

*Eureka Town Council Meeting  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, June 12, 2017*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Naomi Wheat, Jessica Cook, Gretchen Lancaster, Michael Lancaster

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items.** None

Bill Savage made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes.  
Kevin Jefferies made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Bill Savage, carried all ayes.

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

Mayor Schermerhorn changed the agenda order.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Wedding request in Riverside Park.** Mayor and council discussed the requested wedding event with Jessica Cook and mentioned that August 1<sup>st</sup> would be the Quilt Show date. Parking and the location in the park were discussed. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the special event for the wedding, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Filtration Project.** Mayor Schermerhorn said approval is need for filtration project invoices that include Rural Economic Designs for \$5,390.66, legal services for Clif Hayden for \$2,706.50, the second draw for Noble Excavating for \$138,568.90, and May engineering services for Dick Dyer for \$5915.75. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the listed invoices, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes. Mayor Schermerhorn said the work directive for the required dewatering was approved. The contingency left on the budget after additional costs is \$38,938.00. Tracy McIntyre has made requests for additional draws.

**Wastewater Project.** Mayor Schermerhorn said they have been talking to Anna Miller at SRF and considering WRDA for funding. To receive funding from WRDA we would have to go to the legislators. The town can also apply for CDBG funds.

**MOU with Forest Service & Lincoln County sewer extension.** Tracy McIntyre met with the Forest Service and Mike Cole. The Forest Service will waive fees for permits and are revising MOU's.

**Creekside Trailer Park update.** Mayor Schermerhorn mentioned she sent a copy of the agreement to the email of council members. The portion of the contract the Lancaster's have an issue with is the required meter size. Town engineer Dick Dyer is requiring a 2 inch meter and the Lancaster's say their engineer and DEQ say a 1 ½ inch meter is enough. There was discussion on rates and whose recommended meter size should be used. The Lancaster's said the residents would be low income and the clerk informed them, that by state law, no one group can receive preferential rates. Jennifer Hannay said that even using the 2 inch meter rates, they would be paying less than other town residents. Mayor Schermerhorn said the town engineer uses the uniform plumbing code to determine meter sizes in town and the town should be consistent so that all meter requirements of connections are the same. The town attorney supports the town engineer's position. The Lancaster's stated they still do not agree with the town engineer's 2 inch meter requirement. Rosalie Aduato made a motion to approve the Creekside Trailer Park agreement, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, motion carried with Jennifer Hannay, Rosalie Aduato and Kevin Jefferies voting aye, Bill Savage voted nay.

**Riverside Park band stand update.** No new information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sign permit – Sumi's Kitchen.** There was discussion regarding the size of the sign and the proposed location. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the sign permit for Sumi's Kitchen, seconded by Rosalie Aduato, carried all ayes.

**Town Hall restroom/Park use.** Naomi Wheat from the Chamber of Commerce told the council they would like to help manage the park access bathroom so it could stay open more hours. With the help of a grant, the Chamber has been able to hire two part time employees who will allow the Chamber office to be open on Saturday and Sunday for several hours. They would like to be able to open the bathroom during those hours and help with bathroom cleaning and supplies. Since bicyclists camping in the summer bring a good deal of business to town shops and restaurants, they would like to eventually put a combination type of lock on the bathroom door and campers could register at the Chamber office to receive the combination. Bill Savage mentioned that there has been nighttime issues with vandalism. Naomi said she has spoken with Ian Jeffcock, the Chief of Police, and he said officers could patrol regularly. Campers signing in at the Chamber office would also help them with grant applications. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce keeping the bathroom open during their office hours on Saturday and Sunday, seconded by Rosalie Aduato, carried all ayes.

**Resort Tax Public Meeting follow up.** Mayor Schermerhorn said there were about 50 people at the meeting. The Mayor, Tracy McIntyre and Mike Cole met to discuss an outline for a citizen joint committee to collect information on whether our community would qualify, research and gather public input. The committee would give recommendations. Mayor Schermerhorn stated she wants this process to be conducted by the public and the decisions to be made by the public.

**Community Needs Assessment Public Meeting.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the Community Needs Assessment Meeting would be here in the council meeting room tomorrow, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The town is looking to receive input regarding the Strategic Plan and the Capitol Improvement Plan.

**Resolution No. 2017-736.** After discussion, Rosalie Adatao made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-736 Setting Salaries and Wages of Elected Officers, Appointed Officers and Town Employees, seconded by Jennifer Hannay, carried all ayes.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.**

Bill Savage said someone complained to him that bicyclists were not using the new paved path next to Hwy 37. The path is not located within Eureka. It was the consensus that, if there are no signs to advise cyclists, there should be. Kevin Jefferies asked if Clif Hayden had looked into the old easement to avoid the hill on Tobacco Road. Mayor Schermerhorn said that due to Mr. Hayden's illness she does not think the easement has been researched yet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Naomi Wheat asked about the possibility of receiving two more keys for the new Chamber of Commerce employees. Nikki Meyer asked about problem stop signs in Midvale. Mayor Schermerhorn said all inquiries or complaints regarding stop signs in Midvale must be presented, in writing, to Ian Jeffcock at the Law Enforcement Center.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer