

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, December 10, 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, Myles Hickman, Dustin Chalcraft

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None.

Ethel White made a motion to approve the minutes with changes from Mayor Schermerhorn, seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes.

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

Reports. Mayor Schermerhorn said there is no Animal Control officer at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Tracy McIntyre said the TSEP contract is signed and the CDBG contract is being circulated for signatures. Would like to have a double chip seal road repair which may require a budget amendment. We are about two weeks behind the estimated time to go to bid on the project, but still on track. There have been discussions about bonding. In order to decide on the rate structure, the decision on hookup fees must be finalized. Rosalie Adatao said she would like to have a working session on hookup fees and rates. It was decided to have a working session on January 9th at 10:00 am. Ms. McIntyre said it has been known grinder pumps would be needed on Osloski Road, but grinder pumps may also be needed 6th and 15th as well. It was originally thought 15 grinder pumps would be needed but there might need to be more. Mayor Schermerhorn said Jerry Paddock at DEQ said the Town could offer to pump septic systems and fill them with gravel. It would be possible for the Town to be eligible to borrow SRF funds to lend to residents to help with the costs of pumping septic tanks and filling them with gravel, but this would add costs to the project.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Tracy McIntyre said the Town does not need to do a new procurement. She suggests Jackola lead the process. Produce a supplemental contract starting the process in January. Ethel White made a motion to put task orders in writing, as related to capital improvement and growth planning, for Rural Economic Designs and Jackola, seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes.

Tobacco Road update. Mayor Schermerhorn said there is nothing new at this time.

Othorp Lake Road property. Mayor Schermerhorn said the property was listed with Mike Workman for \$100,000. The benefits of selling the property include the property going back on the tax rolls. The real estate agents the Mayor talked to said undeveloped property was selling to \$3-\$4,000 per acre. Rosalie Adatao made a motion to accept Dustin Chalcraft's offer of \$40,000 for the 20 acres owned by the Town of Eureka, seconded by Breean Reyes, carried all ayes.

Parks update.

Riverside Park – There is nothing new. Riverside Park is on the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan.

Memorial Park – Mayor Schermerhorn said that Town Attorney Clif Hayden has prepared an agreement with the Lion’s Club. Toby McIntosh from Jackola Engineering has called the equipment manufacturer and is waiting for a call back. There was discussion regarding the equipment. Breean Reyes said the playground equipment was targeted to children up to five years old. Mayor Schermerhorn said the contract is set up as a donation. Toby McIntosh will find out if the equipment company will determine the layout. Tracy McIntyre said the estimate for the equipment was under \$40,000 and \$15,000 for the base material. Myles Hickman said he would come back for the January council meeting with more cost details.

Police upgrades & water meters. Mayor Schermerhorn said she had a discussion with Ray Ellis from Lincoln Electric regarding funding. Mr. Ellis said he would put the topic on the agenda for their next meeting. Tracy McIntyre distributed a funding comparison sheet listing various funding options for the police and water meters. One option is a Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDL&G) in partnership with Lincoln Electric. USDA has a Community Facilities Loan that could only be used for the police. There are also USDA Water and Environmental Loans that could be used for water meters and would require a rate review. There was discussion on the benefits of the different programs. Mayor Schermerhorn said there is a problem with the water meters not working efficiently due to age. The mayor said the Town of Eureka could split the cost of the application for the Rural Economic Loan with Lincoln Electric which would be about \$1,500. Breean Reyes made a motion to move forward with the application for the Rural Economic Loan with Lincoln Electric and cap the cost at \$1,500 and add a task order for Rural Economic Designs, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign Permit – Pinoy Oriental. After review, Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the sign permit for Pinoy Oriental, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.

Breean Reyes said she is resigning from the council because she is moving out of town limits this month. The council, and others, thanked her for her service on the council and said she would be missed. Ethel White asked if anything had been done with the license plate list she submitted. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would ask Ian Jeffcock. Rosalie Adatao said there are some stop signs in Midvale that need to be replaced. Mayor Schermerhorn said Randy Miller, in Public Works, has replaced several and she would check if more signs have been ordered. It was decided to have a Town Christmas gathering on December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Front Porch Grill house.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. None.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8: 05 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer

