

Council Meeting  
January 7, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Marvin Garding, Cori Miranda, and Brandon Prior.

**Minutes:** The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Cori to approve the December 3, 2019 minutes as read. Jaime, Cori and Marvin voted yes, Brandon abstained. The motion carried.

**Claims:** The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Brandon to pay the claims from check number 15736 through 15759 in the amount of \$26,222.21. All were in favor.

The Council received and reviewed the bank reconciliation and cash report. They have access at the Expenditure to Budget and Revenue to Budget financial reports.

**Council President:** Brandon Prior stated that he would be interested in being the Council President. Marvin made a motion seconded by Jaime to appoint Brandon as the new Council President. All were in favor.

**Oaths of Office:** The Council had two positions for renewal. Brandon Prior had filed and Joe Hanson had filed as a write in candidate. Brandon and Joe were sworn in by the Clerk. Joe Hanson took Marvin Garding's place.

**Water Sewer:** James Claxton was at the meeting. He updated on the department. Energy Partners had a new driver that ended up breaking a line at 227 Adams St. that has been fixed. The town will bill Energy Partners for the cost.

The Mayor discussed the snowplowing and sanding. He stated that we only sand after the rain has stopped as it does not work as good when it is raining.

**Fire Department:** Chief Joe Calnan was not at the meeting.

**Sheriff Department:** The Sheriff was not at the meeting. Deputy Alex Hughes was in for the Sheriff. They are hiring for the detention center and have five applicants. They have been busy, but it is now slowing down.

County Commissioner Roman Zylawy stated that the county had received a CDBG Block Grant that could be used for public facility or economic development if the town has anything they would like to apply for. The contact person is Emily Park, Extension Agent for the Mineral County Extension. We could maybe use this for windows at the center or even the bathrooms.

**County Planner:** Andy Short was at the meeting. They department is currently updating the flood plain maps. The maps are currently available on the DNRC website.

They will want to do an open house once the maps are complete for those that will be affected.

**Clerk Notes:** The Clerk discussed the fact that she has 55 hours of leave time that needs to be used before March 31, 2020. She will be taking Thursdays off in January, February and March. January 9, 16 and 23, February 6, 13, 20 and March 5, 12, 19. She also discussed Municipal Institute is May 3-7 this year in Bozeman. This is a year that she would be attending. The Christmas lights will be coming down Wednesday afternoon.

**Old Business:**

**Library Window Donation:** Judy Bungarz discussed the library windows. They would like the town to donate \$2,500.00 for a window. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Brandon to donate \$2,500.00 for a window. All were in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Cori stated that Steve Piccard from the school would like to be on next months agenda for a crossing between the grade school and the high school on 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Anna LeDuc would like to have the Alberton Railroad Day Foundation on next month's agenda.

Brandon made a motion seconded by Jaime to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk

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