

December 12, 2023, Town of Twin Bridges Regular Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm. Council members in attendance were Matt Greemore, Scott Holbrook, Jordan High, Nolan Frandsen, and JB Klyap. Also in attendance were Mayor Patty Hayes and public works employee Rick Zahn. Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse was out sick.

Guests: Cody Marxer (Great West Engineering), Pat Bradley (Madison County Planning Board), Kerry Lund (Core & Main)

Public Comment - None

Great West Engineering – Floodplain and growth policy update by Cody Marxer. The appeal period for the floodplain ended November 21, 2023, no appeals were received. If the property has a mortgage the mortgage company will reach out to the homeowner, if there is no mortgage it is up to the property owner to obtain flood insurance. This process is still 2-3 years out. FEMA sends out the new floodplain maps to all federally backed banks who hold mortgages. The floodplain ordinance needs to be updated, and Cody will let us know the status in February 2024 and will provide the floodplain documents.

Growth policy – the first draft is almost ready for the Town to review. An action plan will need to be completed. Great West will manage the open meetings and post the public hearing on December 22, 2023, for the public hearing in January.

County Sewer Crossing - The submission for the river crossing was delayed due to questions regarding the size of the pipe. With questions answered by Great West they will submit the project to DEQ. DEQ has 60 days to review but it has been taking longer.

Core and Main – presentation on the new proposed water meters. With the Core and Main meters, the inventory is only 10 days out for replacement meter parts. The system will include an updated reading system, laptop computer system, training, and tech support with a 24-hour toll-free number. The council will review the estimate and Core and Main will be put on the January 2024 agenda.

Boundary adjustment for Hutchinson - motion to approve by Scott Holbrook second by Jordan High, motion passed.

HB355 Priority List - Motion to approve HB355 priority list made by Matt Greemore, second by Jordan High, motion passed.

Oath of office taken by Scott Holbrook and Jordan for Town Council term January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027.

Resolution of 2023-08 – Council Bylaws, tabled until next council meeting. Work session scheduled on December 19th at 7:00pm.

Planning board – Pat Bradley submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2023. The planning board will now be meeting at the new complex in Virginia City. There are several proposed subdivisions that the planning board has submitted reports on to the County Commissioners. Two properties 2 miles southwest of Twin Bridges and 303-acre subdivision 5 miles southwest of Cardwell. The planning board objected to the subdivision of the 303-acre property due to wildlife and the housing being spread over 500 acres instead of clustered. The planning board has 13 members with 4 vacant seats and having to have a quorum of 7 has been difficult. They have requested that the required number of members be reduced to 11. The council thanked Pat for all her years spent on the planning board.

Library Directors Report – None

Fire Department Report – Scott reported that the number of calls has been low and that they received a \$9,000.00 grant from Bicentennial Foundation for the purchase of new handheld radios.

Attorney Report – None

Mayor Report – Report on the meeting with Ron Nye and Great West Engineering regarding the river crossing for the county fairgrounds and the proposed new event center. It was determined that the town and county need an interlocal agreement regarding who has the responsibility of maintenance for the new lines going to the fairgrounds. Great West will send examples of an interlocal agreement to Kristi. Ron Nye explained the financing and plans for the new event center. The financing of \$400,000.00 has come from a tourist grant and the rest of the 1.2 million cost is being covered by private donations. Discussion on hooking up the rest area was discussed; Great West will investigate this.

Maintenance Report- Rick Zahn reported on behalf of the maintenance department. Public Works assisted the school with a sewer leak, put up the Christmas decorations, and Rick drove the tractor pulling the wagon for the Christmas Stroll. They are starting to clean out the old town building.

Clerks Report - None

Consent Agenda - Matt made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Scott. Motion passed. Next meeting is January 9th, 2024.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Greemore, second by Nolan, meeting was adjourned 8:55pm.

ATTEST:

Signatures on file on original document

Patricia Hayes, Mayor

Matt Greemore, Council President

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