

## **November 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting (Via Video Conference)**

Council members in attendance were Jordan High, Matt Greemore, and Scott Holbrook. Nolan Frandsen and JB Klyap were absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Joe Willauer and Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse.

Guests: Tony Horwath, Cristy and Mark Stonebraker, Bill and Paula Kinoshita, Lori Harshbarger (Town Attorney)

Mayor Willauer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse commented that Bob Lancaster who owns property at 422 W 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue would like someone from Town to talk to him about the possibility of opening the road up so he can drive in to the back of his property and Lott's can get into their property. Matt Greemore will go visit with Bob.

Kristi requested an amendment to the agenda to add Joe and Pam Morad to the agenda. Matt made a motion to accept the amendment to the agenda to add Joe and Pam Morad's building application to the agenda. Jordan seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mark and Cristy Stonebraker:** Mark and Cristy Stonebraker, owners of Mountain Building Center, LLC are interested in purchasing some of the Town's property because their business has increased over 50% the last three years and they are wanting to more buildings for storage. They have attempted to purchase private property previously but it was not successful. They are interested in the Bull Pen on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave (fenced in area the Town uses for storage) and a piece of ground behind 3 Rivers Communications off of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Matt asked if they wanted to buy both at the same time or one at a time. Mark commented they would like to do both at the same time. If they have to purchase one at then they would like the Bull Pen first. Scott asked is there another place to store the Town's stuff. Matt answered that we have all the space at new the new shop.

Kristi commented that we have to put the property up for bid and it has to go for fair market value. Scott commented that he is not opposed to selling the property. Discussion followed. Joe requested the Stonebrakers to attend the December meeting so the Council has time to get the lot sizes together and get a little more information.

**Fence Application:** Tim Horwath (212 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave) – Joe asked for any questions on the application. Lori asked what kind of wire they are using. Tony answered 2" clone wire. Joe and Matt have looked at the fence and wire and everything is up to code. Jordan made a motion to approve the fence application for Tony Horwath. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Trees In Front of Medical Clinic:** Matt commented that he visited with Nick Pettigrew the groundskeeper for the medical regarding the trees. He will present the council with a diagram of how the clinic is going to be landscaped but it has to be approved by the Hospital CEO first. The trees that

are there are dying and they would like to remove them before they fall over. Matt made a motion to approve the Ruby Valley Medical Clinic's request to remove the tress in front of the clinic. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Building Application:** Joe Morad (402 N Main St) - Discussion occurred regarding the variances that Joe and Pam Morad are requesting for their addition and greenhouse. Matt commented that he is ok with the variance on the addition but the 4 foot setback for the greenhouse is not ok, it needs to stay at 5 feet. Scott commented that he agreed with this. Jordan also agreed. Scott made a motion to approve the application for Joe and Pam Morad with approval of the variance for the addition but the Greenhouse has to be at 5 feet. Jordan seconded the motion. Matt asked that the application be corrected to 402 N Main St. Motion was amended to include the correction of address on the application to 402 N Main St. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Snow Removal and Tractor Approval:** Discussion of the Town cleaning the snow off of sidewalks occurred. Since we are purchasing a new tractor and we do some of the sidewalks, it was discussed that the Town needs to do all of the sidewalks in Town, but it is still the property owners' responsibility if the Town cannot get to them. Matt Greemore gave a report for the new tractor and that it is slightly higher in cost that the \$45,500 that council had discussed as a budget this was because of a change in price to the sickly mower, rotary mower, and blade. Scott commented that he doesn't think we should purchase the blade as the current blade from the 8N tractor should fit.

Scott made a motion to approve the purchase of the tractor, sickle mower, and rotary mower. Jordan seconded the motion. Matt asked what happens if our blade doesn't fit the new tractor. Scott commented that if by some chance it doesn't fit they can be fabricated. Motion passed with a unanimous voted.

**OLD/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

## **REPORTS**

**Sherriff's Report:** The Madison County Sheriff was not in attendance. Council reviewed the Sheriff's written report. There were no questions.

**Madison County Planning Board:** No report received.

**Library Director's Report:** Council reviewed the written report from the library director. There were no questions.

**Attorney's Report:** Nothing to report

**Safety Report:** Kristi reported that everyone is signed up for Safety Fest which will be occurring next week.

**Mayor Report:** Joe commented that there is nothing significant going on. He requested that everyone be careful about washing hands as he had Covid the past couple weeks and he wants everyone else to stay safe and healthy.

Mayor Willauer talked to Thad Kaiser (School Superintendent) and Steve Janzen (School Board President) about housing in the Town of Twin Bridges. The question has come up multiple times on how the Town will address affordable housing and set up new housing that individuals can buy. Mayor Willauer will host a meeting through work regarding housing and the impact of vacation rentals on the Town. He would like to see someone from the Town attend. The meeting will probably be on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Discussion occurred.

**Maintenance Report:** Matt Greemore provided a maintenance report for Maintenance Supervisor as he was on vacation. Asphalt was hauled out to the Lasich gravel pit to have RE Miller crush it. It was supposed to have been done on the 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be used for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Maintenance Workers will be working on the roof for the water tower shop and cleaning up the library shop. Matt commented that he wanted to thank Rick for stepping up on Sunday with the snow removal and Kristi for helping out with the computer issues.

**Clerk Report:** No report

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes:** Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2020. Jordan seconded the motion. Matt asked a about the Benenson's and Harmon's property and if the application that was approved with the condition of both parties signing an agreement acknowledging the location of the fence had been addressed. Joe commented that we sent a letter to them stating that it was conditional approval until the Town received signed documentation from both parties. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Claims:** Matt made a motion to approve payroll checks 5813 to 5816 and electronic checks 89031 to 89051; and claim checks 21153 to 21172 and electronic checks 89787 to 89789. Scott seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**UB Adjustments:** no adjustments

**Council Review:** Kristi commented that DNRC would like to meet with the Town to go over the flood map changes with the council as a whole and would like to be on the December agenda. Is that ok with everyone. Yes, we will put DNRC on the December agenda.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.