

March 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

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

Guests: John Taylor (Madisonian), Phil Fortner (Madison County Sheriff's Department), Bob Murdo (Jackson, Murdo, & Grant), Robert Lancaster, Heather and Gary Caprara, Penny Graham, Jeremiah Theys (Great West Engineering), Cory & Marie Henson, Gail Poirier, Colleen Bollick, Cathy O'Neil, Jeff and Patty Walker, John Pollorena, Pat Bradley (Madison County Planning Board), Steven Millhouse (Twin Bridges Public Library, Lori Harshbarger (Town Attorney)

Mayor Hyndman called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

Patty commented that she doesn't agree with the plans for parking on 6th Avenue in front of The Shack. Wants to know why the parking has been removed from 6th Ave. Tom commented that they are not removing parking from 6th Ave. Remove parking from in front of the Town's pump house. Tom explained we need to protect the water well.

RESOLUTION 2019-02: Approval of funds for HB473 - 2nd Gas Tax. Discussion followed regarding the amount of money. Joe made a motion to approve resolution 2019-02. Motion was seconded by Matt Greemore. Mayor Hyndman asked for any other comment before the vote, no comments. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2019-03: Amendment to budget FY18-19. Mayor Hyndman asked for any questions. Matt made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-03. Motion seconded by Joe Willauer. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Heather and Gary Caprara (Spiffy Biggy Portable Toilets): Gary commented that they were able to get a piece of land to dump their portable toilets in, so their request has changed to use the Town's wastewater system has changed. They would still like to get an agreement with the Town so that they can dump occasionally during the winter months when they cannot get to their dump site. Discussion occurred. Sam commented that Great West stated that in the past it would not have been a good idea to put in our lagoon. We aren't discharging to straight water so we don't have the issues we had in the past. If we allow them to dump then it would be dumped starting at the lift station on 2nd Avenue and be mixed in with other stuff before it got to the lagoon. Joe made a motion to table until the April Council meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Great West Engineering – 6th Avenue Project: Jeremiah from Great West Engineering commented that the Town needs to make a decision for the sidewalks on the first block of 6th Avenue as the plans need to be finalized by next week. Jeremiah presented alternatives 1 and 2 for parking and the sidewalks. Alternative 1 is sidewalk on south side along property line. Depressed curb and gutter and may go to valley gutter. Raised sections around the utility poles to protect it. The sidewalk would run along the North side running along the pump house, straight out to the ADA approach. Alternative is similar to 1 except with parallel parking.

Discussion followed regarding the different plans and concerns from Jeff and Patty Walker regarding the Shack losing parking. Jeff commented that he supports a sidewalk along the property line and is opposed to the angle parking. Discussion occurred with the council as to what plan and changes they want to go with. Joe made a motion to approve alternative #1 with the discussed changes made to the plans. Scott seconded the motion. Mayor Hyndman asked if there were any more questions before the vote. No questions. Mayor Hyndman took a roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion regarding the storm drain district occurred.

Patty Walker: Majority Rules – Jeff commented that if he feels the council should have put the storm drains out to vote and that the way the Storm drain district was formed was not fair.

Question asked if there was a way to back up on the Storm drains and do it over. Bob Murdo (Bond Council) explained that the Town has to do a Special Improvement District for funding. The Town wanted to get the SID done so it would match with up with the Sidewalk plan and MDT project. There needs to be away to fund the storm drains and the best way to do that is with a Special Improvement District (SID). Bob explained the State law and that the Town followed the law when creating the

district. He also explained there is a possibility for the cost to be less for each individual depending on whether there is any forgiveness money available through the State funding agency. DNRC funding has a 2 ½ % interest rate. There is not any way to get better financing to reduce the cost.

Can we redo this and majority rule? Bob commented that state law says that if you are going to finance something then you don't have to have a general vote. Individuals are allowed to write a letter of protest and if there are over 50% that are opposed then the Town cannot do anything and have to wait for 6 months to revisit it.

Jeff commented that the protest system would never meet the 51%. He felt that he was refused his right to governance for majority rules. Bob commented then you have a problem with the law because the Town did what they were required to do by law. Jeff commented that it wasn't done with common courtesy. Further discussion followed. Bob commented that the special assessment will be on the rolls in August. The Town is hoping to start the project this summer. Assessment will be in November.

Patty asked if the storm drains \$600,000 is just going to the Storm drains and to no other Town projects. Matt commented yes. This project is a priority for the Town.

Consolidation of Lots - Nolan commented that certain people are making rumors about why he consolidated his lots. He had been on the council for a year before consolidating his lots and the storm drain district has been discussed since he started. If he was trying to avoid the assessment for the SID he would have done the consolidation sooner. They are paying the SID assessment on all of their lots. He would have preferred individuals to talk to him about what was done prior to starting rumors. Matt commented that Nolan consolidation of lots was to meet bank requirements. Nolan did the consolidation after the SID was passed. He still pays the assessment.

Danny Hansen asked if he has to pay on each lot. Matt commented that the parcels are what are assessed not the lots. It follows what the Department of Revenue shows for parcels.

Patty wants to consolidate her lots on Main Street. She wants to know how she goes about it. Nolan explained that you have to go to the Planning Board and have a survey done. The survey has to be filed with the County by a certain date or it is no longer valid. Once the County approves it, then the Town approves it and signs the maps and then the maps go back to the County to get filed.

