

*Eureka Town Council - Public Hearing
For Preliminary Budget
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, August 14, 2017*

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the public hearing for the Preliminary Budget at 7:03 pm. There were no comments. Mayor Schermerhorn closed the public hearing.

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Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

Mayor	LeeAnn Schermerhorn
Council Members	Jennifer Hannay, Rosalie Aauto, Bill Savage, Kevin Jefferies
Clerk	Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Tracy McIntyre, Mandi Truman, Naomi Wheat

Mayor Schermerhorn called the council meeting to order at 7:05 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None

Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

Rosalie Aauto made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes.

Reports. There were no questions on the reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Filtration Project. Tracy McIntyre said that all is going well with the project. They are having meetings every Monday. Mayor Schermerhorn said the walls are up and back filled. All plumbing in the floor is complete. They are looking to pour the concrete floor on Friday. Tracy McIntyre said the filtration invoices that need approval are from Noble Excavating, The Dyer Group and Rural Economic Designs. Jennifer Hannay made a motion to approve the filtration invoices, seconded by Rosalie Aauto, carried all ayes.

Wastewater Project. Tracy McIntyre said she is waiting on direction from the council. Mayor Schermerhorn said we have not gotten a lot of responses to the survey that was sent to residents on the Midvale water system. Ms. McIntyre said the town has a \$550,000 TSEP grant secured. Mayor Schermerhorn and Jennifer Hannay said they don't want to lose the funding. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would like Ms. McIntyre to complete the CDBG application and that the town would have to pay a person

to go door to door in Midvale. Tracy McIntyre said she would coordinate with Dick Dyer and would need a CDBG resolution for the September meeting.

Creekside Trailer Park update. Mayor Schermerhorn said the contract has been signed but does not know when the work will begin.

MOU with Forest Service and Lincoln County sewer extension. Tracy McIntyre said an application for a user agreement was submitted two weeks ago.

Riverside Park band stand update. Mayor Schermerhorn said there was nothing new to report and Naomi Wheat has a meeting scheduled with Alan Hepner. Naomi Wheat said she would like to apply for a grant to improve Riverside Park so that it would be more event friendly. She will be meeting with Buck Schermerhorn to help prepare more specific plans and cost estimates. The grant application is due in September. The council said they would like Mrs. Wheat to proceed with the application and would like a complete plan at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Animal Control contract. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Animal Control Contract is the same as last year. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the Animal Control Contract with Lincoln County, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

National Christmas Tree. Naomi Wheat said she wanted to let the council know that the National Christmas tree would be in Eureka on November 13th at 12:00 pm. She would like to organize a block party on Hwy 93 and is talking to MDOT for approval. She would also like to have festivities at Riverside Park.

Interbel letter of support. Tracy McIntyre said Interbel is applying for a grant to bring high speed fiber optics to the downtown Eureka corridor and would appreciate a letter of support. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Interbel grant application, seconded by Bill Savage, carried all ayes.

Union contract. Mayor Schermerhorn told the council that the union is asking that the steps in the pay matrix be considered from the hire date and not the time in the position. They have also requested annual increases every year. The current matrix has biannual increases starting with the seventh step. The clerk told the council that employees still receive a cost of living every year. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to not change the pay matrix and leave the step determination as it is, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes.

Midvale Water & Sewer purchase Resolution No. 2017-743. Mayor Schermerhorn said this resolution would be to purchase the water system for the amount remaining on the loan. Bill Savage made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-743, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes.

Fire restrictions Resolution No. 2017-742. Mayor Schermerhorn said this resolution would implement Stage 2 fire restrictions in the Town of Eureka. Tracy McIntyre said these restrictions would affect the filtration project working hours. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-742, seconded by Rosalie Aauto, carried all ayes.

Set Special Meeting to approve resolutions for budget, mills, and tax rates. The council decided to hold the Special Meeting on Friday, August 25th at 1:00 pm.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS. Jennifer Hannay asked if the town could give residents a break on water rates in the summer so they could water their lawns more. The clerk said the council could change the rates, but they would probably need to raise the winter rates to make up for the loss of revenue. Jennifer Hannay mentioned that she had seen the Interbel contractor filling up their water truck daily at a fire hydrant in town. The clerk said Public Works was aware and the town would be billing them.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. None

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer