

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Tuesday, November 13, 2018*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Tracy McIntyre, Blanche Flanagan, Toby McIntosh, Dustin Chalcraft, Sister Scott, Sister Wilson

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None.

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

Reports. No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Filtration Project. Mayor Schermerhorn said we are waiting for the results of the appeal regarding legal services. Tracy McIntyre said the area around the filtration building was seeded, but the grass did not grow.

Wastewater Project. Tracy McIntyre said she and Mayor Schermerhorn spoke with the county commissioners regarding the loan program for non-low income residents to pay for their sewer hookups. The commissioners said that since they would not be in charge of the program, they did not want to be involved, therefore, the Town cannot access the loan program. Toby McIntosh said they were working the plans, easements, and environmental reports. Will have the plans to Public Works and the water/sewer committee after Thanksgiving. Ms. McIntyre said the council needs to consider if they would like to trade easements for sewer hookups. It is not known how many easements will be needed at this time. Breean Reyes made a motion to trade sewer hookups for easements, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre stated Resolution No. 2018-764 would allow the Town to be reimbursed costs involved in the sewer project. Rosalie Adatao made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-764, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes. Mayor Schermerhorn said the water and sewer ordinances need to be reviewed and updated. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would provide copies of the ordinances to Rosalie Adatao and Ethel White, and email the ordinances to Kevin Jefferies and Breean Reyes. Toby McIntosh and Tracy McIntyre said the project is expected to go out to bid in early spring 2019. The TSEP and CDBG contracts have been delayed, but we should have them this week. The CDBG funds application should be ready January first and will be due February 15th.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Tracy McIntyre said the Town has CDBG planning funds. It is possible the Town would need to conduct a new procurement for Jackola Engineering and Rural Economic Designs which will be known next week. Toby McIntosh should be starting the process after the first of the year. Ethel White and Breean Reyes said they would like to be involved in the process.

Midvale Water System Purchase. Mayor Schermerhorn said the paperwork for the purchase is complete and Neil Temple said there are still things to do to dissolve the District.

Tobacco Road update. Tracy McIntyre said the DNRC Urban Forestry application for funds addresses both Tobacco Road and Riverside Park. The value of timber removed along Tobacco Road can be used as matching funds for Riverside Park.

Othorp Lake Road property. Mayor Schermerhorn opened the bid for the property owned by the Town of Eureka on Othorp Lake Road. The bid was for \$40,000. Mayor Schermerhorn said she spoke with one real estate agent who said property was selling for \$3,000 to \$5,000 per acre. Tracy McIntyre said the property could not be sold for less than fair market value. Rosalie Aduato made a motion to table the decision to the December meeting so more information could be gathered and the Town Attorney can be consulted, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

Parks update. Tracy McIntyre said the DNRC Urban Forestry Grant has been submitted. The value of the timber removal would be about \$2,000 which will be used for matching funds for Riverside Park project.

Riverside Park - Tracy McIntyre said the plan is expensive so the council may want to hold off until the capital improvement plan is done. CDBG may be the best funding source after the sewer project is complete. There was discussion regarding priorities.

Memorial Park – There was discussion regarding pre-made playground equipment modules. A donation agreement with the Lions Club would be the easiest. The Lions Club needs to give the information to the Town on budget, equipment, and manufacturer. Breean Reyes said the Lions Club has made decisions regarding equipment and will get that information to Toby McIntosh. There is a small retaining wall along the ally that will need work. The Lions Club is looking at equipment and surface only, not the retaining wall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rendezvous kickoff dinner/street dance. Blanche Flanagan informed the council of what they were planning for Rendezvous. They are planning for a beer garden and wanted to know if needed, if they could have it in Riverside Park. Mayor Schermerhorn suggested the police chief, Ian Jeffcock, be consulted about obtaining a alcohol permit. Bands are being contacted and will be voted on. Rosalie Aduato made a motion to approve the Rendezvous kickoff dinner and street dance, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

Parade of Lights. Blanche Flanagan said the parade will begin on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 pm at Valley Pizza and end at Riverside Park. There will be drawings for sleds for the children and turkeys and hams for the adults. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be served. Tracy McIntyre said this event started in 1916. There will be a decoration contest for businesses. Mrs. Flanagan said they would like permission to have bonfires in containers on the asphalt in Riverside Park. Ethel White made a motion to approve the Parade of Lights, with bonfires based on safety, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

Water/sewer ordinance review. When the wastewater project was being discussed, it was decided to get the ordinances to the council members for review.

Water meter replacement. Mayor Schermerhorn told the council that the water meters are 15 years old and are starting to have issues. New meters are \$152.00 each. USDA is a possible source of funding. Tracy McIntyre will meet with them next week. Police vehicles would qualify for this funding, but water meters may not. This

funding could go through Lincoln Electric, not the Town. The money could be loaned out at zero interest and could fund up to 80% of a project.

USDA – Rural Economic Dev. Loan & Grant program. Tracy said the council could decide to help pay the cost of the grant application. The Town can limit the amount of hours or dollar amount. The council agreed they were interested in pursuing.

Volunteer Service Day – December 1st. Sisters Scott and Wilson told the council they would like feedback from the council on what the community may need. There was discussion regarding the need for military donations. Breean Reyes mentioned low income senior citizens.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.

Ethel White asked if the Riverwalk could be leaf blown before the luminaries were placed this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. None.

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

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer