

Town of Twin Bridges Regular Council Meeting October 9, 2018

Council Members in attendance were Nolan Frandsen and Scott Holbrook. Joe Willauer arrived at 7:50 pm. Matt Greemore and Jim Klyap were absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Tom Hyndman, Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse, and Maintenance Supervisor Sam Novich.

Guests present were Phil Fortner (Madison County Sheriff's Department), Greg Taylor (Madisonian), Roger Hutchinson, Steve Millhouse (Library) and Lori Harshbarger (Town Attorney).

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hyndman at 7:18 pm.

Madison County Planning Board: Council reviewed the Madison County Planning Board written report. No questions or comments on the report.

Library Report: Steve Millhouse reported on behalf of the library. Steve is the new chairperson for the Library, and the Board will continue to rotate between board members attending the council meetings. Steve reported that the library had 681 visitors, 220 computer users, 108 desktop users, 6 AWE users, and 106 Wi-Fi users in September. The library just had its first basic Windows operation class and will continue with computer classes every other Saturday.

Maintenance Report: Sam reported that there have been no accidents. Sam and Rick have been working on the Shop Foundation and they ran into issues with ground water causing them to need additional materials. The foundation walls are done and now they are in a waiting period to fill in the foundation. They will try to start hauling gravel for the foundation this next week.

Sam is working on his own design for a sand and oil separator. The oil separator will be outside of the building. Discussion followed regarding the timing of the shop construction.

Rick winterized the hydrants last week and the rest room and bike camp have been shut down for the winter. They will be working on the streets the next few weeks getting pot holes filled and ready for winter.

Attorney's Report: Lori received a final decision from the Attorney General regarding the library which is a free public library. She provided the council members with a brief summary of what has been going on for the past couple of years while working on the inter-local agreement with the library. The question came up does the Mayor have the authority to remove the board member. The law is not clear so it went to the attorney general's office for clarification. The Attorney General came back and stated that the Mayor and the Council does not have the authority to remove a board member.

Fence Ordinance – Lori has reviewed the fence ordinance and there are a few areas that we need to work on and make clearer.

Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference (MTLCT) – Lori attended the MTLCT conference and they had a detective report on Sex Trafficking in Montana. Lori gave a brief summary of what was discussed during this session of the conference. Anywhere that there is a highway, railroad, etc. sex trafficking occurs. It is important to take photos at night and validate your daughters.

Lori also learned about trees at the conference and a beetle that is killing ash trees. The beetle has not infested Montana yet, but it is coming. It kills the ash trees and the beetles are expensive to kill. The individual speaking at the conference recommended that the ash trees start getting cleaned out now to help with the devastating loss when the beetles actually start affecting the trees.

Great West Engineering: Stormdrain District – Task Order No. 3: Joe made a motion to approve Task Order 3 with Great West Engineering. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sheriff's Report: Phil Fortner reported on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's department responded to (1) Animal problem, (2) Civil Service, (2) Suspicious Persons/Circumstances, and (3) Unfounded 911 Calls with a total of 40.75 hours for the month of September.

Undersheriff Fortner reported that they caught some of the individuals that were involved with the thefts in Harrison. They are hoping that they will be locked up for a while. Drugs are pushing the crimes. Meth is becoming a big problem.

Inter-local agreement - Undersheriff Fortner reported that the Commissioners tabled approval of Sheridan's Agreement at today's commissioners meeting. They would like to review Twin Bridges and Sheridan together. They want to make sure that both agreements are the same. Discussion followed, everyone (Town Attorney, Commissioners, and County Attorney) have concerns with the paragraph regarding events.

We will have a special meeting on Monday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm to approve the agreement for Twin Bridges.

Tom asked Phil about our sign and if Dustin Tetrault was finished with it. Phil commented that he will get it back for us. He also reported Jarrin Gasset just passed his 1 year mark and he has chosen to live here in Twin Bridges.

Roger Hutchinson (Boundary Adjustment): Roger presented the council with a drawing of what he wants to have done with the 2 lots he owns on Wray Street. Currently the lots sit east and west making them long and not easy to building a house on. He would like to do a boundary adjustment to split them going north and South. He would like the Council's approval before he pays for the survey and takes them to the planning board. Scott made a motion to approve the lot adjustment of Roger Hutchinson's property on Wray Street contingent upon the Planning Board approval. The motion was seconded by Joe. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Headwaters RC&D Report: Joe Willauer reported that the \$24,000 grant that Winston Rod applied for last year was awarded to them. This grant will be used for marketing and will create a couple new jobs here in Town.

Resolution 2018-12 Inter-cap Loan: Joe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-12. Motion was seconded by Nolan. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor's Report: Tom reported that he went to the MTLCT conference in Butte. There were approximately 500 people from the other Towns there. He received some information on the codification of our ordinances from Municode. Municode is willing to talk to the council when it comes time to do the codification. The cost is approximately \$4,000 initially and \$150 per year to keep updated.

The Town is now part of the National League of Cities and Towns. MTLCT has paid the dues for the Towns and Cities in Montana. We now have access to some extra benefits. The National League will talk to us and provide us with more information about what is available to us through the National League if we are interested.

Tom reported that on November 5th there will have a public meeting for the Water Line for the Children's Center here at Town Hall.

Clerk's Report: Kristi reported that closing for FY17-18 is coming to an end. She will do the final journal voucher transactions this week.

Joe thanked Kristi for getting the ACH withdrawal for the water and sewer bills set up. Kristi reported that approximately 20 people have signed up for the ACH option.

Kristi also commented that she needs the council to look at the Capital Improvements list that she provided to them a couple of months ago. We need to prioritize our projects so we can get the capital improvement plan update completed.

Minutes: Scott made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Claims: Joe made a motion to approve electronic payroll checks 89691 to 89716 and electronic claim checks 89860 to 89863. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll Checks - Joe made a motion to approve payroll checks 5661 to 5667. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Claims checks - Scott made a motion to approve claim checks 20470 to 20501. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Council Review: No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

ATTEST:

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk

Thomas O. Hyndman, Mayor