

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, April 9, 2018*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

Mayor	LeeAnn Schermerhorn
Council Members	Rosalie Adatao, Kevin Jefferies, Ethel White
Deputy Clerk	Theresa Schmuck

Visitors: Tracy McIntyre, Katrina Schmidt, Nikki Meyer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None

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

Reports. There were no questions on the reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Filtration Project. Tracy McIntyre is working with the Town Attorney on the RD outlay report #10 which includes invoices for The Dyer Group, Rural Economic Designs and some previous Koocanusa Excavating for the connection of the automatic valves that were installed after the project was completed. The appeal to USDA-RD has been received and accepted however, RD has requested an extension in their time to response as State Program Director, Steve Troedle is absent due to medical leave.

Wastewater Project. Tracy McIntyre had a meeting with the Montana Department of Commerce on April 5th for TSEP and CDBG. Ms. McIntyre met with Becky Anseth and Michelle Cushman, who are our points of contact. CDBG is not confirmed, but she was told that we will, hopefully, have good news in a couple weeks on the funding. If awarded the CDBG will include \$245,000 for the project construction and \$205,000 for direct assistance to low to moderate income residents within the Midvale area. TSEP startup needs to meet some requirements that include a commitment of funds, probable costs and an updated management plan. Ms. McIntyre also met with Anna Miller on April 5th, about the SRF Funds. The Town will need to do a rate analysis and submit the 2017 audit and the 2018 budget to finalize the SRF funds. Anna Miller is also looking into a loan forgiveness for part of this project.

Midvale water system purchase/SID. Tracy McIntyre said SRF has confirmed that we can utilize their funding. Anna Miller said we need to set up a meeting with Midvale, Clif Hayden and Mayor Schermerhorn to find out where Midvale is at in their process, and what the next steps are to be taken. A potential date for April 24th at 10:00 a.m. was mentioned by Mayor Schermerhorn.

Eureka Area Dispatch District Board. Mayor Schermerhorn said that Donna Lowery has put in a request to be on the Dispatch Board. Ethel White made a motion to approve Donna Lowery for the Dispatch Board, seconded by Rosalie Aauto. Carried all ayes.

Police/Park/Tobacco Road Grants. Tracy McIntyre found out that the Police Grant closed in June of last year and that she has prepped for when it is reopens. Mayor Schermerhorn has approved for the police department to order new bullet proof vests, since the current vests are expired. The Parks Grant for the playground at Memorial Park was not a success. The council will have to decide on how to move forward.

MOU with Forest Service and Lincoln County sewer extension. Nothing new to report.

Riverside Park band stand/parks update. Tracy McIntyre has called and left a message with Alan Hepner to get an update, but as of yet she has not heard anything back.

Resort Tax. Mayor Schermerhorn asked if forming a committee would be the next step to continue moving forward. Mayor Schermerhorn said the county will also be asked if they would like to be involved. The committee would consist of five members. An application process would then be advertised with a pickup location and a due date. The Town Council and County, if involved, would then choose the applicants for the committee. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to pursue public feedback on forming a committee. Seconded by Rosalie Aauto. Carried all ayes.

Growth Planning/Capital Improvement. Mayor Schermerhorn said a work session is set for April 10th at 1:00 p.m. An application to receive funding sources for the state CDBG program should be started soon, and submitted preferably by the end of April or the middle of May. The Capital Improvement Plan still needs to be updated, and will be discussed at the April 10th work session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Riverside Park – Rendezvous vendors. Katrina Schmidt, with the Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce requested the use of Riverside Park for overflow of vendors during Rendezvous April 27th through April 29th. The vendors will start on the left side of the Park, making sure so as not to impede where the bed race contestants are staging and setting up for the race. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to use Riverside Park for the overflow of vendors during Rendezvous. Seconded by Ethel White. Carried all ayes.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS. Ethel White asked for advice because a neighbor called to ask her about his neighbor cutting down trees on his property. The council had a discussion and said that Ethel's neighbor needs to seek his own legal advice. Rosalie Aauto asked how Jackola Engineering reacted to the news of becoming the town engineer. Tracy McIntyre said they are excited and have already hit the ground running, drawing up a contract for the town and another one for upcoming projects. Mayor Schermerhorn commented on the March 12th minutes saying that the \$11,000.00 the town gets for the new gas tax to be used for projects does not have to be matched, it is only a small percentage that the town has to come up with. Mayor Schermerhorn also said that a public works employee will be out 5 to 6 months due to shoulder surgery, and an ad will be put in the paper for a seasonal worker to help fill in while the employee is on leave.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. There were no comments.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer