

Council Meeting
March 3, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

Girl Scout Troop 3790 led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves.

Minutes: The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Brandon seconded by Jaime to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes with correction. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Cori to pay the claims from check number 15776 through 15791 in the amount of \$30,127.56. 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.

Water Sewer: James Claxton was at the meeting. He updated on the system. The pumps at the lagoon were clogged. He and RC cleaned them. There is a problem with one of the pumps the bolt is stripped. They will take it to a machine shop, and have it replaced.

RC Askew wanted to know if the town wants to patch the roof at the center from the windstorm. He will get with a roofer and find out a price.

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

Sheriff Department: The Sheriff was not at the meeting.

County Planner: Andy Short was at the meeting. He informed on the flood plain and gave the clerk some information for any citizen that will be affected. They are working on updating the fee section in the subdivision regulations. They would like to take them out of the regulation and add an appendix A instead. He has compared several counties fee schedules. He would like this to be on next month's agenda.

Old Business:

Senior Project: Jordan Taapken was not at the meeting. Jaime stated that she and RC had met with Jordan and decided the best place for the memorial would be in the area west of the museum. Brandon had several questions for Jordan regarding the memorial, who would be policing it for kids playing on or around it, the size of the memorial etc. He would like it to be smaller than the proposed size so that it would not take up more of the grass. There is already going to be a loss of grass due to the walk paths and the skatepark. Josh Acker wanted to know if this would be put out for public comment. He

stated that he is not in favor of this project. Jaime will talk to Jordan and we will revisit this at next month's meeting.

School Crossing on 3rd St.: Steve Picard from the school was at the meeting. They are looking for a crossing between the high school and the grade school on 3rd street. The signage would be basic school crossing signs and the walk would be about 8 to 10 feet wide. After further discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Brandon to approve the school crossing.

Old Railroad Right of Way Vacation Final: There had not been any public comment for the 30-day period. This was approved.

10' Strip Vacation: The Mayor stated that he had spoke with Jay Garland and he believes that the town does own the strip. Bob Summerfield had a vacation order. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Brandon to approve the order for 30 day posting for public comment. All were in favor. Final approval will be on next month's agenda.

Fence Removal at Tennis Court: Laura Acker stated that PEAK is ready to move forward with the removal and replacement of the tennis court this includes the removal of the fence. The fence is not in condition to be reused. RC is willing to take the fence to pacific recycling after it is taken down. The Clerk will put the fence out for bid before it is hauled away. PEAK will remove the fence.

Alberton Railroad Day Foundation: Anna LeDuc updated on Railroad Day. She wanted to know if they could use a portion of the park for the car show. After discussion it was decided that the west end of the tennis court would be ok. They also wanted to know if the World War II reenactors could camp in the park again this year. There are no objections.

Clerk Notes: The Clerk stated that the May meeting would need to be moved because she will be attending Institute at that time. The Caboose windows were damaged at the same time as the Church fire. She has contacted the American Legion and let them know. With immense help from Gail McGregor and Jaime we were able to apply for a grant through Montana Preservation Historic for replacing all of the remaining windows in the center. The cost is approximately \$40,000.00. There are several large potholes on the west end of Parkway Drive from 140 to 146. Next year 2021 is the town's 100-year anniversary of incorporation. She had spoke with Paul Montgomery regarding the PER. Jaime made a motion seconded by Cori to move forward with the PER and the additional TSEP and RRGL grant applications even if we do not get the TSEP grant funding.

Public Comment:

Bob Summerfield stated that he and Jeanne had purchased the rights to 75 Brovold Lane from Donna Brovold. The first step is to clean up the property. They are also looking at having the orchard become a special place in the community with possibly a joint effort with the town and possibly the school.

The Mayor stated that now that the Feed Store has closed he has been in contact with the owner on the possibility of the Town purchasing the building and land. The price would be \$375,000.00. The town could take out a low interest loan for part of the price and pay a significant amount down. The Clerk stated that the Town office could move in there and this would also be a place for the town to keep all of the town equipment in one area and not scattered all over town. We could also rent part of it out for different things.

Brandon made a motion seconded by Cori to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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