

## **Work and Special Meeting with WWC at Town Hall January 4, 2023**

In attendance: Rahn Abbott, Tammy Todd, Tonya Romkema, Tom Roberts (By phone), Duke Gilman (Public Works), Ty Gerth (Public Works), Mayor Mike Walter, and Clerk, Treasurer Sarah Hanson

Call to order at 11:31am

Mike Walter starts meeting asking if council would like to go over the email of the advisory committee charter. Document read aloud. Council discussion on minor changes to the document. Council wants to reiterate that the committee does not have any authority but brings advise, research and thoughts. Council discussion on what is considered open space and urban sprawl.

Council continues through document of letter of interest. Council believes the letter looks good as is with one minor edit. Tom Roberts asks when they will be looking at getting this committee up and running. Rahn advises it will most likely be a few months before anything happens. Mike says to hopefully aim for mid-March to have a meeting with interested parties of the committee. Discussion on potential venues to hold meetings for the advisory committee.

No further discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55am

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In Attendance: Rahn Abbott, Tammy Todd Tonya Romkema, Tom Roberts (By Phone), Duke Gilman (Public Works), Ty Gerth (Public Works), Jeff Gerth (Sheridan Fire Chief) Shawn Higley (engineer overall), Scott Payne (local liaison), Peter Haun (Town Engineer), Mayor Mike Walter and Clerk, Treasurer Sarah Hanson

Call to Order at 12:00pm

Scott Payne starts off saying he wanted a meeting to recalibrate and get back on track with each other and talk about future things. They have a five-year contract with Sheridan. Sheridan has 3 open task orders. The redundant well is one of them.

Peter Haun advises the redundant well is in an approval process through DEQ and then we will go out to bid in the spring to get it up and running. Approximately hoping to have it going this summer before the irrigation season. Discussion on well drilling. Tom asks when they would have running water flowing from the well. Peter and Sean suggest they believe potentially around mid-Fall. Scott Payne advises they expect the well to be more sufficient than all other wells in Sheridan. Peter advises that Scott Payne will be on site through the process. Continued discussion on the wells from WWC and Council.

Peter says the next open task order is the water hydraulic model. Hopes that the model and testing will show if the flow is significant through the system. That static model should be done in the next few weeks. Mike asks if WWC does a study can the council be more conservative with funds. Sean says if there is ever anything that the council wants to discuss or revamp to let them know and they can always look at whatever is being addressed. Peter would also like to collect pressure data from multiple wells. Scott Payne say's all of this is covered under the towns ARPA funding. Council and WWC discussion on wells, flow, and pressures.

Scott Payne brings up the next the last task order which is to support town with an annexation project. This was opened to help with the administration process to help it run smoothly. If there is anything annexed in from city limits there would have to be a new water right instated. Tom asked if there is a timeline for when a task order is opened? Scott advises yes, but those timelines can always change throughout the process. Tom asked if this task order is on the shelf? Scott and Sean both agree that yes, it will not be touched until the council wants to move forward with it. Council and WWC discussion on transducer that never got put in on well number 6.

Scott Payne advises that the next topic is Monitoring Data Useful for Planning. Scott explains the data that gets collected such as pressure from wells and wastewater etc. Council and WWC discussion. WWC supports the town on water data collected and works with MAT on this. This is all including Water level data in production wells, wastewater flow data, WW pond level and irrigation flow data and Others. Tammy asks the question about what they need to do to get the transducer to work or put in on well number six. MAT needs to be hired and have them start on it. Tonya asked if there are other places, they need to get transducers put in if we are already have MAT coming. Scott advises that would be great but that would be up to the town and how much money wanting to put forth towards it. One of the final things of data collected would be to measure the infiltration.

Tammy Todd asked when our contract is up, they believe it will be up the end of summer 2025.

Scott advised that the other thing they deal with is grant funding. The capital improvement list. Discussion on ARPA funding from Scott. Another thing is the ballpark and storage tank back up power. Discussion on generator and new well. Another thing WWC is helping with is the SCADA system maintenance and upgrades. Nursing home sewer and other improvements with MC. Another thing WWC is helping with is protecting water rights and keeping up to date with what is on the horizon.

Discussion on how WWC can get documents that are needed for projects. Discussion from WWC and Council on GIS system.

Sean brings up next topic of the planning documents update, and grant for community planning. Mike advises we are in process of creating an advisory committee, as well as looking at zoning, and in the process of creating an interim zoning ordinance. Discussion from WWC and council on density, zoning, open spaces, and growth policies. Mike advises WWC that he would like to pursue a CBDG grant. Sean and Scott advised they can help the town get some funding.

Scott brings up when new things come up to ask him for his advice so he can look at it, but also set a dollar limit on whatever it is. Discussion on budget. Peter advises that he wants to have clear communication and be able to know exactly what we are looking at on an invoice and know what funds they come out of. Discussion from Duke Gilman and WWC on funding and projects and concerns on wells.

Peter is going to work up a general task order, and work on communication, and the committee that is being put together can contact him on funding.

No further discussion

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by clerk, treasurer Sarah Hanson