

August 9, 2022, Town of Twin Bridges Public Meeting (104 W. 9th Ave) CDBG Grant

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

Guests: Annette McLean, Clyde Carroll, Dan McCauley (Great West Engineering), Rick Dulaney

Matt Greemore called the public meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Great West Engineering (CDBG Funding): Dan McCauley of Great West Engineering gave a summary of the Water Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that Great West Engineering put together for the Town of Twin Bridges. The PER evaluates existing conditions of the water system, establishes estimated costs and funding scenarios, solicits public comment, and is required by funding agencies to have a PER completed. Twin Bridges water system was installed in 1917 and updated in 1999. There is still some remaining cast-iron and asbestos cement in the joints of the water line along Main Street. This does not affect the water supply. The PER that was completed for the Town identified the following deficiencies:

Water Supply

- Current well pumping rates lower than original pumping rates
- Wells have not been rehabilitated or studied since initial construction
- Existing well equipment is approaching 60 years and has exceeded useful life
- Pump houses in need of improvements
- No emergency power source
- The projected 2040 demand (548 gpm) is slightly over the pumping rate of the lowest producing well (520 gpm).
- Existing wells in close proximity to one another
- Existing wells close to floodplain boundary

Storage

- Existing Storage Tank requires exterior re-coating
- Existing storage volume is not adequate for future demands

Distribution System

- Suspected leakage from old cast-iron and asbestos cement lines
- Cast-iron joints on Main and Bridge Streets are sealed with oakum and lead
- 4-inch lines are too small for fire protection and violate DEQ standards
- Some leaking valves and hydrants throughout the system
- Meters were installed 12 years ago and in need of a replacement program
- Future West side loop to serve area west of the Beaverhead River

Alternatives to update the water system are also provided in the PER. These consist of the Town doing nothing, rehabilitate the existing wells, develop a new groundwater source, recoat existing water tank, build a new storage tank, make improvements to Main Street and Bridge Street, loop the west side of the system around, and replace leaking hydrants and valves. The Town has chosen to rehabilitate the existing wells, recoat the existing water tank, complete improvements to the water line on Bridge Street, and replace the leaking hydrants and valves. The cost of the project will be \$2,040,000 and the Town with the help of Great West Engineering are looking at funding options through grant applications and an SRF Loan. Council is trying to keep the rates close to where they are with little to no increase, choosing to only do a portion of what needs to be completed at this time. Construction will not start until 2024.

Annette McLean asked about the waterline on Main Street as it is the main feed for the Town, why was it not chosen to be part of this project. Dan replied that there are some upcoming funds that we can tap into to help with Main Street that we are waiting on. Main Street work will not be far behind the current proposed project. It had to do with strategy with funding opportunities. The other reason Main Street was not chosen as part of phase I of this project was because of the cost, which is \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 by itself.

Annette asked about the pumps being rehabilitated, and if the rehabilitation would be adequate instead of installing new ones? Dan McCauley responded that yes, he thought it would be sufficient as the water is there it is just not getting up to the waterlines.

Storage analysis. Glass lined vs a Steel lined tank, what is the difference between the two. Glass lined is cheaper than steel because it does not have to be re-lined as often as a steel tank. Issue with glass is something could be shot at it, or a rock thrown to break the glass and then it starts leaking.

Clyde Carroll asked Dan if it is his position to help small towns to get funding. What does Great West do to help Twin Bridges vs another Town. Great West does help the Town get different grant funding and have been highly successful for the Town.

Rick Dulaney voiced his concern with the ground water and the trenching. Dan answered that they are very aware of the groundwater in Twin Bridges and hopefully we can plan the project when there is lower groundwater.

JB asked if they camera the water lines. No, they do not do that with waterlines. They look at what Sam has pulled out of the water lines.

Clyde asked if the Town knows if there is any cast iron on the inside of property lines. Sam answered that most is PVC pipe. The Town is going to have to do an inventory of all the service lines of the individual houses and the Town's lines to determine if lead in lines. This is a requirement coming from Department of Environmental Quality. No one has received any guidelines yet as to what is going to be required for the inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

August 9, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

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

Guests: Clyde Carroll, Coree Martin, Doug Martin, Jen Mulvihill

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): Clyde Carroll asked about the Levee Project. He is against the project. Nothing is happening right now with this project. Mayor Hayes commented that if anything should come up it will be posted on the agenda for discussion.

New Business

Great West Engineering: Project Updates - Dan McCauley provided an update on the Stormdrain project. The project is complete other than the change order and the close out of the project. RE Miller will be back around August 15th to finish the change order.

