Eureka Town Council Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana Monday, August 13, 2018

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Eureka Town Council Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana Monday, August 13, 2018

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the public hearing for comments regarding the budget amendment at 7:02 pm. There were no comments. Mayor Schermerhorn closed the public hearing.

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Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

Mayor LeeAnn Schermerhorn

Council Members Rosalie Adauto, Kevin Jefferies, Breean Reyes, Ethel White

Town Clerk Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Theresa Schmuck, Tracy McIntyre, Nikki Meyer, Lori McClure

Mayor Schermerhorn called the council meeting to order at 7:05 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None

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

Reports. Mayor Schermerhorn said she has spoken to Brian Griffith, the undersheriff, who told her the schedule for Animal Control is to be in Eureka on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The Animal Control officer can be called out for an emergency and the local deputies are also available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Filtration Project. Mayor Schermerhorn said the discussions are ongoing and there is a call scheduled for August 30th.

Wastewater Project. Tracy McIntyre distributed copies of the most recent budget for the project and the press release. The only thing that has changed on the budget is the loan reserve. Toby McIntosh from Jackola has toured the area of the project and helped determine rates. Ms. McIntyre read an update on the project from Mr. McIntosh. Field work should be scheduled for September. CDBG is requiring a supplemental contract with Jackola and Rural Economic Designs.

Midvale water system purchase/SID. Mayor Schermerhorn said closing for the Midvale purchase is scheduled for September 19th. The special meeting on August 28th will include the public hearing on the rate increase as well as the mill levy, the levy for streetlights and the levy for street sprinkling.

Police Grants updates. Tracy McIntyre said she was working on a Motorola grant for radios. Since nothing has been heard regarding the Spirit of Blue application, the assumption is we were not awarded the grant. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town has hired a new part-time officer whose name is Nicole Gibson.

Tobacco Road Grants. Tracy McIntyre said the counter on Tobacco Road is up and was organized by Toby McIntosh of Jackola Engineering. Ms. McIntyre said there will be a training in Missoula for this grant. Since this is a new type of grant she would like to go to the training. Ethel White made a motion to authorize Tracy McIntyre to attend the grant training in Missoula on September 6th, seconded by Rosalie Adauto, carried all ayes.

Riverside Park update. There were two meetings of the park committee. Tracy McIntyre said the committee would like to see the straight road through the park closed, one to two RV parking spots, a bathroom near the sewer dump location and the band stand completed. There will be public outreach at the Lincoln County Fair to gather opinions. The park plan from the engineers will cost \$1,500. Mayor Schermerhorn said she will put it in the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2018-754 Budget Amendment. Mayor Schermerhorn said the 2017-2018 budget needed to be amended due to the sale of the old town hall and higher than expected revenues from the TIF District. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-754 to increase the TIF revenues in the 2017-2017 budget, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Sign permit – Von's Café. After discussion, Rosalie Adauto made a motion to approve the sign permit for Von's Café, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Sign Permit – Lee's Tee's. After discussion, Rosalie Adauto made a motion to approve the sign permit for Lee's Tee's, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Preliminary Budget. Mayor Schermerhorn explained that we were still waiting for some numbers on tax revenue and loan payments for projects. The regular expenses and payroll portions of the budget were complete. There was some discussion regarding some budget items.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.

Ethel White said the garden club was happy with the sprinklers but requested weed removal. Mrs. White asked about the bent sign pole and Mayor Schermerhorn said it would be removed. Kevin Jefferies asked

if Sunburst was in charge of the trail that goes to the marina. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town is not responsible. Tracy McIntyre said Sunburst has responsibility for the rail bed, the Forest Service has some areas, and so does Rexford. Kevin Jefferies also asked why the police do not get overtime. He was told the police schedule is four 10 hour shifts. However, they do not need to be out during the entire shift. Towns with populations of less than 5,000 and 4 or fewer employees in the police or fire department, are exempt from overtime.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. Tracy McIntyre said The Department of Commerce will be having a meeting August 29-30 at the Tobacco Valley Industrial District building regarding growth policy and the CIP process. The discussion will focus on higher paying jobs, not new jobs. Hospitaity jobs are important in this community and people need to be careful in regard to negative comments on social media as locals are not the only ones reading those comments.

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

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer