

July 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor- Anna LeDuc, Council-Marvin Garding, Betsy Huegelmann, Kyle Cirincione, Sharon Briggs

Minutes: Minutes read by the clerk Leslie Hottinger. Motion to approve, 1st Sharon, 2nd Marvin. All in favor. Special Meeting minutes read. Motion to approve. 1st, Marvin 2nd Sharon. All in favor.

Claims: Claims discussed in the amount of \$31,182.49. The attorney fee of \$3,000.00 was held out until a special meeting takes place with discussion of finding a new attorney. Also, special meeting pay for council was not generated. Will process and pay a total of \$120.00. Total claims this period \$28,302.49. Motion to approve, 1st Kyle, 2nd Betsy, All in Favor

Water: Paul Montgomery not in attendance. Engineer's Memorandum provided. Paul was available via phone if necessary.

* The Project Budget amendment (primarily affecting ARPA MAG and Competitive funding sources has been approved and is in the process of being executed.

* Funding Package #12 was submitted to funding agencies for AMCE invoice #12, Garland invoices & Flying S Title invoices.

Overall Status:

- RLC Enterprise – Missoula \$2,855,838.00
- Town issued Notice of Award to RLC on June 20, 2024. RLC is assembling bonding/insurance.
- Next step is to sign an Agreement with RLC – hopefully STO issues are resolved by then.
- Pre-construction conference should be around mid-July
- Notice of Award was issued prior to Site Title Opinion being resolved
- STO is pending the land deal between Eric Bashore and Pat Anglin
- Water Rights – extracted last 12-months of spring flow data – forwarded to WET.

Mayor Anna LeDuc to call Bashore.

Water/Sewer:

Charlie – Consumer Report is done. Report is available at the Town office. The towns well has been flushed. Charlie explained the lead and copper door knockers. Sharon Briggs asked about when this is due. Charlie started on October 16, 2024. Charlie also stated he would be available to go to homes if any residents needed assistance.

Maintenance:

Sprinkler damage done by Knife River is more extensive than previously thought, \$4,000 to \$10,000.00. Marvin has been in contact with Jaime Odell from PEAK regarding this issue. Grass in the park is not getting watered. Mike Sabatini asked if the park can be watered in some other way for now because Railroad Day's is on the 20th.

Quarterly Reports

Fire Department – Not in attendance

County Planner – Not in attendance

County Attorney – Not in attendance.

Sheriff – Ryan Funke reported 85.5 hrs. of patrol with 82 calls. Gave a rundown of calls for the month.

Town ticket book – No ticket book will be issued to the town. Town will continue to make complaints via dispatch for parking issues once a week. Will have deputy working Railroad Days on July 20th.

Requesting new Annual contract Interlocal Agreement for year 2024/2025 to be \$34,315.47. \$1.09 increase. Motion to approve, 1st Marvin, 2nd Kyle, All in favor.

Old Business:

New Business:

Attorney Search - Montana League of Cities and Towns verses Towns attorney. Town should request a meeting with MLCT. Marvin requested that Chelsea search for a new attorney. Tabled for next meeting.

Allen/Angove – Town owned land requesting to vacate. Unable to do so if there is an easement on the property. More information is needed. Tabled for next month.

Summerfield Zoning Permit – 3rd street homeowner is worried about boulders coming down from the hill. Jordan Summerfield stated, “no boulders will be coming down”. Motion to approve, 1st Marvin, 2nd Kyle, All in Favor

Water/Sewer late fee – Chelsea explained the request for adding a late fee for turning off water/sewer and turning back on when water/sewer bill is paid. Requesting \$50.00 per shutoff and turning back on.

Motion to approve, 1st Kyle, 2nd Betsy, All in favor.

Bear Aware – Bob Summerfield spoke with Chad Bower from Republic Services. Bear trash cans will be the same cost as regular cans. Bob stated that when he gets confirmation of this, he will let us know. Mentioned we could put this in the town newsletter and on the water bill. Bob thanked Marvin for responding to his email. Bob is still wanting the town to adopt the Bear Aware plan. Kyle stated he thinks the town needs to hear from the town’s citizens. The council is requesting Bear Aware draft a survey for the town. Would like to have the survey ready for Railroad Days.

Public Comment:

Marvin Garding – Wants to recommend Chelsea to be hired on fulltime. Mayor stated this will be put on next month’s agenda.

Chelsea Gring – Said she was never told this was a temporary position. Leslie and the Mayor stated that they informed her upon hire.

Charlie – Requesting a raise because of passing his water certification. Still waiting for the Wastewater certification that is offered in October. Mayor stated a \$1.50 is approved and when wastewater is completed then another \$1.50 to be given.

Tina Rineke – When will the Local Government Review information be given. Local Government Review to be put on next month’s agenda.

FY24-25 Budget - Public to review preliminary budget. August agenda.

Being no further business, Motion to Adjourn@ 8:20pm. 1st, Kyle, 2nd, Betsy. All in favor.

Town Clerk

Mayor