

*Eureka Town Council Meeting  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, March 12, 2018*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Clifton Hayden, Tracy McIntyre, Kevin Flynn, Nikki Meyer, Tim Nowakowski, Buck Schermerhorn, Dick Dyer, Sheri Butkowski, Daniel Sutley, Kat Sutley, Isaac Reynolds, Blake L., Gavin B., Jason Hollingsworth, Cael Meester, Parker Bates, Matthew Tullis, Matthew Hollingsworth, Garrett Baker, Steven Clark, Rick Peterson, Jon Wakem, Dave Nichols, Jim Henrie

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

**Reports.** Ethel White asked how long the chemicals for the water plant lasted. Kevin Flynn responded and said the chemicals last about three months.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Filtration Project.** Tracy McIntyre said the project is complete, and that Dick Dyer has submitted his final invoice. Ms. McIntyre is still working through the USDA grant, due to the grant not closing till next year because the FY18 Audit has not begun.

**Wastewater Project.** The project is still in the waiting stages after being submitted. No response as of yet per Tracy McIntyre. Ms. McIntyre said she will continue to follow up.

**Midvale water system purchase/SID.** Clifton Hayden said that Midvale is still in its own process, and that the town will have to continue to wait until Midvale has made progress on dissolving, and that they contact the town on purchase.

**Eureka Area Dispatch District Board.** Mayor Schermerhorn said there still has been no one to file an application for the position.

**Engineer procurement.** Tracy McIntyre drafted a layout for the process, in which the selection committee ranked Jackola Engineering & Architecture, PC #1 at 386 points, and is the recommendation. Ethel White asked what new projects would be coming up. Midvale and the Capital Improvement Plan were mentioned.

Discussion followed while council members studied the layouts. Breean Reyes made a motion to have Jackola as the town engineer, there was no second received. Motion died on floor. Breean Reyes stated that they took all this time to complete a fair and open process. Rosalie Aauto suggested that this should be tabled for a month. Ethel White then made a motion to table it for a month, seconded by Rosalie Aauto. Kevin Jefferies agreed. Breean Reyes did not.

**Police/Park/Tobacco Road Grants.** Tracy McIntyre said she and her staff has been checking weekly, and are doing their best, at finding a program. COPS grant is not open yet, and will be checked on more frequently. Park and Road grants need a lot more planning, and is on hold until decision is made on the new town engineer. Can reapply for grants next year if need be.

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

**Riverside Park band stand/parks update.** Nothing new to report. Tracy McIntyre said she will call Alan Hepner to get an update.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bed Races.** Chris and Jon Wakem would like to stage the bed races in the Town Hall parking lot. This would make it safer for the contestants while they are getting ready for the races. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the use of the parking lot, seconded by Breean Reyes. Carried all ayes.

**Quilt Show.** Sheri Butkowski asked to have the special event application amended to include the Town Hall Conference/Jury Room to be the main place where quilts can be mended, distributed and stored Thursday through Sunday. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would ask Judge Langston if there could be a conflict in using the room on Thursday and Friday. Kevin Jefferies made a motion for the quilt show to use Town Hall if no conflict, seconded by Rosalie Aauto. Carried all ayes.

**Banner permit.** The Eureka Teachers Union would like to have a banner for advertisement of the school bond hung across Dewey Avenue during Rendezvous. If not a possibility then they will look into hanging it in the Historical Village, which then would be the decision of Lincoln County. Ethel White made a motion to approve the banner to be hung across Dewey Avenue, seconded by Kevin Jefferies. Carried all ayes.

**Offer on old Town Hall building.** Mayor Schermerhorn opened three unsolicited bids in the amounts of \$25,000.00, \$45,000.00 and \$52,500.00. Daniel Sutley made a plea for his bid of \$25,000.00, stating what he wanted for the future of the old Town Hall. Which included a good place for kids to hang out at and to have a better curb appeal to draw more people into town. A discussion was followed by the council and a motion to accept the highest bid was made by Ethel White, seconded by Kevin Jefferies. Carried all ayes.

**State Opportunity Zone Application.** Tracy McIntyre has drafted a letter for the Opportunity Zone Application. Ms. McIntyre said there are 106 tracks and only 25 can be chosen. The Zone is an opportunity through the year of 2018. There is no guarantee it will be accepted but the town should try, as this will help to attract business for the town. Breean Reyes motioned to approve the Opportunity Zone Application, seconded by Kevin Jefferies. Carried all ayes.

**Resort Tax.** Nothing new to report. Tracy McIntyre suggested to set up a work session to utilize tools available.

**Growth Planning.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the Growth Policy is out of date and also suggested to set the new plan up as a work session.

**Set Capital Improvement Plan meeting.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that numbers are still needed to move forward and to have the meeting set up during the discussion of when the Resort Tax and Growth Planning will be set up.

**Set up work session.** Work sessions were set up for the Resort tax on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and the Growth Planning on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The Capital Improvement Plan starting process will be discussed during the Growth Planning work session.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the meeting with the DOT regarding a possible crosswalk at the Town Pump and Town Hall intersection was rejected. The Dot does not support any markings for occasional events. If a light was needed for the intersection, it is the responsibility of the Volunteer Ambulance Service to have the light set up. Mayor Schermerhorn also said that the town will be getting about \$11,000.00 from the new gas tax and whatever is used for a project the town has to match it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Tracy McIntyre invited everyone to attend the Business Showcase (formerly called The Chamber Mixer) hosted by The Eureka Montana Chamber of Commerce and E&M Woodworks at the Business Incubator building. The open house is from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer