

## **February 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting (104 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave)**

Council Members in attendance were Matt Greemore, Nolan Frandsen, Scott Holbrook, JB Klyap and Jordan High. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse and Maintenance Supervisor Sam Novich.

**Guests:** Dan McCauley from Great West Engineering

Council President Matt Greemore called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):** No Comments

**Great West Engineering (Water PER)** – Dan McCauley from Great West Engineering talked about the grant applications for the water system and an upcoming project for the water systems. The grants are due in May to the State of Montana and Rural Development is ongoing. The cost to write the grants is going to be approximately \$32,000. The council discussed the water project and agreed that it is best to go with a smaller project to update the wells and pumps so that the water rates do not need to be raised at this time. Nolan made a motion to have Great West Engineer find funding for Phase I using the Town’s ARPA funding for the grant writing costs. Motion was seconded by Jordan. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Dan McCauley talked about Task Order #8 which is the task order for the Water PER. Great West had bid the project at \$50,000. The Town received \$60,000 in pure grant money. Great West is asking for some more money because it went over the \$50,000 and then they can use the remaining money to go towards other items in the Water PER. Discussion occurred. Scott made a motion to approve Task Order #8, amendment #1. Motion was seconded by Jordan. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Building Application: Melissa Hutchinson @ 510 Main St.** – Discussion occurred, no issues with the application. Scott made a motion to approve Melissa Hutchinson’s building application. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Gage Baumeister @ 107 S. Madison St.** – Discussion occurred. Building is already in place prior to approval from council. JB made a motion to request Gage to move the storage unit back an additional five feet to bring it into compliance with the ten (10) foot setback. Matt added a friendly amendment to the motion, that the property owner (Luke Banks) needs to sign off on the application before it is approved. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Matt will talk to Gage about the storage shed and he and Kristi will work on a letter as follow up.

**Weed Control around the Lagoons** – Sam received a bid proposal from Rich Bayers to spray the lagoons for the Town. Discussion occurred. Jordan made a motion to approve the bid for weed control around the ponds with other areas on a case-by-case basis. Motion was seconded by Nolan. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Madison Street Clean Up Letters** – Matt reported that Kristi has started letters for individuals along Madison Street and Sam has taken pictures of the various items that need to be removed. Matt will get together with Nolan and go through them.

### **REPORTS**

**Sheriff’s Report** – Sheriff’s written report received. Council reviewed on their own.

**Madison County Planning Board Report** – No report received

**Library Director’s Report** – No report received

**Attorney’s Report** – No report

**Mayor’s Report** – Matt Greemore reported that he is in touch with Sam and Kristi and is helping with items that come up as well as the letters for Madison Street. Matt commented that he has had a couple of individuals approach him about being Mayor. He has encouraged them to apply. One individual was Patty Hayes, and the other person does not want to be named yet.

**Maintenance Report** – Sam Novich reported that the starter valve went out on Well 2. They were unable to find a new one because of the age of the starter so they ended up purchasing new contacts and rebuilding it. He is waiting for Tim Corrigan to install the rebuilt starter.

**Street Construction for next summer** - Sam asked the council what projects they would like to see done next summer on the streets. The Horse Creek Material Cost to spread from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (near Braach’s) to the end of Madison after the Stormdrains are installed. The cost would be approximately \$7,000 which comes out to

\$20.00 a yard. We have approximately \$8,000 left from the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue project that did not get spent by the State Department of Transportation at this time in the BARSAA Funds. We have an additional \$13,000 coming in March. Are there any other streets that the Town would like to see completed at this time? Discussion occurred regarding the streets. Projects that were discussed were Horse Creek Material on Madison, millings down on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of Town Hall to Mountain Building Center, finishing the street in front of the school on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Wray, finish the parking area at the school by the playground, and asphaltting the Town's portion of the dump road.

Sam suggested contacting the State and asking them if they have any millings that the Town would be interested in taking them.

*West side of new shop* – Sam talked to the council about putting in a lean-to on the shop to store their metal in and tractor and forklift. It would not be built to engineer specs. It would be just a carport to store items under to keep the weather off. Discussion occurred. Sam will put some information together for the council

**Safety Report** – Nothing to report

**Clerk's Report** – Town Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse did not have much to report. She has worked on the letters for Madison Street. She also done a letter regarding the levee accreditation feasibility study that will go out to individuals this week.

**Claims Approval** – Nolan made a motion to approve the claims and payroll checks. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Minute Approval** – January 11 and January 26<sup>th</sup>. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting and the January 26<sup>th</sup> public meeting. JB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Motion was seconded by JB. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

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Kristi Millhouse, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Matt Greemore, Council President