

*Town of Eureka – Public Hearing  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, February 12, 2018*

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2018-747 to Authorize Expenditure of Payments to the Fire Relief Association from Taxes Collected. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Schermerhorn closed the Public Hearing.

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Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

Mayor	LeeAnn Schermerhorn
Council Members	Rosalie Adatao, Kevin Jefferies, Breean Reyes, Ethel White
Clerk	Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Theresa Schmuck, Tracy McIntyre, Blanche Flanagan, Jennifer Hannay

Mayor Schermerhorn called the council meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items.** None.

Rosalie Adatao made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.  
Kevin Jefferies made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes.

**Reports.** There were no questions on the reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Filtration Project.** Tracy McIntyre said TSEP and DNRC has been closed. SRF loan forgiveness has closed but the SRF loan has not closed. There are still engineering and administration costs left with RD. The total project cost is at \$1,896,709. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town received a certified letter from RD stating they want the town to close the loan and grant and return unused funds within 30 days. The Town went over budget on legal fees, due to problems getting draws from RD. RD acknowledges this but refuses to pay the increased costs. Final walkthrough for the project is not for eleven months and the audit will not be until the spring of 2019. Post construction costs will still be coming. The mayor said we do not know why they are pushing for closing.

**Wastewater Project.** Tracy McIntyre said the Town application for CDBG funds did not score as well as expected in the first round. CDBG did allow additional information to be submitted. Ms. McIntyre did submit additional information as well as re-submitting financial need. The Town did qualify for \$550,000 from TSEP. The Town will have until December 2018 to meet start up conditions in order to receive the

money. Ms McIntyre reviewed comments that were received on the Town Facebook page regarding the wastewater project. Mayor Schermerhorn discussed the history of the project.

**Midvale water system purchase/SID.** Tracy McIntyre said it has been determined that no special improvement district will be needed. Anna Miller from SRF is checking into the possibility of using funding from SRF. Midvale Water and Sewer District will have to formally request the Town of Eureka purchase their system.

**Eureka Area Dispatch District Board.** Mayor Schermerhorn said there have been no applicants.

**Attorney procurement.** Breean Reyes said that the only applicant was Clifton Hayden. Ethel White made a motion to retain Clifton Hayden as the Town of Eureka attorney, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

**Engineer procurement.** Breean Reyes said five engineering firms submitted responses. The committee scored them all and will be interviewing four on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee will have a recommendation at the March council meeting. Ethel White asked if the interviews will be public. Tracy McIntyre said she will check on that, but if more than two council members are present, it constitutes a meeting.

**Police/Park/Tobacco Road Grants.** Tracy McIntyre said she was checking weekly for police grants but nothing has come up as of yet. There is a playground equipment grant that has an online application that might work for Memorial Park. There are also grants from Lowes stores that you need to go through the local store manager for. The U.S. Park Service has dollar to dollar match grants that are administered by the state. These grants might work for Riverside Park, but would need an engineer for site plans. Breean Reyes made a motion for Tracy McIntyre to pursue grants to benefit the town parks, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre said we are waiting for the decision on town engineer to move forward with plans for Tobacco Road. There will be a meeting with the Montana Department of Transportation to discuss options.

**MOU with Forest Service and Lincoln County sewer extension.** Tracy McIntyre said there will be a meeting with Mike Cole, the county engineer and the Town of Eureka.

**Riverside Park band stand/parks update.** There are no new developments in regard to the band stand. Breean Reyes said the Lions Club is willing to raise funds for Memorial Park, not in excess of \$65,000, but the project will be the towns and not theirs.

**Strategic Planning Session February 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 4:00pm.** Rosalie Aduato said the meeting was supposed to start at 9:30 am, not 9:00 am.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rendezvous Parade/Memorial Park request.** Blanche Flannagan from the Chamber of Commerce said the Rendezvous Parade should take about one hour. This year they will be charging parade participants \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 the day of the parade. She said the Rendezvous committee would like to stage a demonstration up at Memorial Park and use a couple of parking spots that are owned by the Town. They will be having the bed races this year, but they will not be on the hill due to insurance and protection issues. They will probably start along Hwy 93 at the Liquor Store. Entrance fees for race participants

will be \$50.00 instead of \$100.00 this year. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the Rendezvous Parade, Bed Races and the use of the parking spaces at Memorial Park for demonstrations, seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes.

**Resort Tax.** Tracy McIntyre complied some information regarding resort tax for the council. The Lincoln County attorney said there can be a joint town and county committee to research resort tax. First it will need to be determined if the area is eligible for a resort tax, and then the committee will need to conduct research so that they can make a recommendation. Mayor Schermerhorn said this committee will need to consist of members of the public only, because if the recommendation is to proceed, it will need to go to a vote of the public. Ms. McIntyre said that 5% of a resort tax is used for tax relief and it is the Department of Commerce that will decide eligibility. She will find out how long this process might take. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town of Rexford should be asked if they would like to join the discussion.

**Growth Planning.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that funding applications ask if we have a growth plan for the Town of Eureka. We are currently part of the county plan, but the plan is old, and our applications would be viewed more favorably if we had our own. Tracy McIntyre said there are some funds for planning but they go quickly. Kevin Jefferies asked if planning can be discussed at the upcoming strategic planning meeting. Tracy McIntyre said growth planning is not something she does, but she can cover the basics. There was discussion on the importance of planning.

**Resolution No. 2018-747 to Authorize Expenditure of Payments to the Fire Relief Association from Taxes Collected.** Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-747 to Authorize Expenditure of Payments to the Fire Relief Association from Taxes Collected, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.** Ethel White asked if the Town had received any notice of a change in rates for PERS. There has been no notice received. Ms. White also asked how AFLAC was paid for employees. The Mayor stated that the employees paid for their AFLAC policies through payroll deduction.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Jennifer Hannay stated that she would really like to see the wastewater project 1b completed in Midvale. She also said that as a town resident and business owner that she is of the opinion that Dick Dyer of The Dyer Group has worked very well with the town in the past and has done a lot for the Town of Eureka. Council person Ethel White agreed with Ms. Hannay. Council person Rosalie Adatao, agreed with Ms. Hannay as well, and also stated that if we were to change the town engineer, the town would lose money by having to have project plans redone.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer

