

## **Public Hearing July 11, 2022**

A regular session of the Sheridan Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Robert Stump, Council members Mike Walter, Rahn Abbott, Tammy Todd and Z. Wade Hampton were present along with Clerk Ginger Galiger and Public Works, Duke Gilman.

Guests: Corey Theis, Duncan Hedges with the Madison County Sheriffs Office, Nancy Males, Suzi Hampton, Steve Dobb, Gary Hilliker, Monty Simonsen, Tony Simonsen, Kate Rose, Cam, and Carrie Gibson

## **Pledge**

### **2021-2022 Budget Amendment**

Mayor Stump read Resolution 2022-1. The amendments are to include additional revenues from the County tax to the library in the amount of \$12,600.89. Police reserves and Fireman's reserves \$95.00. \$36,902.60 into the water fund from closing out the water project account. \$1924.11 from water installation charges. The sewer fund received additional revenues in the amount of \$3,432.80. The additional expenditures of \$95.00 to the Police reserves and Fireman's reserves.

### **Public Comment on the Budget Amendment – None**

This portion of the meeting was closed at 6:05.

## **Regular Town Council Meeting**

### **Public comment not on the agenda**

Gary Hilliker asked if the Council has responded to Candice Mauseth's letter yet. They have not. Gary would like all meetings going forward to be recorded. Gary also want's additional public comment meetings after the County holds their public hearing. Mayor Stump stated that we have rescheduled the Townhall meeting for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to hear additional concerns from the Community and to help find potential solutions. Mayor Stump believes that the Council will be able to vote on the subdivision at the next regular Town Council meeting.

## **Department Reports**

Sheriff – Captain Duncan Hedges gave the report for the month of June 2022. There has not been a significant increase in any one thing last month. They are seeing more thefts from storage units in our surrounding communities and encourages everyone to lock your things up. They have also been receiving calls from identity theft and scams. Multiple traffic stops for speeding, warnings were issued. The Department is still shorthanded but are in the process of hiring 3 new deputies.

Library – Their meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night, but they are unsure if they will have quorum.

Attorney – None

Fire Department – Rahn Abbott reported on the fire up Indian Creek that burned 4 to 5 acres. Duncan Hedges applauded everyone that showed up and the teamwork used to quickly get the fire under control. They also received a call on a fire up Bivens Creek that was started by lightening. The fire was reported early so they caught it quickly.

Public Works – The County did a great job in grading many of the roads in town last month and they did a great job. The Town used gas tax funds to cover the expense of the materials used. We hope to continue to do more next year with their assistance. The grader owned by the town is not heavy enough to do a very good job. Duke has been busy keeping up with the parks and mowing.

Clerk/Treasure – Nothing new to report.

## **Boards and Committees**

MSIT – None

Park District Board – Mary Pat Graham was unable to be here tonight but wrote a letter to the Council. So far, the swimming pool has had a good season. They are still waiting on the new broiler, hoping to receive it by the end of July. In the meantime, the old boiler is holding up with the help of Lockmer Plumbing. The first session of swimming lessons went well, with lots of new faces.

The Elks Club is sponsoring swim parties for all ages. The parties will be divided by age into 3 groups. The Elks Club has been very generous to the Pool Club this year and volunteer their time serving food at the parties.

The deep-water aerobics has been well received. We are seeing new faces for aerobics this year as well. Sheridan Community Charitable Foundation – The rough framing is done on the amphitheater, and they are still waiting for some of the supplies. Corey Theis asked the town to seal the cement.

