

Town of Twin Bridges Regular Council Meeting, August 8, 2023 (104 W. 9th Ave)

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

Guests: Kevin Violette, Joy and Dennis Day, Charles Witte, Tyler Mursch, Jennifer Konopacki, and Larry Clark.

Public Comment (Non-agenda items): No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

Building Application: Leslie Adams (102 N. Main St) Storage Unit – Discussion occurred regarding the new storage building and it being placed before it was approved. The new building does not meet the new ordinance requirements for the storage unit and does not meet the building setbacks. The building is only 8 ft from her property line. She needs to remove the building and provide a correct building application that meets the storage container requirements. Scott made a motion to have Attorney Lori Harshbarger send a non-compliance letter to Leslie Adams and have her remove the storage unit until she submits a correct building application that brings the building into compliance and is approved. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jennifer Konopacki (401 N. Senator St.): Kevin Violet a surveyor out of Butte. Resurveyed Jennifer Konopacki's property at 401 N. Senator St. Kevin told the council how he does a survey and provided the original Platt map, the survey that was done in 2018 and survey maps of where he thinks the property lines should be. Discussion occurred regarding the maps. Scott made a motion to approve the South Boundary adjustment to lots 6B and 1A as shown on the proposed survey. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Council Bylaws Resolution 2023-08: Discussion occurred regarding when a person can be put on the council. This is set by Montana State Code so it cannot be changed. Discussion occurred regarding the bylaws. Nolan made a motion to postpone approving the bylaws until next month. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Sewer Ordinance Draft: Matt wants to discuss the breakdown of the tapping fee but everything else looked fine in the changes that were made. Discussion occurred regarding the tapping fee. Suggestions were made to change the tapping fee to a "at cost".

Town Hall – Discussion occurred regarding the

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report: Tyler Mursch from the Sheriff's Department provided a summary of the written report that the council received. Patty commented regarding speed. Recently she has been approached by businesses in Town and they are concerned about the Sheriff's Department going to fast through Town. Tyler commented that they can go 30 miles per hour in Town for an emergency.

Madison County Planning Board Report: Written Report received.

Library Director's Report: Written Report received.

Fire Department's Report: Fire Chief Scott Holbrook commented that the pancake breakfast is on Sunday, August 13th. The fire department has been fortunate this summer to not have a lot of fires.

Safety Report: Internal Inspection – Kristi commented that the Town needs to do their annual internal inspection. She needs some to do the inspection. Patty will do the internal inspection.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Harshbarger commented that she has nothing to report at this time.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hayes commented that she, Scott, and Nolan attended the floodplain meeting at the school. Approximately 30 people attended. Not just in Town residences.

Discussion of the children's center occurred. The well and septic tank needs to be removed. Town has heard nothing from the new property owners. They are supposed to have a display at the Fair this week.

Maintenance Report: Water Meters – Maintenance Supervisor Ken Stensrud commented that the Water meters are getting close to the end of their lifespan. He is looking into the cost of replacing them. Kristi commented that the Water PER does recommend starting to replace 2% a year over the next five years. Ken is looking into cost with Northwest Pipe Fitting and Core and Main.

Nolan asked about the road project that Sam had planned for this summer. They are planning on doing 8th Avenue, but they are waiting on Davey Banks to dig out 8th Ave as he will be cheaper than RE Miller. The Town has enough material for 300 ft. It will probably get done this fall. They also need to repair two sections of the sidewalk but that will need to wait until it cools off.

Clerk's Report: Building Codes – Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse commented that she needed some guidance on how to handle the decks, porches, and other non-enclosed buildings. Discussion occurred. Jordan suggested adding something along the lines of “decks porches, etc. need to meet the setbacks”. Matt suggested coming up with a form that the Town can use as a guide to notify people where their water/sewer, gas lines are and if they need to move it. Can be approved by the Mayor or the Public Works Department instead of coming to the Council. All structures enclosed or not need to meet Town setbacks.

Discussion of making Main Street look nicer occurred.

Consent Agenda: Nolan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Signatures on File

Kristi Millhouse, Clerk/Treasurer

Patricia Hayes, Mayor