

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, January 14, 2019*

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, Mike Volsky, Toby McIntosh

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None.

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

Reports. Ethel White asked if there is a new Animal Control Officer. The clerk said Lincoln County has very recently hired for the position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Tracy McIntyre distributed a draft timeline for the project and stated the LMI for grant assistance is still in process. Toby McIntosh stated connection costs can vary widely, but would estimate the average cost to be \$4,000 to \$6,000. Mr. McIntosh said the council can limit the amount of assistance. Ms. McIntyre said assistance would only be possible through the life of the project. The procurement process for contractors to perform the connections need to start soon. Rosalie Adatao made a motion to limit the amount of assistance for connections to \$5,000, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre said the SRF loans for resident connections, at any income, would add a second level to the Town loan. The amount won't be known until the loan applications are received. It is possible to set a monthly administrative fee instead of interest for convenience. If the property were to sell, the loan would need to be paid in full. The Council will make the decision on loan application approvals. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the additional SRF service line loan with liens to be filed, a monthly administration fee of \$5, full payment within 3 years and if the property is sold prior to 3 years, the balance is to be paid in full. The motion was seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre said an open house is planned for February 16th and a mailing to residents on January 31st. Ethel White made a motion to offer a sewer connection fee of \$750 during the construction of the sewer project, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to require all residents within Town limits to connect to the sewer system within 5 years from January 1, 2020, seconded by Rosalie Adatao, carried all ayes.

Toby McIntyre said they are working on the design and plan on agency submittals in middle February. He's expecting to go out for bids in April with an award recommendation at the May council meeting.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Tracy McIntyre distributed a draft of the timeline. She has taken into consideration Rendezvous and the Fair for public engagement. She asked the council to consider how they would like the process to happen and highly recommends the involvement of citizens. Ethel White suggested advertise for citizen participation. Kevin Jefferies mentioned business owners and the Chamber of

Commerce. Toby McIntosh said a committee of 10 to 12 people would be nice. Tracy McIntyre said she will produce the applications. Ethel White said she would like to be on the committee.

Tobacco Road update. Tracy McIntyre said the Town did not receive the DNRC Urban Forestry Grant. She suggested that Public Works could pursue having the trees removed that are shading the road.

Parks update. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Lions Club has not reviewed the MOU. They are scheduled to meet tomorrow.

Police upgrades options. The Town does not meet the requirements for the Redleg loan. Ms. McIntyre will be applying for other grants like a Homeland Security Grant, American Sherriff's Grant, and contacting the Ford Dealership.

Water Meters. Mayor Schermerhorn said she will look at the budget at the end of the year for any unspent funds that can be used to purchase as many meters as possible. There will be money set aside in the next budget for more meters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Temporary Sign Permit – Mayor Schermerhorn stated there will be issues with sightlines and setbacks. There was discussion regarding the placement of a permanent sign. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve a 60 day temporary sign permit, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Sewer Ordinance 1st reading. Mayor Schermerhorn said that Town Attorney Clif Hayden said the whole ordinance did not need to be read aloud. The purpose of the ordinance is to amend the code. After discussion changes were requested like the removal of the term “journeyman plumber, adding the 5 year connection requirement, eliminating the permit requirement since the town has no such permits. Rosalie Aduato made a motion to approve the ordinance, with the corrections, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Union Contract. Mayor Schermerhorn said the union was asking for a step change in accordance with the date of their certification. The Mayor said she would like to look at previous pay resolutions.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS. Ethel White said that she has been appointed to the TVID board per a letter from Robin Benson. Mayor Schermerhorn said a contractor pool, not including the project contractor, would need to be established to install service lines during the upcoming sewer project. Rosalie Aduato made a motion to establish a service line contractor pool, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. None.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8: 40 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer

