

July 11, 2023, Public Meeting and Regular Council Meeting (104 E. 6th Ave.)

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

Guests: April Huss (Library Board) and Matthew Stensrud

Mayor Patricia Hayes opened the meeting at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2023-05 Water Rate Increase and 2023-06 Sewer Rate Increase: No public was present. The council discussed the rates and how the sewer charges would be calculated. Nolan made a motion to approve resolution 2023-05 Water Rate Increase. JB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Scott made a motion to approve resolution 2023-06 Sewer Rate Increase. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Public Comment (non-agenda items): April Huss asked if the Town could weed eat around their air conditioning unit. Maintenance will look at it and take care of it.

Resolution 2023-04 Intent to Cancel the November 7, 2023, General Election. Scott made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Library Free Book Stand: April Huss (Library Board) discussed the library book stand that they wanted to place over at the bike camp. Discussion followed regarding the best location for the box. It may be better to place by the rest area so more people can see it. Maintenance Supervisor Ken Stensrud will look around the rest area to find a location for it.

Growth Policy: Cody Marxer from Great West Engineering provided the Town with a copy of the proposed survey that will go out to the public. Kristi commented that Cody was unable to be here tonight. Cody wanted the council's comments/changes on the survey. The council stated that it looked fine. Discussion occurred regarding how to get the survey out to the public. Kristi will relay info back to Cody.

Kristi also reminded the council that the floodplain open house will be next Wednesday, the 19th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. It is being held at the school in the Montana Room. Great West and DNRC will be there.

OLD BUSINESS

Water/Sewer Ordinance: Copies of the revisions that need to be made were provided to the Council along with Sam's comments on the sewer system. Discussion occurred regarding other items that need to be added to the ordinance and the hookup fees needing to be updated for the water and sewer system. Kristi asked if the council could review and please provide any additional changes. Kristi will also reach out to the other Towns and find out what their connection fees are.

Council Bylaws: Mayor Hayes asked if anyone had any comments on the bylaws that were presented last month. She explained that these are recommended for Towns to have by the MT League of Cities and Towns, MMIA, and Local Government Services. Patty asked that they please look at the bylaws and provide comments/changes to either her or Kristi so we can approve at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report: No Report

Madison County Planning Report: No Report

Library Director's Report: Council reviewed report in their packet. No questions.

Kristi asked April what the libraries' new remodel project was. April stated that they are putting in a quiet room in the back which will allow an individual to take a private call, read in quiet, have a meeting, etc.

Fire Department Report: Scott reported that the fire department has been quiet. They did have a meeting with the Rural Fire Department Board and got approval to sell some of the trucks that they do not use. They have seven trucks over at the County shop and are wanting to get rid of four.

Attorney's Report: No Report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hayes reported that both pieces of the Children's Center have sold and closed. The new owners of the 20-acre piece with all the buildings will have a display at the Fairgrounds of what their plans are for the location. The acreage behind the Children's Center was sold to the McCallie School in Tennessee. It is a private school.

Maintenance Report: Ken reported that the Town has been put on Inland's list to do a temporary fix on the leak at the water storage tank. It will be done by this fall.

Ken commented that RE Miller does the gravel work in the spring so we can't get anymore at this time. We will need to plan our street repairs this winter so that we can order material for next spring.

Clerk's Report: Kristi reported that there is an issue with the fence at 510 North St. it is a chain-link fence that sits over the meter cover. Asking the council to look at it and see what they want to do about it. Nolan and Scott will look at the situation.

T-Mobile has security cameras that do not have Wi-fi connection if we are interested in acquiring. This is something for the council to think about.

The CD's have been rolled over and they just need everyone's signature. Please stop by the bank and see Kaleigh to sign them.

Kristi created an owner change form that she is using for new homeowners, so they understand that they are still responsible for the bill even if the water sewer bill even if the water is shut off.

CONSENT AGENDA

Scott made a motion to approve the consent agenda. JB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. JB seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Signatures on file

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

Patty Hayes, Mayor