

*Eureka Town Council Meeting  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, January 8, 2018*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Breean Reyes, Theresa Schmuck, Ethel White, Mike Cole, Tracy McIntyre, Mike Cuffe, Robin Benson, Scott Mattheis, Leslie Fowler, Naomi Wheat

Mayor Schermerhorn called the council meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**PUBIC COMMENT on agenda items.** None.

Bill Savage made a motion to approve the minutes with a change to the amount the Town paid Koocanusa Excavating from \$500 to \$882 for valve location, seconded by Rosalie Aauto, carried all ayes. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rosalie Aauto, carried all ayes.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Filtration Project.** Tracy McIntyre said the project is in the final process and through the final draw in construction. The Project is also in process to closeout for DNRC. Tracy McIntyre said the project is close to being done in Rural Development and should be closed out in FY19. DEQ is also talking with Dick Dyer to finalize. Project is on budget, and remaining balance will be returned. SRF still has an open loan of \$7,000.00, and there will be a balance left over. Project will have an eleven month Warranty. Mayor Schermerhorn said that Noble will finish with the exterior landscaping in the spring.

**Wastewater Project.** Tracy McIntyre said the CDBG was submitted in November, and that the town can call to find out what our rank is. Should know by next meeting. Engineering should be started in the spring.

**MOU with Forest Service and Lincoln County sewer extension.** Nothing new to be reported.

**Riverside Park band stand update.** There are no new developments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appoint Council member.** Ethel White was the only resident to submit a letter of interest for the open council position. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to appoint Ethel White to the open council until the next election, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

**Swear in new Council Members.** Town Clerk Lisa Flynn administered the oath of office to elected Mayor, LeeAnn Schermerhorn and Council Person Breean Reyes, and appointed Council Person Ethel White. At this time Bill Savage stepped down from the council table and Breean Reyes and Ethel White took their seats on the council. Bill Savage was thanked for his service on the council.

**Elect Council President – Change bank signatures.** Ethel White made a motion to approve Rosalie Aauto as Town Council President, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to add Rosalie Aauto as a signer on the Town of Eureka bank accounts and to remove Jennifer Hannay as a signer on the Town of Eureka bank accounts, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

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

**Robin Benson, Lincoln County Clerk presentation.** Robin Benson, Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder, said she wrote a grant to the Historical Society. Mike Cuffe said the Historical Society works through his office. Through the grant, fifteen volunteers went through maps from the 1800's. Ms. Benson had maps of Deweyville and Eureka from that time period framed, as well as the story of how Deweyville became Eureka. With the help of Mike Cole and Mike Cuffe, she presented these items to the Town of Eureka.

**Approve procurement for Town Engineer & Town Attorney.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town has not done a procurement for a Town Engineer or the Town Attorney in some time, and it is a requirement from funding agencies. There was a brief five minute recess for the council to obtain some water. Rosalie Aauto made a motion for the Town of Eureka to proceed with the legal procurement process for the positions of Town Engineer and Town Attorney ending February 5, 2018, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes. It was determined that Rosalie Aauto and Breean Reyes would form a committee to review the responses and make recommendations to the Council.

**Strategic planning & Capital Improvement Plan.** Mayor Schermerhorn said work sessions should be scheduled. After discussion, it was decided to have a work session on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at Town Hall.

**Midvale water system purchase/SID.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that Dan Semmens has mentioned that a special improvement district may be necessary when the Town of Eureka purchases Midvale Water and Sewer District and refinances the loan. The Mayor said she has spoken to Town Attorney Clif Hayden and he will be contacting Mr. Semmens to discuss the situation.

**Police Grant programs.** Tracy McIntyre said she has done research on available grants for police protective gear and vehicles. She is checking to see if the Town will qualify for any of the grants. There are grants through the Department of Justice and COPS. Ms. McIntyre said she will need council approval to set up grants.gov to furnish applications. Breean Reyes made a motion to approve Tracy McIntyre to set up grants.gov and apply for grants, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

**Road to Zero Coalition application for Tobacco Road.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the ninety degree turn on Tobacco Road has always been a problem. Tracy McIntyre there is a grant that the town could apply for and the possibility of a partnership with Lincoln County to try to improve the area. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to proceed with fact finding, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

**Montana State Parks Accessible Playground grants.** Tracy McIntyre said she has reviewed the grant. It is for \$10,000.00, has a one to one match and is due January 17<sup>th</sup>. The grant funds can be used for an architectural design. Breean Reyes said she would work with Tracy McIntyre. Breean Reyes made a motion to authorize Tracy McIntyre to proceed with the grant application, seconded by Rosalie Aduato, carried all ayes. There are future grant opportunities through CDBG. Capital Improvements and the park fund can be used towards matching funds. Mayor Schermerhorn said she believes the growth policy is more important than parks. Tracy McIntyre said it may be possible to use TSEP and DNRC for matching funds.

**Ten Lakes.** Scott Mattheis said he would like a letter of support from the Town for Senator Daines bill to release wilderness study areas. Mr. Mattheis discussed how the wilderness study areas were created and the economic value of snowmobiles and other recreational activities are. He stated the local snowmobile club donates \$3,000 yearly to local charities. Ethel White asked when the letter would be due. Mike Cuffe said the bill has been introduced, so the letter would be needed within a week. Breean Reyes made a motion for the Town to write a letter of support for Senator Daines bill to release the wilderness study areas, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.** Breean Reyes asked who is responsible for plowing in front of the elementary school. There is a large pile of snow there. Mayor Schermerhorn said she has spoken with public works and there is a problem with residents and others plowing their snow into the area. The Mayor said there was a leak on Central Avenue that surfaced New Year's Day. The leak was in a private service line. Public Works spent the day helping the resident find a contractor that could dig and repair the problem. The Mayor reminded everyone that if anyone sees a problem with running water in the road to please not report it on Facebook. Dispatch should be notified of any possible problems.

**PUBIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Naomi Wheat said the Chamber of Commerce is working on Rendezvous and would like to invite any council members that are interested to be on the committee. There will be a Chamber mixer at Borderline Bed and Breakfast on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. It is located off Airport Road and everyone is invited.

Leslie Fowler said she owns property on Riverside Drive and is having problems with her grinder pump. She has talked to Public Works. Mayor Schermerhorn said she will meet with Ms. Fowler and Public Works.

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

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ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer