

September 7, 2021, Regular Council Meeting @ Twin Bridges Town Hall (104 E. 6th Ave)

Council Members in attendance were Scott Holbrook, Jordan High, Matt Greemore and JB Klyap. Nolan Frandsen was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Joe Willauer, Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse, Maintenance Supervisor Sam Novich, and Town Attorney Lori Harshbarger. There was no public in attendance.

Mayor Willauer called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): No comments

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-12 Final Budget Resolution: Scott made a motion to approve resolution 2021-12 final budget for FY21-22. Jordan seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-13 Update on Capital Improvement List: Clerk Kristi Millhouse explained that the capital improvement list is just a guide and can be changed at any point in time. It is also a benefit to have updated on a regular basis for grant purposes. Matt made a motion to approve resolution 2021-13 Capital Improvement List. Scott seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-14 Cancellation of Election: Jordan made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 Cancellation of the November 2, 2021, election. Scott seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Building Permit for Jordan and Sunny Harmon (316 S. Main St): Scott made a motion to approve the building application for Jordan and Sunny Harmon. Jordan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred regarding the sewer and gas lines on the back of the property. Matt made a friendly amendment to the motion that the two sheds remain within the setbacks if they are to be moved and that the owner shall not build the new garage across the sewer lines. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report: Written Report Received.

Madison County Planning Board: No written report.

Library Director Report: No report. Library has not met yet.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Lori Harshbarger discussed the letter that was received regarding a picture that was used on an agenda. Attorney Harshbarger felt that it sounded like a scam and wanted to know what they Town wanted to do. Options were to send them money that they are requesting or send them a letter stating that the Town is not a commercial entity. Discussion occurred. Matt made a motion to have the attorney send a letter to Higbee and Associates saying we are not a commercial entity and request the copyright information be sent to Lori for review. Jordan seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous report.

Safety Report: No report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Willauer reported that he is still tracking ARPA dollars. He spoke with Ken Walsh, and they are trying to get our application that was submitted cleaned up, so we qualify for funding. Mayor Willauer is also working with the County to submit an EDA grant for the enclosed arena at the Madison County Fairgrounds. There is still a bunch of EDA money available. He will keep the Town updated on grant funding opportunities.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance Supervisor Sam Novich gave the council and updated on the road projects that are currently taking place. He is planning on finishing up the project on 6th Ave and then wants to jump back to 1st Ave and White Swan Lane. The asphalt needed for 6th Avenue maybe more than what was originally projected.

Sam also gave a quick update on the water and sewer systems. The water system needs an asbestos test done because some of our pipes have asbestos built into them. These pipes are now lined with iron and calcium. This is a one-day test. They must pull the water sample and ship it off the same day. He also reported that they have finished irrigating with the pivot for the summer.

Sam notified the council that there is an issue with the railroad tracks on Third Avenue. He has been in contact with Montana Rail Link to discuss. He has not gotten any action from them. Sam is asking the council what steps should be taken next. Mayor Willauer will give Montana Rail Link a call.

Clerk Report: Clerk Kristi Millhouse notified the council that she is just working on day-to-day items. She is working with Denning and Downey on the closing. She will be

Kristi also provided the council with a bid for the trees to be trimmed over on the corner of Bridge St and 6th Ave on the left-hand side of the road and at Jessen Park. Jordan asked if our employees could trim the trees. They have a lot of other work that needs to be done and this would be an item that we could contract out. Council agreed that it was okay to have the Tree Expert (Jim Hicks) trim the trees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from August 10th and 25th. Scott seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote

Claims: Scott made a motion to approve payroll checks 88738 to 88762 and 5840, and claims checks 21398 to 21424 and 89763 to 89764. Matt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Council review: None

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.