Leslie Adams – Amendment to Minutes request: Leslie was not present. Tom commented that the minutes have already been approved by the council and they will not be amended per what the Madisonian states. The Madisonian does not dictate the Town's minutes.

Phil Fortner (Madison County Sheriff's Department): Phil reported that the month of February was quiet in Twin Bridges. There were zero traffic stops and the Sheriff's department responded to 6 calls. (1) Accident, (1) Animal Problem, (1) House Fire, (1) missing person, (1) vehicle complaint, and (1) Agency Assist.

Madison County Planning Board: Pat Bradley presented the report for the Madison County Planning Board. Most items continue to take place over in Big Sky. Charity is through working effective March 15th. The Planning Board has conducted 5 interviews for Charity's replacement, but has yet to hire anyone. They have another interview next week. The Planning Board has also had 3 members resign from the board. Richard Mehand was one of the representatives that resigned and he holds the Twin Bridges seat for individuals outside of Town limits. The Town can advertise for the position or let individuals know that the seat is available.

Pat thanked the Council for all of the things they do for the Town of Twin Bridges.

Library Board Report: Steve Millhouse reported for the Library that currently there is nothing happening at the library. Director's report was sent over and reviewed by the council. Kristi asked about a rumor that the library is looking at remodeling the front area of the library. Steve said that is just the Director's area and where they check out books. It is still in planning stages. No other questions.

Matt also commented that the credit card has been used to purchase online subscriptions. It needs to be approved by the Council first since it is like a monthly bill. The cards need to be kept here in the Town office.

Attorney's Report: Matt, Tom, and Lori met about items that are happening around Town and items that need to be completed. Lori's concern is the issues of everyone not getting along. Lori is suggesting that she and Tom need to meet with the Library and get these issues resolved. The one item that is

sitting out there is the inter-local agreement that needs to be signed. The library needs to get things back in line with the chain of command.

Item 2 is individuals asking for information over and over. This has caused the Town and the Attorney to relook at things that need to be addressed. The Town is going to be enforcing some of these outstanding agreements. She will be meeting with the Council to discuss.

Another issue is the continued confusion of what it means to shut off and what it means to be disconnected from the water/wastewater system. There are accounts that have a past due amount of over \$25,000. These need to get resolved. It is time for things to get cleaned up.

Lori commented that she has moved her office to Dillon.

Maintenance Report: Sam and Rick went to the Water school in Great Falls last month. One of the issues is lead and copper in the water. The State is also looking into it pretty heavily. Sam discussed the testing process and will have to see what DEQ comes up. Currently the Town does not hit the lead and copper levels.

Last week there was a water main leak on Main Street (South end of Town). Hired RE Miller to do the excavation work. Sam explained the water leak. The Town asked the community to run extra water this month to keep the ice levels down and keep the water fluctuating in the tank. Matt asked about cleaning of the tanks. It was done in 2014.

If we hit 32 degrees and the lagoons thaw out, they are going to smell, especially if the north wind starts to blow.

No repairs have been made to the equipment because of the weather. As soon as we get a nice day, we will get the equipment over to M&W to get the equipment repaired.

Sam discussed the snow removal. The alleys are still not accessible. This week they will get the alleys cleaned out.

Sam commented that the time clock has no policies and rules to it. He doesn't think it was very thought out. Discussion followed. Joe suggested that any other human resource issued be brought up while we are discussing procedures with the time clock.

Mayor's Report: He has looked at a cover to go on the 8N Tractor. Sam commented that he wanted to see before it gets ordered.

Tom would also like to see the Town get a blade for the 1 ton truck. If grader is down could blade some of the roads with the truck and sand while they are plowing.

Tom talked to a representative from AT&T regarding a cell tower being put up on the corner of the Town's property by the Shop. It would be directly east of the new shop and go where the old cabin was at. Maximum height according to the FA would be 144 ft. Nobody else would put anything else on the AT&T tower. Joe made a motion to move forward with a lease with AT&T for \$1200 per month. Matt seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tom talked to Keith Kneeland about the water line going into Keith's building on Main Street. He said that the meter was frozen and that the waterline froze afterwards. Need to speak to Keith Perry about the line.

Clerk's Report: Kristi reported that there are 3 ordinances in the council packets that need to be reviewed so we can move forward with them. She would like to do the first reading at the April meeting and then the second reading shortly following. Fences are going to go up and we had a request to grow marijuana in Town.

Bike Camp – Kristi and Sam spoke with a couple of individuals from Adventure Bicycling that would like to help the Town get money to improve the bike camp. Two things that were discussed were a lock system on the shower door and funding a remodeled shower. These individuals said that it could be done and that there is money out there for bike camps as well as bicyclists being generous with their money. Discussion occurred that the Town needs to have a board for the bike camp. They agreed that we could move forward with looking into funding for remodeling the shower and lock on door.

Health Insurance – Discussion occurred regarding this year’s upcoming health insurance renewal. Matt made a motion to approve the health insurance with paying employees premiums equivalent to the Mission plan. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Consented Minutes: February 12, 2019 – Joe made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Claims: Payroll Claims – Matt made a motion to approve payroll checks 5698 to 5702 and 89544 to 89566. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Warrant Payables – Nolan made a motion to approve claim check 20589 to 20611 and 89848 to 89849. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm.

ATTEST:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

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Thomas O. Hyndman, Mayor