Wastewater PER – Dan reported that Great West has done some flow monitoring on the wastewater system. They will need to add another monitor. Good time do the monitoring is while the ground water is up. There will not be much additional information provided to the Council on the Wastewater PER for a while as they are just starting to gather the information to put the PER together.

Resolution 2022-09 – Scott made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 2022-02: Hold until next month. Waiting for the changes from Attorney Harshbarger.

Mill Levy: Scott made a motion to accept the proposed mill levy for fiscal year 2022-23. JB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Building Application: Food Pantry (208 ½ Main St) – JB Klyap made a motion to approve the building for the food pantry. Scott seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fence Application: John Wagoner (401 S. Main St.) – Discussion occurred regard the property lines. Nolan made a motion to approve the fence application contingent upon verification of the pins. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

9th Ave Road Extension along the football field: Sam explained the work that he has done along the football field off 9th Ave. The biggest issue right now is if there is a ball game, and the wind comes up.

There will be a dust storm. He would like to have some grass seed planted along the side where the dirt slopes down. He is out of material and still has a lot to fill. If we dig one street, we will have enough material to fill it. Discussion occurred regarding future maintenance and opening as a road. Sam will talk to Thad about the Town seeding it and the school watering it. The Town will need to determine if they want to open this up as a road or if we turn it over to the school and they can use for parking spots during games.

Road material on Madison Street: Jeffries had some Horse Creek Material that Sam started putting on the dump road. That material that is coming out of Horse Creek is not the same material that was put down in front of Andrew Braach's place. The material is sandy and dusty. It is junk for the road. Sam has told John from Jeffries that the material is bad. Waiting to hear back from them. Sam has also talked to Shane Escott (Madison County) about getting some of their material out of Doug Lasich's pit as the County just had some material crushed. Ron Nye agreed that the Town could buy some of the material from the County. Looking at \$10.00 per cubic yard. As soon as change order for the Stormdrain Project is complete then Sam will shoot material up Madison Street and if our budget allows redo Third Ave.

8th Avenue (School Alleyway): Sam reported that he wants to redirect the stormwater on Eighth Avenue near the bus barn driveway and Vo-Ag building to the stormdrain on the corner of 8th and Bridge St (near Dave Zahn's house). He has looked at putting in a cement pad or asphalt in front of the alleyway to push the water along. Cost wise they are the same, but the concrete will last longer. He would also need to fill some areas in the bus barn driveway with gravel to help with the flow. He will also be putting a stop sign at that corner of the alleyway for those pulling out on to Eighth. Council agreed to have Sam put concrete in on the end of the school's alleyway to get the water to flow towards the drain.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall – No new information

Storage Unit Ordinance – Need to set a work meeting.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report: Written report received.

Madison County Planning Board: No report received

Library Director's Report: No report received

Attorney's Report: No report. Kristi commented that there was an email forwarded to the Council from Attorney Harshbarger and that the Council needed to review it.

Mayor's Report: Patty commented that she spoke to Joe Foster with the State of Montana Department of Transportation (DOT). He stated that Bridge Street is the Town's Road, and the DOT has no say on what the Town does regarding, closing it off or making it a one-way street. His recommendation would be a one-way street. Discussion occurred. Council decided to let this go at this time. Closing the street is not an option.

Maintenance Report: Signs- Sam is waiting for the ground posts and the fixtures that go into the ground to put the signs over by the school. He cannot get the posts right now.

Sam reported that his other issue is the moss plugging up the screen causing issues with the pivot. Jordan asked if we could drain the pond. No, we cannot drain the pond. JB told Sam to call the Pond Guy and they may be able to help with the issue.

Clerk's Report: Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse commented that she has started working with Denning and Downey on the closing.

The emailing of utility bills component of the Blackmountain Software has dropped in price. It was \$1,100 and it has dropped to \$250.00. She knows that she has at least ten individuals that would use it at this time. Our annual postage for the year is \$1,267.70 for the utility bills. Kristi also spends approximately five hours in a day just printing, sorting, and stamping bills. Council agreed that the software could be purchased.

Kristi also reported that our Neptune Software needed to be updated as the software we are currently using is no longer being upgraded by Neptune, so we need to switch over to Neptune 360. We are also currently going back and forth between computers as the software cannot be installed on the new computer.

Nolan made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022, minutes. Motion was seconded by Scott. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jordan made a motion to approve the payroll checks 88403 to 88432 and claim checks 21699 to 21733 and 89733 to 89765. Motion seconded by Scott. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

ATTEST:

Kristi Millhouse, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Patricia Hayes, Mayor