

Regular Council Meeting March 13, 2018

Council members in attendance were Nolan Frandsen, Annette McLean, Matt Greemore, and Joe Willauer. Davey Banks was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Tom Hyndman and Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse.

Guests: Roger Thompson (Madison County Sheriffs Department), Jeff Walker, Robert Lancaster, Geoff Hamill (Madisonian), Attorney Lori Harshbarger.

Mayor Hyndman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Comment: No comments

Resolution Approval: *Resolution 2018-01 (Intent to Increase Water Rates)*- Mayor Hyndman reviewed the resolution for the water increase which will be a base rate increase of \$2.50 per month and 2% each year following until June 2024. The increase will be effective July 1, 2018. The Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the resolution. Joe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 Intent to Increase Water Rates. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-02 (Intent to increase sewer rates) – Mayor Hyndman reviewed the rates for the sewer system which will be going from \$36.59 to \$46.89 effective July 1, 2018 with a 2% increase the following years until 2024. The Mayor asked for any comments or questions regarding the sewer rates. Annette made a motion to approve resolution 2018-02 intent to increase sewer rates. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-03 (Gas Tax Distribution) – Kristi explained to the council that this resolution is so we can request the money from the State for the new gas tax. We have to have a resolution requesting the money and stating what project it is going to go to. Joe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03. Seconded by Annette. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Thompson gave the Sheriff Department's report on incidents that occurred in Twin Bridges this past month. The Sheriff's office responded to the following incidents (1) Disturbance, (1) Suspicious Person/Circumstance, (1) VIN Inspections, (1) Welfare Check with a total of 20.75 hours.

Sheriff Thompson reported that the storage unit burglaries have started up again around the County. They have no leads at this time as to who is doing the break-ins but they suspect it is part of the group from last summer.

The Sheriff reported that they are still working on the Ennis shooting. They are waiting on evidence from the crime lab to determine what will happen with the case. It will be up to the County Attorney to decide what happens. They are also looking into the situation of a man freezing to death in Virginia City. Again they are waiting on the crime lab so they can determine what happened.

Nolan asked if personal storage areas are being broken into or if it is just storage units. At this time it looks like it is just the storage units.

Discussion occurred regarding the drug problem. The marijuana shops have not been the problem but the grow crops are the ones that the Sheriff's Department has problems with. Matt asked if the shops have security they have to maintain. Roger stated no they are not, but if the medical marijuana shops do what they are supposed to do then they won't be a problem.

Madison County Fairgrounds (Power Bill): Tom reported that the County would like to know if the Council would be willing to split the power bill. Council discussed the situation and felt that the County should pay it in full and that it wasn't fair for the individuals in the Town to have to pay it. The County already received a break on the water loss. Annette made a motion to have the County pay the full charge for the recharge of the water pumps from the water loss. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe abstained. Matt-yes, Nolan-yes, Annette-yes.

Madison County Planning Board: No representative. Council reviewed the report, nothing pertained to Twin Bridges.

Library Report: No representative present. Council reviewed the written report.

6th Avenue Project: Kristi commented that the school is having a meeting on the 20th at 6:00 pm to discuss the project on 6th Avenue. Someone should be there to represent the Town. Matt and Tom will attend the meeting with the school.

Tom reported that the State picked out 8 consultants for the project on 6th Avenue and narrowed it down to four. There will be a conference call in April to determine the final consultant.

Attorney's Report: Lori commented that there was not much to report. The Attorney General's office has told her office that their decision is in the process regarding the Mayor removing a library board member. The Attorney General's office does not provide any deadline or any information as to when they will be done with their decision.

Lori also reported that all of the letters that were mailed out for the business licenses have been picked up. Lori verified with Kristi that there are still two individuals that have not come in to purchase their license.

Maintenance Report: Sam Novich was absent so Tom reported on his behalf. Sam wanted the council to guide him on what direction he should go with the lift station shaft. This is the second time it has broken. It will cost around \$3,000 to rebuild the shaft and we will only have a 90 day warranty. A new shaft will cost \$4,500 with a three year warranty and then certain parts drop off the warranty over those three years. Annette would like to see us look for another company and check with Great West to see if there are other vendors out there. The rest of the council agreed that we need to shop around.

Tom also reported that we had one little accident this week. Rick got his ear cut by the banners when he was hanging them up. The wind caught the banner and it flipped back and hit Rick in the head.

Mayor's Report: Tom asked the council about the sidewalk down in front of Celia Kloos's property. We have discussed sending a letter to the property owner that the sidewalk needs to be fixed. Council suggested that we get an estimate for the repairs and send with the letter to the property owners.

Tom has confirmed the date for the MT League of Cities and Town's (MTLCT) Summit meeting will be May 21st from 9 to 4. The Town checked with different venues around Town and provided them to the MTLCT they have chosen to hold the conference at the Wagon Wheel this year. MT League of Cities & Towns is putting the conference together.

Tom has a meeting in Polson with the Mayors the 28th, 29th, and 30th. Elected Officials Conference is in May in Billings.

Clerk's Report: Kristi commented that everything she had has already been discussed. She confirmed that Thursday, March 22 @ 3:00 pm is ok for the Bond Council meeting.

Kristi has been working on the ordinances and doing a lot of research. She has started retyping some of them which we reviewed on Monday March 12th.

Kristi also commented that the Clerk's Institute is May 6th through the 10th and the Elected Officials Workshop is May 8th through the 10th. If anyone else is interested in going please let her know so she can get rooms reserved, they go fast. Kristi also commented that the conference conflicts with the council meeting in May, does the council want to change the meeting to the following week. Council agreed that was a good idea since both Tom and Kristi are gone. May's council meeting will be on May 15th.

County Disaster Plan: The County is working on their disaster plan and has asked for the Town to review. Tom has looked at it and there are a few typos and name corrections that need to be made but Dustin is aware of those mistakes. Tom is recommending that the Council approve it. Nolan made a motion to approve the Madison County Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: *February 9, 2018 (Working Meeting)* – Matt made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2018 Working Meeting. Annette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

February 13, 2018 (Regular Council Meeting) – Annette made a motion to accept the regular council minutes of February 13, 2018. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

February 20, 2018 meeting with School and Great West Engineering. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes for February 20, 2018 for the School and Great West Engineer. Annette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: *Electronic Claims 89770 to 89775 and 89877* - Annette made a motion to accept the electronic checks. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Payroll Checks 5535 to 5554 - Annette made a motion to approve payroll checks 5535 to 5545. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims Checks: 20276 to 20300 - Annette made a motion to accept claims 20276 to 20300. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Utility Adjustments: Council reviewed the physical transaction for the Madison County Fairgrounds water adjustment which was approved at February Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:

Mayor Thomas Hyndman

Clerk, Kristi Millhouse