## **Public Comment Not on the Agenda – None**

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Contribution to Madison County to help fund a Planning Director**

Mayor Stump has not received anything further on this request. Rahn Abbott made a motion to have this item removed from the agenda until we receive more information from the County. Tammy Todd seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

#### **2. Expansion of Senior Center – conflict with the sewer main**

Tony Simonsen was here to talk about the 30 x 60 expansion. The facility needs more space. This addition would include an exercise room, bathroom, meeting room and additional storage. A corner of the current building was built over the sewer line that comes from the nursing home. They have talked about rerunning the sewer line and the additional cost to rerouting the line. Mayor Stump found meeting minutes from 1988, where the Town, County, and the hospital each agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost to move the line. Tony Simonsen got a verbal agreement from Dan Allhands that the County would pay their 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tony would like to propose moving forward with the construction as they wait for DEQ approval on the sewer line.

Erland Gendreau, an engineer out of Butte anticipates the cost of \$50,000 to \$80,000 but we will not have a true cost until he comes to lay it out. Once we get him here, it will take about 2 weeks to get the figures back. Mike Walter asked, “What if DEQ has an issue with permitting and the building is already built?” Rahn Abbott is not comfortable moving forward prior to having a preliminary design and know what the project will cost. Tammy Todd asked, “What is the rush?” Ralph Sand spoke on behalf of the board and stated that the cost of everything just keeps going up.

Mike Walter made a motion to move forward with getting an engineer to get a cost estimate and the town to contact DEQ. Tammy Todd asked to add to the motion by saying, “prior to making a final decision”. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

#### **3. Mayor to continue working in the capacity of public works**

There are rare occasions when both public works are unavailable to do checks on the weekends. Mayor Stump talked about the dilemma of hiring a second full-time and a part-time employee. In the summer we could use the extra help but, in the wintertime, it is often a slow time, depending on the amount of snow we get. Duke stated, “Bob primarily does all of the checks and if he is not on the payroll, he can’t be expected to do that. You have a great guy now.” We can start the hiring process now; it takes a while to get a person up to speed on everything. Z. Wade Hampton asked, “what does Bob want to do?” Bob said, “I would like to have more free time but there is work that needs to be done.” At the time, Corey Theis was on the Council and recalls upon hiring Bob to cover this position, it was going to be temporary. Corey wants it to be advertised. Discussion on the needs and different position options, temporary, seasonal, or part-time. Mike Walter moves to start advertising for a fulltime public works position with the intension of transitioning Bob to a parttime or fill in position. Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Resolution 2022-1 to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Rahn Abbott moves to adopt Resolution 2022-1. Tammy Todd seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

## **2. Request to annex 25 Mill Creek Rd into the town to hook-on to the water system**

Thomas and Kathleen Weir attempted to sell the house at 25 Mill Creek Rd last year and upon inspection, they found that the septic tank needed to be replaced. They spent approximately \$20,000 for a new septic tank that was placed on the west side of the house. The current well on the property is now too close to the septic so they were told they would have to drill a new well. When Graham Drilling got to the site, it was determined they would be unable to get the drill rig to the location that was determined by the County Sanitation to be the only place for a well. Mr. & Mrs. Weir asked if they could hook onto the town water which is about 200 feet from the main. The cost from the main to the meter pit is the town's responsibility. The property is under contract with a July closing date.

Mike Walter feels that this is a lot of money to spend to hook onto one home and the town is currently deficient in water, according to DEQ rules. Mayor Stump would require them to annex into town limits. We would be required to have a resolution to annex and hold a public hearing. Discussion.

Mike Walter moves to deny the request pending further discussion and information on the cost to the town and annexation. (A main would need to be engineered and we would need an easement. We need to investigate into hooking on without annexation.) Rahn Abbott seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> were reviewed with one correction of the word nominal, not monumental. Rahn Abbott moves to accept the minutes with one correction. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

Rahn Abbott moves to accept the financials and the utility delinquent report. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

### **Council Report**

Mike Walter said he was approached by a citizen who was not in favor of having the Russian Olive tree removed from the park. Maybe we can plant a different tree down there.

### **Mayor Report**

Nothing else to report

Rahn Abbott moves to adjourn tonight's meeting. Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council members.** The vote was passed unanimously.

Adjourned 8:37 p.m.

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Approved: Mayor Robert C. Stump

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Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger