

February 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting

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

Guests: Madison County Sheriff Phil Fortner, Leslie Adams, Dixie Meredith, Patty Walker, Jeff Walker

Mayor Hyndman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment: Leslie Adams asked if the crossroads letter got out to all of the council. Did anyone have any questions about it? She would like to continue the dialogue with the sewer capacity. Tom commented that the lagoon is built and it can take on more households. Leslie still has concerns about the Storm drain SID. She doesn't feel that the public explanation was enough. Leslie gave letters from 2006 in support of her sewer system. She then asked about the info that is reported to MSU. Discussion followed.

Leslie stated that there is lack of communication in this office. Only needs 10 Edu's to get across the river. She doesn't have a plan for the Children's Center. Matt explained that the Town cannot get grant money to help her without a plan for the Children's Center. Leslie commented that her 66 parcels are not being represented.

Tom asked for any more comments.

Patty and Jeff Walker: Jeff commented that he was only here to make sure that parking on 6th Avenue is protected. He has talked to Dave Holien with MDT today and Dave stated that they are bringing back an updated plan. Tom agreed with Jeff that we are waiting for updated drawings from MDT and that MDT has taken their concerns into consideration. Discussion followed.

Jeff commented that he would have like to have had a public vote on the SID with yes or no ballots. Tom commented that the SID is done via advice from Bond Council. Matt commented that the SID was originally just going to be over around the school and it was not feasible for those individuals so we looked at the Town wide district.

Patty asked about the plume across the street when they start digging for the storm drains. Tom stated that DEQ has cleared it.

Madison County Sheriff Report: Phil Fortner from Madison County Sheriff Department reported that they responded to (1) citizen assist), (2) civil service calls, (1) abandoned vehicle, and (1) unfounded 911 call. The report is small this month and it has been quiet around the Town of Twin Bridges. No questions for the Sheriff.

Nolan Frandsen – Boundary Adjustment: Nolan is looking at combining his 3 lots into one lot (Lot 1, 2, 3A, Block 15), so that he can build a new shop. They do not have plans for the shop yet, but will get a building permit when they are ready. Joe made a motion to approve the boundary adjustment to make 3 lots into one lot. Scott seconded the motion. Nolan abstained from the vote. Matt – yes, Scott – yes, Joe – yes. Motion passed.

Madison County Planning Board: No representative present. Planning Board written report still shows a lot of work over on the Big Sky Area. Tom noticed that there may be a seat opening for Twin Bridges according to the Madisonian. Tom needs to get a hold of Pat Bradley and see if she is stepping down.

Library Board Report: No representative present. Kristi commented that she is having some issues with the library credit card, and bills getting paid with it. They have two items that are recurring that get charged to it that have not been approved by the Town Council. The library does not have the authority to pay the bills, only to approve them and then final approval needs to go through the Town Council.

Attorney's Report: No representative present.

Maintenance Report: Sam reported that they have had no accidents but the road grader is not working correctly. He believes the head gasket went out on it again. This is the second time that it has occurred. Discussion followed regarding the equipment and repairs.

Sam's computer is not working correctly. A new computer has been ordered and will be used for the day to day stuff and the SCADA system will be kept separate.

Snow removal has gotten in the way of working on the shop. Plumber has been on vacation and when Keith Perry gets back, Sam will get together with him and have the plumbing contract signed and then move forward with the rest. Mountain Building Center stated lumber is cheaper right now than in the spring and they recommended that it would be a good idea to go ahead and order now. Kristi commented that she has been approached about the process to possibly get the contract. She asked how we are going to keep it fair with the local contractors since we do not have to put the pieces of project out to bid. Discussion followed. We will put together a sheet that has all of the requirements for the building, a Town Business License is required, and a date that the proposals need to be presented. We will post the information on each of the spots we post the agenda and one at Mountain Building Center.

Sam reported that the waterline that was just replaced going across the river has come apart on the tap side of the Fairgrounds. Sam has contacted Carrie with Great West Engineering and notified her. Chris with Missouri River Contractors has also been contacted. The line is still under warranty and Chris should be down here in the next few days to have it fixed.

There was a six (6) inch main valve that broke on 9th and Wray Street. Bolts were corroded and busted. They put in new gasket and new bolts. It is a simple fix and something we see around Town occasionally.

Mayor's Report: Tom is leaving for the Mayor's forum tomorrow, which is in Helena. He will visit our Legislative Representatives Welborn and Shaw regarding the State Entitlement Share HB 124 and SB 160. HB 124 is the State Entitlement Share that is given to the Town and Cities. Kristi commented that this would be loss of \$40,000 for the Town and is almost half of the budget for the General Fund. Tom commented SB 160 is a bill that would hurt the Towns/Cities but would benefit the schools. Matt looked up when they are scheduled to be reviewed. SB160 is scheduled for its 3rd reading Wednesday afternoon. HB 124 is also going to be reviewed on Wednesday as well.

Charisse (Meyers) Miller and her husband donated skates for the skating rink. They donated about 30 pairs of skates. Kristi will send them a thank you note for the skates.

Tom reported that someone is dumping clipping, branches, over the side of the river bank. Tom commented that we may want to put up a sign that states no dumping.

Clerk's Report: Discussion occurred regarding the request for Town documents. Council approved that requests could be held off until the end of the week if she had other items that were of higher priority. Kristi presented another website option since our domain with WordPress is now expired effective January 23, 2019. Discussion followed. Nolan made a motion to approve the website through Immense Impact. Motion was seconded by Matt. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes: January 8, 2019 – Joe made a motion to approve the minutes for January 8, 2019. Motion was seconded by Matt. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Claims: Payroll Claim Checks-Joe made a motion to approve the payroll claims 5693 to 5697 and 89567 to 89589. Motion was seconded by Scott. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Regular Claim Checks - Scott made a motion to approve the claims checks 20569 to 20588, 89850 to 89851 and voided check 20577. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

ATTEST:

SIGNATURES ON FILE IN OFFICIAL BOOK

Thomas O. Hyndman, Mayor

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Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer