

Town of Sheridan Town Council Meeting May 8, 2023 at Town Hall

In attendance

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Pledge

Public Comment Not on the Agenda- Jeff Gerth comments that the council should look at paying the mayor more than what they are as they start looking candidates for mayor. Dori Hilliker wants to endorse Judy Edwards for the role of mayor. Dori asks a question on behalf of Judy Edwards regarding budget. Dori asks question of subdivision- another member of the community endorses Judy Edwards.

Department Reports

Sheriff – Rahn Abbott read through the sheriff report as Sheriff was not present. Rahn reads letter from Joan Noble regarding dog complaint.

Library – Rahn Abbott reads library report.

Attorney – No report as of right now

Fire Department – Jeff Gerth advises they had 3 calls last month. Mill Levy passed and so the building will be going forward. Working on grants and donations. Brush truck is complete and will be working on the tender.

Public Works – Ty Gerth advises water has started to go up a bit. The pivot will be fixed before the season starts. Still working on potholes on roads. Got the baseball field aerated. The four-wheeler may need to be fixed.

Clerk/Treasurer – Sarah Hanson discussed clerks institute from previous week that she went to. Discussed that she was beginning to look at the budget.

Boards and Committees

MSIT – Stephanie advised they are moving forward with the sign that was discussed at last meeting, and moving forward with the drainage issues on Mill St.

Park District Board – Rahn Abbott speaks on behalf of the park district board regarding pool lease.

Tammy Todd, I so move that we sign the contract with the ruby valley park and recreation district. Tonya seconds. – All in favor with 4 aye's – motion passes

SCCF – Tammy reads report on behalf of foundation. Cinco De Mayo event was a success, continuing to plan for Sheridan days. Playground equipment has been purchased as well as the flagpole.

New Business

Compost Site – Audra Bell addresses the council and hands out maps of the location of the compost site. Audra advises she would like to make some amendments to the drafted agreement. Would like to extend the fence of the site, as well as remove the land use for fish wildlife and parks. The conservation district is currently using .2 acers of .5 leased. Discussion on approving on principle so the conservation district can proceed. Discussion on extending lease ground. Further discussion on compost site. Entertains motion to add in the lease portion for \$1 and Tom Roberts, I move that we authorize on principle up to 5 years at the stated rate and the acreage allotted and no fish wildlife park usage. Tonya seconds – all in favor with 4 aye's – no further discussion – motion passes.

Dust Control – Rahn brings up discussion of "Mag Chloride ". Ty advises that two years ago it was about \$12,000 and now it is over \$14,000. Not including tender for watering. The town has \$15,000 in gas tax to be used on roads. Discussion on efficiency of mag chloride. Tammy Todd brings up that she had a complaint from the community about Mag Chloride that it is toxic to the environment. Tom would like to see a second bid before the next time the town does it. Have two bids before this time 2025. Tom

Roberts, I move we authorize We Dust Control as specified to be coordinated with Ty. Tammy Todd seconds. All in favor – 4 ayes – motion passes.

Weed Spraying for Public Works – Ty Gerth discusses bid from last meeting. \$2000 for the holding cells and the lagoon and significantly less for the weeds in town. Audra Bell from community advises it may be good to go out for a bid. Ty advises that it was tabled from last council meeting to tonight. Council discussion on doing what has to be done now for \$2000 for lagoon and holding cells and go out to bid for the weeds in town. Tonya Romkema, I motion that we approve the weed spraying at the lagoons and the holding ponds and go out to bid for the weeds in town. Tammy Todd seconds. All in favor – 4 ayes – no further discussion – motion passes.

Public Comment on the Agenda – no comment

Minutes for April 17, 2023 – Tom Roberts, I move that we accept the minutes as presented. Tonya Romkema seconds. All in favor – 4 aye – motion passes

Financials – Tonya, I motion we accept the financials as presented. Tom Roberts seconds. All in favor – with 4 aye’s – motion passes

Council Report – Tom Roberts brings up discussion from last month on the matter of FEMA. Tom discusses that the community advisory committee meets tomorrow May 9, and will be splitting up into teams to look into different topics. Have scheduled 3 candidates for public works. Tom will not be here for the June meeting. Tammy Todd brings up dog complaints and dust control complaints. Tonya advises nothing to report aside from that the topic of city court and that the ordinances should be revisited prior to going into that next step. Discussion on budget and what is available for enforcement. Discussion on revisiting ordinances.

Rahn Abbott brings up delinquent reports. Advises that they are outside of the scope of the council members and does not need to be on the table in council packs. Rahn discusses that keys for town hall were brought up by the MSU local government center. Council members have duties to write ordinances and resolutions, but other than that they are members of the general public. Council members that hold keys liable for holding those keys and not covered by the town’s insurance. The town is asking for keys to be turned in. For the interviews that are coming up for public works, CDL was not on the application or in the job description so we cannot require that of the applicants. Discussion on whether the town wants to require employees to have a CDL. Tom advises that the town may have an obligation to fund an employee to get a CDL and could be put on the agenda next month.

Tammy brings up compensation for the clerk/treasurer. Rahn advises that it would be good to go over that during budget time. Tammy brings up what kind of policies we have in place for people coming in wanted public information after an encounter with a pushy individual the past week. May be a good agenda item.

Tonya brings up possible safety measures that could be put in place for employees at town hall.

Tom brings up how the town proceeds with getting a mayor. Rahn would like to have a special meeting to review letters, make a decision and appoint a new mayor. The open special meeting will be held on May 22, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Tom Motions to adjourn – Tonya seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by clerk/treasurer Sarah Hanson