

Council Meeting  
December 5, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

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

A motion was made by John seconded by Salinas to approve the November 7, 2017 minutes with correction. All were in favor.

A motion was made by John seconded by Marvin to approve the claims from check number 15208 through 15222 totaling \$14,875.98. All were in favor.

**Water Sewer:** James Claxton was at the meeting. The department is running well. In the last year the pumps have gone down 10 times because of flushing improper things in the system. He had a flyer that he had drawn up that could be distributed through the town. We will send this out with this month's bills. He wanted to know when the last time the system had been jetted out was. He is looking into screens that would help with keeping stuff out of the system. The issue on 2<sup>nd</sup> street has been taken care of for now it will be addressed again in the spring. John wanted to know when he would be retaking the test. He thinks within the year.

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

**Sheriff Department:** No one was at the meeting.

**County Planner:** Tim Read was at the meeting. He stated that the Commissioners would be holding interviews on Thursday and Friday for Sheriff and detentions officers. They are working on a new wild fire protection plan. There is a new subdivision application in town that he is working on. He will keep us posted. Look to do something in February.

**Old Business:**

**Library Grant Project:** Judy Bungarz and Gail McGregor were at the meeting and explained what the project was. They are trying to obtain a \$5,000.00 grant from the Montana History Foundation. The bid for the windows is approximately \$1,600.00 per window because of the lead paint in the building. There are 3 specific things required, a resolution from the town accepting responsibility and a letter from the town giving permission to proceed. They will work on having things ready for the council to look over before the January meeting. After discussion John made a motion seconded by Jaime to adopt resolution 286 and submit the letter.

**Recycling Project:** Loreen Green was at the meeting. She did not have a report for the council on the information board at this time. She asked if the council would like her to report on a monthly basis, they felt that quarterly would be fine.

**New Business:**

**Jordan Taapken:** Jordan Taapken is a sophomore in high school and is thinking about his senior project. He would like to place a veteran's memorial in the park. He had a model of what he would like to do. It would show all five branches and be made out of granite. He would like to put it somewhere on Railroad Ave. At this time the council gave initial approval so that he could start fundraising. It might need to be scaled down some to fit in the park.

**PEAK Park Update:** Laura Acker was in for the PEAK Foundation. The bid for the tennis court and the walk path was discussed. The bidder wanted to know if they could put the used asphalt off the side. The council did not want to do this. They also wanted to know if they could use the road behind the park, that road does not belong to the town so they would need to ask Keren Wolhart from the bookstore. She also stated that the tree lighting ceremony is Friday. The lights will be turned on at 6:00 followed by a potluck and games. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Oaths of Office:** The Clerk administered the oaths to the new Council members and new Mayor that take effect on January 1, 2018.

**Public Comment:**

Loreen Green advised that the training that was going to be done had been cancelled she is still looking for training in January. This is non-profit board training.

Salinas stated that she had been approached by some firefighters and they would like to set up and take down a skating rink around the baseball field. The council suggested that they utilize the already existing one in the park. There are no objections to this.

Michael Taapken wanted to know if there was anything that could be done with the traffic that goes by his house and then realizes that there is no thoroughfare. The town could put up a sign that says no through traffic.

The office will be closed on Monday the clerk has a doctor's appointment.

A motion was made by Jaime seconded by John 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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