

Council Meeting
July 6, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor Josh Acker, John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Marvin Garding, and Salinas Bartel.

A motion was made by John seconded by Jaime to approve the June 6, 2017 minutes with correction. All were in favor.

A motion was made by John seconded by Salinas to approve the claims from check number 15089 through 15117 totaling \$21,757.62. All were in favor.

Water Sewer: James Claxton was at the meeting. He updated on what was happening in the department. James and Doug are doing some repairs at the spring box. There was an issue on Wednesday night with MWM Rail Service (a contractor with MRL) and the town's water supply. They needed to get water. The issue at hand was how things were handled. John spoke with both MRL and Frenchtown Fire. It appears that there was a miscommunication with the MWM and Frenchtown Fire. The contractor thought that they could come and hook on to the fire hydrant without notifying any one. The issue has been resolved. Chief Joe Calnan reiterated that there was a miscommunication. They do not have an issue with MRL however have had issues with the contractor. The clerk had billed them for 40,000 gallons. Marvin wanted to know if the security cameras had been installed. They will be done on Friday.

Fire Department: Chief Joe Calnan was at the meeting. He updated on what was going on in the department. They have a key for the pump house for when they need to turn it on. This was done when Todd was still the water operator. They will now get with James if the pump needs to be turned on. The 4th of July went well not to many calls. Things are starting to dry out so be careful of fire danger. They should have the remount ambulance in about 3 weeks, the grant ambulance should be in around September. They will be here for Railroad Day.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Bauer was not at the meeting. Salinas wanted to know where the officers were. There have been complaints that they are not here. John wanted to know if the town could request that we receive the log hours again. He also stated that there doesn't seem to be a presence in town.

County Planner: Tim Read was not at the meeting.

Old Business:

Sprinkler Times: The new sprinkler times will be as follows. If your house number is even you will sprinkle on even days, if it is odd you will sprinkle on odd days. Everything else will remain the same. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Salinas to approve the new sprinkler times. All were in favor.

Recycle Bin: There has been no response from the businesses on assisting with the cost of the recycle bin. The Mayor will contact Chad Bauer from Republic Services and let them know that we are having trouble getting assistance in the cost. Loreen Felstet wanted to know if anyone was interested in applying for grants. If someone wants to apply for a grant they should. The town does not feel they should be responsible for it. This will be put out to the public. Discussion was held on garbage service again.

New Business:

Clerk Court Agreement: The inter-local agreement with Mineral County Justice Court Clerks and the Town of Alberton. The agreement is the same as last year. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by John to adopt the FY2018 agreement for \$3,800.00 for the year. All were in favor.

Employee Wage Increases FY2018: Discussion was held on the wage increase for FY2018. John made a motion seconded by Jaime to offer an increase of 3% for FY2018. All were in favor. Donna Coburn wanted to know if the town had an animal control officer. No the town does not. She should contact the Sheriff Department.

Public Comment:

Judy Bungarz stated that she had been washing windows in the library and noticed that they were in need of replacement. There is grant money available if the town would be interested. She will do the research and let the town know what she finds out. Donna Coburn stated that the library still needed a screen door.

Staci Philpott stated that the street light on Rosehill by her house is always on. She also wanted to know if some No Parking signs could be put on 7th St for Railroad Day.

The clerk stated she would be attending another seminar in Missoula on the 12th. Also, the new gas tax money that was approved by the legislature will need to be decided on so the town can request the funds.

A motion was made by John seconded by Marvin to adjourn.

Being no further business this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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