

*Eureka Town Council Meeting  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, May 14, 2018*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Theresa Schmuck, Tracy McIntyre, Nikki Meyer, Bill Vanleishout, Blanche Flannagon, Toby McIntosh, Jeff Walla

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items.** None

Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the minutes with a change in the April minutes to state Kooanus Excavating dug a test well and exposed valves for the filtration project , seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

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

**Reports.** Rosalie Aauto asked if there was a Animal Control report and the clerk told her there was a new county Animal Control Officer who has not furnished any reports as of today.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Filtration Project.** Tracy McIntyre is working with the Town Attorney on obtaining the final draw for administrative and legal costs as well as some miscellaneous items.

**Wastewater Project.** Tracy McIntyre said she has been in contact with the town engineers. There will only be one administrator for TSEP and CDBG. A utility rate analysis will be conducted. There is a possibility for loan forgiveness. Ethel White made a motion to approve the project management plan, seconded by Rosalie Aauto, carried all ayes. Ms. McIntyre distributed an implementation schedule.

**Midvale water system purchase/SID.** Tracy McIntyre said that the Midvale Water and Sewer District loan balance is currently \$402,439.62 and the Town of Eureka would need to refinance \$340,000.00 to purchase the system.

**Police Grants updates.** Tracy McIntyre said we have been invited to submit an application for a Spirit of Blue Grant but there is nothing on the COPS Grant yet.

**Parks Update.** Breean Reyes said there was a meeting with the town engineers regarding Riverside Park. Illustrations of several possible park plans were distributed to council members and there was discussion

regarding the plans. Tracy McIntyre said she had spoken to Alan Hepner who said he would be attending council meetings to band stand plans.

**Tobacco Road Grants:** Toby McIntosh reviewed issues with the road and said he will prepare a proposal after he finds out about the right of way. Mayor Schermerhorn said opening up the road to more light could also help. Tracy McIntyre said Lincoln County may be able to help. Mr. McIntosh said that getting a traffic count can be a help in funding applications.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Farmers Market.** Blanche Flannagon told the council the Chamber of Commerce would like permission to move the location of the Farmers Market from Riverside Park to General Pershing's Veteran's Memorial Park. She cited reasons that included the Tobacco River and parking. After discussion, Rosalie Aduato made a motion to approve the Farmer's Market being held at Riverside Park, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

**Riverside Park length of stay.** Mayor Schermerhorn explained to the council that the current length of time people are allowed to camp at Riverside Park is seven days, but there have been issues with vagrants taking advantage of the park. After discussion, Ethel White made a motion to allow camping in Riverside Park for a total of three days, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

**Well variance request.** Mike Workman said that Lincoln County was denying his subdivision request due to the Town's lack of water rights. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town of Eureka will be purchasing the Midvale Water and Sewer District in the next couple of months. Mr. Workman said he did not believe that would make a difference. There was discussion regarding the history of the Town's water rights. Funding agencies have never had an issue with the Town's water rights in the past. Mr. Workman said there is only an issue due to the desire to sub-divide. Tracy McIntyre said she would be willing to work with Clif Hayden, the Town Attorney, to expedite the process and get the water rights issue cleared up. Ethel White made a motion to approve Rural Economic Designs to work on the Town water rights issue with the Town Attorney, seconded by Rosalie Aduato, carried all ayes.

**Survey results.** Tracy McIntyre said the survey was very successful. Over one hundred replies were received. Roads were the most mentioned issue.

**Resolution No. 2018-748.** This resolution is to approve a CDBG grant application for capital improvement and growth policy planning. The grant would be for \$40,000 and have a \$15,000 match. Rosalie Aduato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-748, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

**Training.** Mayor Schermerhorn informed the council there would be Municipal Summit training in Whitefish on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ethel White and Breean Reyes said they would like to attend along with Mayor Schermerhorn, Lisa Flynn and Theresa Schmuck.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.** Theresa Schmuck informed the council that there will be a new company providing credit card services. The prior company withdrew their equipment because there was not enough sales. It is possible there could be online payments in the future with the use of an application by customers.

Mayor Schermerhorn told the council that if they are contacted about a water or sewer leak to have the resident report the issue to dispatch. The mayor also said there would need to be a special meeting scheduled to review and vote on the resolution to sell the old town hall property. The mayor and council decided to schedule a special meeting on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Rob Little, from Interbel told the mayor and council that Interbel has received a grant to install fiber down Highway 93 through downtown. He explained where the conduit would go and said there would not be extensive construction. Interbel would need an easement and gave the mayor paperwork regarding the easement.

Tracy McIntyre said the VFW wants to request permission to put a banner in General Pershing's Veteran's Memorial Park for their Memorial Day event. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would put it on the special meeting agenda.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer