a lot going on right now. The motor for the wild land truck is in and hoping to be up and running soon. The tender still needs to be fixed.

Public Works: Ty Gerth, avg. daily water pump has gone down since water leak has been fixed. Been working on grading roads and cleaned the park for the easter egg hunt in town. Rich Buyers discusses weeds that could be sprayed budgeted at \$2000 for all four settling ponds. Would need to be done anytime between now and before green starts coming up. Ty discusses projects that he is working on and potential future projects. Ty discusses equipment list.

Clerk/Treasurer: Sarah Hanson advises things are going well. Been getting all quarterly reports and payments done and submitted to various places. Went to Virginia City for a Library Government Training with Mayor Mike Walter and Bill from the Library. Getting ready to head to Clerks Institute in Bozeman the 30th-May 4th. We are heading into budget season, and trying to prepare the best that we can for that process.

Boards and Committees

MSIT: Kay Colwell discusses wanting to go forward with the pole that had been discussed last year. Kay advised that she had given information to the previous clerk, and it was supposed to have been passed on to the council and she never heard anything. The council advises that they are fine with the MSIT to move forward with putting up their sign.

Tom Roberts moves that we allow MSIT to proceed with putting their sign up. Tammy seconds – all in favor, motion passes.

Kay advises that they continue to have issues with drainage from Mill St. down to the Main St. sidewalks, Kay advises they have contacted an engineer to find out what they can do to resolve the issue.

Park District Board: Signed MOU lease agreement that is signed every year.

SCCF: Kaylie Theis discusses Cinco de mayo, Sheridan day's events coming up. Kaylie discusses playground equipment. The cost of the playground is approximately \$86,000.00. The foundation has all of that in the budget. They do not have to pay for the installation or second part until the fall. Installation is \$31,000.00 out of North Dakota. Discussion on ground covering. The foundation still needs to come up with \$40,000.00. Kaylie is asking the council if they would like them to order the equipment as well as if there is a possibility of doing the installation themselves.

Rahn Abbott, I move that they should order the equipment. Tom Roberts Seconds. All in favor – motion passes. Tammy Todd advises Kaylie to check back with the council next month.

Public Comment on the Agenda - None

New Business

Ordinance Enforcement Discussion – Tom Roberts discusses ordinances and enforcement. Tom discusses that other towns have town court with a town judge. Mike Walter advises that he had an email from the mayor of Twin Bridges asking if Sheridan would like to sit down with them and discuss joining together. Discussion on sheriff involvement with enforcement of ordinances. Discussion on city court procedures. Discussion on re-writing ordinances. Council discussion on current ordinances. Tonya asked if the council could set up a meeting with Duncan Hedges and Twin Bridges on the matter. Tonya is going to head up reaching out to TB, Ennis, and VC on setting up meeting.

FEMA—Floodplain Discussion – Mike Walter discusses FEMA's and DNRC map and floodplain. Tom discusses mapping and what FEMA and DNRC is looking for from the Town. Tom discusses the option of opting out of the program and the properties that are affected by the floodplain zone. Tom's suggestion is to notify the property owners individually by allowing them to know they live in the affected area. Mike discusses Belt, MT as they have opted out of the program and been sanctioned by FEMA. Tom discusses the drafted letter he has put together for homeowners in the floodplain zone. Council discussion. Stephanie Kruer advises that the property owners should be made aware and gives some edits to Tom Roberts for the drafted letter from the town. Stephanie advises it would be good to know what exactly the ramifications are for opting out. Tom asks for the item to be tabled.

Engineering Services Discussion – Mike discusses being joined with WWC and the perception of conflict that has been involved with using them. Mike brings up discussion for other options for engineering services. Tom advises he believes the town should finish the task orders with WWC and discuss a new task with a new provider. Ultimately there is a perception of conflict with WWC due to the proposed development. Tonya asks to table the discussion until the council knows of potential projects that could be brought up to a new firm.

Minutes for March 13, 2023 – Tom Roberts I move that we accept the minutes as presented. Tonya seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Financials/Utility Delinquent Report – I move that we financials and delinquents. Tammy Todd seconds. That Tom amends that we wait to hear from Sarah on what Black Mountains has to say about wiping out the delinquent report. All in favor – motion passes.

Council Report - Tom brings up the community advisory committee that met. There were 14 in attendance out of 23 invited. The committee will be going over the topics of Mapping, Research,

Ordinances, CIP, Growth policy. Next meeting will be on May 9, 2023. Council discussion. Tom brings up purchasing a laptop for the town clerk. Tom discusses public works position and scheduling for interviews. Tom discusses employee policy and evaluations. Rahn discusses a backup server that he built for Town Hall. Council discussion on preservation of historic documents.

Community member question on community tax dollars with the new fire hall, and someone of the city onto the rural fire board. Council discussion with citizens on fire department.

Mayor Report – Mike Walter announces that he has decided to resign as mayor at the end of the month. Council discussion on when the next term is. Council discussion on final two weeks of mayor.

Mike entertains motion to adjourn.

Tonya Romkema, I move that we adjourn the meeting. Tom Roberts seconds. All in favor – meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

Minutes respectively taken by clerk/treasurer Sarah Hanson