

## **Regular Town Council Meeting December 12, 2022 – Town Hall**

Present Council – Tammy Todd, Tonya Romkema, Tom Roberts (by phone), mayor Mike Walter and clerk/treasurer Sarah Hanson

Also in attendance – Steve Dobbs, Lon Seidel, Kaylie Theis, Duke Gilman (Public Works), Ty Gerth (Public Works), Jeff Gerth (Sheridan Fire Chief)

### **Called to Order at 6:02pm**

#### **Pledge**

Council may ask questions but are not able to have conversation. This is to be a time to listen to community.

#### **Public Hearing on Interim Zoning Ordinance**

Jeff Gerth brought up that his wife April Gerth would be willing to help with the interim zoning

No further discussion from public hearing

Adjourned at 6:03pm

### **Regular Town Council Meeting**

Meeting began at 6:03pm

**Public Comment Not on the Agenda** - No public comment

#### **Department Reports**

Sheriff – Report on file

Library – No report

Attorney – Stephanie was not able to be at meeting. She is working on staff report from Virginia City special meeting. Staff report should be going out to developer this Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

Fire Dept. – Jeff Gerth had couple mutual aid calls and chimney fires. Rural Fire Department accepted bid for new station.

Public Works – Duke Gilman brought up that Ty Gerth has begun his employment, and things are going well. Had water main break on Hwy 287, that has been fixed. Trying to keep up on winter roads and sidewalks. Tom Roberts asks what the length of pipe was that broke, Duke advises that it was about 4ft.

Clerk/Treasurer – Have gotten SAM's registration up to date and have almost everything submitted for ARPA funding.

#### **Boards and Committees**

MSIT (Main Street Improvement Team) – No report

Park District Board – No report

SCCF (Sheridan Charitable Community Foundation) – Kaylie Theis discuss that they hosted the Christmas stroll, and it went well. Have meeting next month to talk about getting funding for playground equipment.

**Public Comment on the Agenda** – No public comment

#### **Old Business**

Interim Zoning Ordinance – Mike adv that they have been learning about how to enact this interim zoning ordinance. Mike said that Stephanie had advised that the council can enact the resolution and would need a motion and then a reading would have to take place at the next council meeting. The interim zoning ordinance would be good for six months with possible extension for one year to redraft d

Tom Roberts moves “that we direct to draft an interim zoning to be presented at the next regular town council meeting”

Tonya Seconds.

All in favor - motion passes

### **New Business**

Discovery for Advisory Board – Mike reads from the Montana Municipal handbook on 2.107. Mike asks if they can form a board if the council sees necessary and pick a chair for someone to run it and take point on it. Council discussion.

Tonya Romkema “moves to create an advisory board to develop an interim zoning plan”

Tammy Todd Seconds.

Tom wants to talk about how members of the board are chosen and believes they should be chosen by the council. Tonya advises that Tom would be a great candidate for that chair. Tom advises that he would enjoy serving in that capacity. Discussion by council on appointing a board.

Mike advises a work meeting would be beneficial to talk more about how the council might want an advisory board to look like.

All in favor of motion – Motion Passes

Tonya brings up that a work meeting should take place before appointing an advisory board. Mike brings up there should be no more motions until a work meeting has taken place.

Discussion from council on future work meeting that will probably take place after the new year.

Mike discusses that they should be thinking about the Intention of the board and that it is for all people and the citizens of Sheridan and where Sheridan is going and what they want Sheridan to be in the future. Important to contact the landowners and get their input and open up communication.

Appointment of Council President – Mike advises that in the past mayors have always asked a council member, but after reading the handbook it is actually up to the council to decide and vote on it. Mike reads definition of council president from Montana municipal handbook.

Tammy makes motion to “retain Rahn Abbott as council president”

Tom Roberts Seconds.

No further discussion

All in favor – Motion passes

### **Minutes**

Council spent time looking over minutes from Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Tammy Todd moves to “approve the meeting minutes or Nov 9<sup>th</sup> in Virginia City and Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at town hall”

Tonya Romkema Seconds

No further Discussion

All in favor – motion passes

Financials/utility delinquent report – Tom brings up the legal services in the budget and Mike brings discussion about the fees. Mike believes there will eventually have to be an amendment to cover the legal fees. Council discussion on budget.

Tom Roberts “so moves”

Tonya Romkema seconds

All in favor – motion passes

Council Report – Tammy enjoyed Christmas stroll and thought there was a good turnout. Mike brought up that Ty has been a great asset and the main break went smoothly. Tammy advised the community to spread the word about zoning.

Tonya Romkema motions that we adjourn

Tammy Todd seconds

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by clerk, treasurer Sarah Hanson