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June 27, 2019 Special Council Meeting @ Town Hall (104 E. 6th Ave)

Council Members in attendance were Scott Holbrook, Joe Willauer, Matt Greemore, Nolan Frandsen, and Jim “JB” Klyap. Also in attendance were Mayor Tom Hyndman and Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse.

Guests: Lynn Vial, Joy Ann Breakall, Patty Hayes, Dave James, Darlene Beithon, Elizabeth Frandsen, Joy Day, Jamie Reynolds, Erin Wayland, Rosemary Ito, Lony and Janell Shaw, and Brian Sieck (Century Link – via phone)

Mayor Hyndman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Preliminary Budget FY 2019 to 2020 - Council discussed the preliminary budget for FY2019-2020. Kristi answered various questions regarding the budget and the increases in certain places. Matt made a motion to approve the preliminary budget for FY2019 to 2020. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

AT&T Tower – Discussion occurred regard the AT&T Tower allowing the public to make comments on how they felt about the cell phone tower. The concerns of the public were for the health and welfare of the citizens of Twin Bridges, the possibility of litigation occurring, and individuals not wanting to look at the Tower. Brian Sieck from Century Link answered the public’s questions regarding health concerns and radiation. Brian Sieck explained that the purpose of this tower is for the first responders but everyone will have access to use it. First Net is owned by the government which put the contract out the private sector to manage the first net system. AT&T won that bid over Verizon and the carriers. He is not an AT&T employee, his company works for AT&T.

Further discussion occurred regarding possible other options for the cell phone tower. The council decided they would look at the new lagoon and provide AT&T with the option. Everyone seemed ok with the Town looking at the lagoon as a location for the tower.

Elizabeth Frandsen asked why we are putting this in the lowest spot in the valley, hugely opposed to the cell phone tower. Matt commented that all of the locations for the towers are based on the triangulation of the cell phone towers. They are only allowed so much space to carry coverage. Because of the change of the signals they have more bubbles. He commented that the tower is not about the money but about making sure the first responders have coverage. Matt commented this only based on what he has read and what he has been told. A tower will go in whether it is on Town property or someone’s personal property.

Erin Wayland – commented that she would like to thank the council for having this meeting and listening to the public. She has also heard that individuals are ok with the lagoon. She is getting the feeling that everyone is ok with the lagoon area.

Joe made a motion to reach out to Brian and have Century look at the lagoon as a second location. JB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion adjourned at 8:37 pm

ATTEST:

ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON FILE

Thomas O. Hyndman, Mayor

Kristi Millhouse, Town Clerk/Treasurer