

Town of Twin Bridges Regular Council Meeting, December 13, 2022

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

Guests: Sheriff Duncan and Town Attorney Lori Harshbarger

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and opened meeting the pledge of allegiance. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): No public present

NEW BUSINESS

Engineering Proposals - Discussion occurred regarding the process of hiring an on-call engineering and the purpose for the process. Matt made a motion to approve the Engineering proposal and scoring for Great West Engineering. Motion was seconded by Scott. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Hall: The Mayor submitted an application that would include possible funding for a new town hall. Councilman Scott Holbrook commented that he is concerned about the application that the Town applied for because the Council wasn't notified of the application before it was submitted. Discussion followed. The Town Clerk announced her resignation and left the meeting at 7:15 pm. Councilman JB Klyap resumed taking minutes.

Growth Policy - Waiting on grant approval.

Zoning- Mayor Hayes commented that the growth policy must be updated prior to zoning being addressed. Councilman Jordan High, suggested to invite other council members, get ahead of subdivision.

Subdivision Regulations need to be updated. Sam commented that the Subdivision rules and regulations, right now we follow county so we must develop our own. Sam commented that if Leslie's Road was permitted, planners, developers would then know our thoughts ahead of time. Important because she may want to put in a public road which may not be conducive to the way the lots are set up. A road map would make things easier.

Jordan commented that he has talked to the Sheridan's Mayor, and it was recommended that they should get their sub regs updated.

Water and Sewer Ordinance Update. The two ordinances are 2 separate parts. Town Clerk has highlighted items that are duplicated. Mayor commented 3 things we need to work on, water ordinance sewer ordinance, things don't match up, really need to make sure everything is very clear on water and sewer.

There was discussion on the ordinances. With regard to zoning, it is difficult to ascertain between commercial and industrial. Some of the council would like to maintain Main Street for commercial buildings and not any additional residences. Zoning could be difficult because the Town is small.

Mayor-We can start on the zoning, the growth policy needs to be updated. Nolan believes it will be difficult in a small town. We have a copy of the water and sewer ordinances. Jordan pointed out that these are online.

Jordan asked if we are waiting on a grant for the growth policy? Matt-Great West will let us know how we have been ranked and if we receive the grant. The growth policy needs to be done about every five years. Matt-other things have taken place that were higher priority. Patti will check in with Dan to see how soon things can get going.

Town Clerk returned at 7:30 pm and resumed taking minutes.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Duncan gave the sheriff's report. No ambulance calls. 24 calls of

service in Twin Bridges. Calls normally dwindle off this time of year. That has not happened this year. Still a couple of positions down which is affecting the scheduling. Currently have shifts from 7 am to 3 am. If we get a couple more on, then we can adjust the scheduling. Too big of an area for two guys. Dan Gill and Dan White are new hires. Dan Gill is currently riding with Leah Cox

Someone from the Sheriff's department should be at the meetings here on forward. Whether it is the Sheriff or one of the Sergeants. Tyler the officer in Silver Star is now doing the canine checks.

Sam notified the Sheriff that there is a grey car sitting on Madison Street that hasn't moved. Madison between 8th and 9th• Sheriff Duncan requested Sam to forward him the picture.

Madison County Planning Report: Written Report received. Patty stated that Pat Bradley commented that the Short-term rental ordinance was a positive thing and felt the Town Council was moving in the right direction.

Fire Department Report: Scott Holbrook reported that the fire dept has had 3 vehicle accidents this past month. They have applied for money with the LAFTC funds so they can purchase the County Shop. It is tall enough that they could fit their trucks in it. Less than a third of the building is heated. Insulate the roof and put better doors in it would help.

Library Director's Report: Written report received. Patty commented that she would prefer someone from the library attend the meetings. Patty is going to get on their agenda and talk to them about someone attending.

Attorney's Report: Town attorney, Lori Harshbarger reminded everyone of way to conduct meeting and discussion., also, to avoid conflict of interest

Attorney Harshbarger also commented that the discussion of the need for a new Town Hall has been being discussed for quite a while; that this should become a priority.

Attorney Harshbarger also advised Council on proper ways to communicate without violation the Open Meeting Act.

Attorney Harshbarger reported she has not heard anything from Janice Harbor regarding the church across the street, so it would be advised for the Town to keep looking at options for Town Hall.

Attorney Harshbarger also commented on the recent request for public information from Joe Wiltzen. She will draft a response with maybe some help from Town Clerk.

Mayor's Report: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance Report: Sam and Rick went to a lead and copper training today in Butte. From the mainline on to the house needs to be inventory. An individual from Indiana does the inventories for a living gave the presentation in Butte and was very knowledgeable. State has a sheet on the website to track our waterlines. It's an inventory of the copper lines and the poly lines. It's going to be used way into the future. It is not mandatory to go into the house right now, but it will be in the future. The Government wants to clean up all the municipality waterlines and then the homes. If we can gather the information now it will be better for us in the future. This could affect the real estate market in the future as this information will be made public. Get the info to the State and they will publish.

Matt asked when we did the meter system, we did a complete inventory from the meter of what is going in and what is going out. Sam will also go through his notes from the Stormdrains and what he came across. All the lines on Main are copper. Matt commented that the newer homes built by contractors in late 7f1s and 8f1s has been poly. Sam stated that the Town's lines do not have any galvanized steel. The Steel doesn't last.

The State is going to get \$28,000,000 to help with replacement of the lines that need to

be replaced. Program with the State that they will come in and help replace those. Large cities already have asked for a large chunk as their inventories are complete. Money is for the service lines and not the mainlines.

Kristi started the master sheet with the addresses and Sam will take the files and complete the rest of the information. Sam would like to scan all the information and pictures, so it is digitized. Kristi commented that the information can be scanned in directly to the service address/account on Black Mountain.

Testing will be changing in the future. Will be testing the house and the mainline in.

Sam reported that last week he was over at riverside park with the Backhoe clearing snow. When cleaning snow they do the parks and they do the walking path, riverside park, fairgrounds, Jessen Park, etc. Snow blows into the baseball fields and causes drifts making it deep. Sam asked the Twin Bridges Park committee to purchase a snowblower. TB Park District met and approved buying the blower for the Town as a donation. Town will have to maintain the snowblower, and to keep cleaning the walking path. David Ross, Ken Walsh, and Deb Bradley are the board for the Twin Bridges Park District. DeMars (John Deere Tractor Rep) is going to deliver the mower and the tractor weights. Sam ordered the snowblower on Friday. It's in stock in Belgrade. They will use it most on the ice rink. Did order a hydraulic shute for it.

Clerk's Report: Town Clerk apologized for previously exiting the meeting and stated she did not intend to resign at that time. Great West contacted Town Clerk and notified her that the Town did get the \$750,000 from MCEP instead of the \$650,000.

Business License Renewals and Dog License renewals have been mailed out. Kristi also mailed out letters to anyone with a short-term rental that they need to come into compliance with the new ordinance.

Claims - Matt made a motion to approve claim checks 89718 to 89723 and 21806 to 21823, and payroll Checks 88278 to 88309. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes: November 15, 2022- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2022. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

Patricia Hayes, Mayor