

*Eureka Town Council Meeting  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Blanche Flannagan, Janette Goff, Kenneth Goff

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items.** Kenneth Goff said he lives next to the old dump property owned by the Town of Eureka. He is concerned because he knows Dustin Chalcraft has submitted a bid for the property and has plans to use it for junk vehicles. Mr. Goff is worried because this will adversely affect his property value. Mayor Schermerhorn said she understands his concerns, but at this time there are no zoning laws in the Town. She also told him an ad has been placed in the Tobacco Valley News, so it is possible more bids could be submitted. Also, the Town is under no obligation to accept any bid. Tracy McIntyre said the Town cannot accept a bid under fair market value.

Ethel White made a motion to approve the minutes with a change of 70 days to 7 days for the traffic count, seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes.

Rosalie Adatao made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

**Reports.** No comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Filtration Project.** Tracy McIntyre said the walk through went well. There was a question about whether the town paid for seeding as part of the project. We are waiting for an audit of the project.

**Wastewater Project.** Tracy McIntyre said we are in the design phase. There is a draft for low to moderate income connection funding. She is in the process of applying for a loan program for residents that do not qualify for the low to moderate income connection funding. The county will need to be involved. Ms. McIntyre said she hopes to have a timeline for the rate review by the November meeting. The first draw for the project should be in November. Toby McIntosh said grinder pumps will be necessary between Highway 93 and Osloski Road. Ethel White said there will need to be connection contract for those properties that outline responsibilities of the property owners. Breean Reyes made a motion that the Town of Eureka provides the original grinder pumps for the Wastewater Project Phase 1b and maintenance instructions, after which the property owner is responsible for replacements and maintenance costs, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**Midvale water system purchase/SID.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the purchase is complete. Tracy McIntyre will follow up on the trust for paying any outstanding bills.

**Police Grants updates.** Tracy McIntyre said the DOJ is probably not an option. USDA Rural Development has grants for vehicles and equipment for emergency responders, which would include the police. Budgeted funds for

a new police vehicle could act as matching funds. Due to the Town's issues with the USDA RD office in Kalispell, Ms. McIntyre would like permission to speak with the state USDA office to see if we could work with an RD office other than Kalispell on this. Ethel White made a motion to allow Tracy McIntyre to contact the state USDA office to ask if the Town of Eureka could work with a USDA RD office other than Kalispell, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

**Tobacco Road update.** Tracy McIntyre said there may be an urban forestry grant that could help fund tree thinning. There may not be enough work to qualify. Breean Reyes made a motion to apply for the urban forestry grant if applicable, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**Riverside Park update.** Tracy McIntyre said she withdrew the application for the tourism grant because the Town does not have enough funds for a match. There are possible opportunities with Montana State Parks grants.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rendezvous changes.** Blanche Flannagan told the council that they are going to change the location and type of the kickoff dinner to a block party with bands behind Glacier Bank. They would like to close off the area between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street behind the bank and would like Town permission. There was a discussion of new ideas regarding the kickoff event. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town will need a special event request and the closure would be part of the request.

**Sign permit – Montana Properties.** After review, Breean Reyes made a motion to approve the sign permit for Montana Properties, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**Othorp Lake Road property.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town has received a bid on the old dump property the Town owns on Othorp Lake Road. After the bid was received, a notice was placed in the paper for two weeks stating a bid was received and that other bids would be accepted. Tracy McIntyre said a brownfields assessment had been done about ten years ago and the property was given a clean bill of health. Any bids received will be opened after the time period for other bids has been reached.

**National League of Cities.** Mayor Schermerhorn told the council to look at the brochure they were given and decide if we want to participate on any of the programs offered.

### **COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.**

Breean Reyes said she has bought property that she will be moving to in the future. She thinks it is in town limits, but if it is not, she will annex before moving. If the property borders the Town, annexation is possible.

Ethel White asked if Randy Miller was back at work and the Mayor told her he started back this month. Mrs. White also told the council she spoke with Lincoln Electric who told her it would be fine if the Town attached street signs to their light or electric poles. Mrs. White also said she will talk to the high school about making the street signs. The Mayor said the Town would buy the wood and reflective paint.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Tracy McIntyre said the Town will not be able to work with the county on the growth policy because the county is already working on their own. The Town will have to go through an open procurement. It may be possible to use current consultants for growth policy work, which may result in cost savings. The Town procurement of Jackola Engineering and Rural Economic Designs did mention growth policy and capital improvement policy.

Mayor Schermerhorn said she was working with the county on emergency planning. She is giving them more information on this area such as the location of the water plant and the airport.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer