

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, July 8, 2019*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

Mayor	LeeAnn Schermerhorn
Council Members	Rosalie Aauto, Kevin Jefferies, Ethel White, Scott Bernhard
Town Clerk	Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Tracy McIntyre, Jordyn Mallett, Amanda Broman, Noah Shettel, Connor Crosier, Sarah Hersee

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

Reports. No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Jordyn Mallett, from Jackola Engineering, told the Mayor and Council that the lowest bid for the project was submitted by Sandry for 1.4 million dollars was a little over the projected budget. Jackola recommends the Town of Eureka select Sandry and alternate #2 as the accepted bid. Tracy McIntyre said the lowest bid from Sandry is \$283,000 over the projected budget. This cost means we have a shortage of \$94,500 in funding. The SRF loan will need to be increased to \$746,000. The Town is working on making any sewer rate increase as small as possible. Sixteen property owners have paid connection fees and are estimating forty more. The Mayor and Ms. McIntyre would like to go door to door in the project area to make sure property owners are aware of the grant option. Only eight grant applications have been received. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to accept the project bid from Sandry, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes. Ethel White made a motion to pursue a \$746,000 SRF loan for the project, seconded by Rosalie Aauto, carried all ayes.

Tracy McIntyre said the water and wastewater committee recommends approving \$10,400 in project grant funds for received applications. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve \$10,400 in grant funds for project applicants, seconded by Scott Bernhard, carried all ayes. Jordyn Mallett is working on obtaining the final easement required for the project.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Jordyn Mallett said the Capital Improvement and Growth Policy committee is meeting once a month. They discussed land use and community inventory at the last meeting.

Union Contract. Mayor Schermerhorn said there was nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preliminary Budget. Mayor Schermerhorn said she has started to work on the budget and have gotten through the revenues. Work on the expenditures will begin soon. We plan on underestimating revenues and overestimating expenditures to safely stay within the means of the Town. The Police Department has decided to purchase two 2014 vehicles instead of a single new vehicle.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS. Ethel White mentioned the problems with the intersection of 1st Avenue East and 6th Street. Mayor Schermerhorn said the issue with drainage needs to be addressed and Town Engineer, Toby McIntosh, is looking at the problem. We are also looking at 1st Avenue East and 5th Street. Rosalie Adatao mentioned an accumulation of gravel at the bottom of suicide hill.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer