

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, August 12, 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, Diane Groves, Daman Reynolds

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

Reports. No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Tracy McIntyre said there were more grant applications submitted for approval and distributed a list of applications. Ms. McIntyre said there were more applications pending. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve the submitted grant applications, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre said she has been spending a lot of time working on sewer rates. There have been about 45 locations that have either paid the connection fee, or have verbally committed to hook up to the sewer system. The sewer project will also upgrade generators and lagoons. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-773 the Intent to Increase Sewer Rates, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Ms. McIntyre said she expecting the project to start in late September.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Tracy McIntyre said that Toby McIntosh said the committee has had three meetings. At the last meeting they were looking at population trends. All the meetings have been active.

Union Contract. Mayor Schermerhorn said there was nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign Permit – Glow Beauty. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the sign permit for Glow Beauty, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Preliminary Budget. Mayor Schermerhorn said the budget has been done through once and we have received the taxable value and calculated the mills for this budget year.

Resolution No. 2019-772 to Set the Annual Mill Levy for FY20. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-772 to Set the Annual Mill Levy for FY20, seconded by Scott Bernhard, carried all ayes.

Resolution No. 2019-774 to Apply for MT Department of Commerce DLA Program. Rosalie Aauto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-774 to Apply for MT Department of Commerce DLA Program, seconded by Scott Bernhard, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre said the state grant program is a one time possibility and requires no matching funds. We are applying for funds to purchase water meters. It may be a long shot. We need to purchase 628 new meters.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS. Ethel White said she has received three complaints about pot holes on 2nd Avenue East. There was discussion regarding pot holes in Town. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town received a bid to fix 5th Street between Veteran’s Memorial Park and the Catholic Church of \$15,000. Kevin Jefferies said there was a pipe in his sidewalk in front of his house. It appears to be at the curb stop, which would be the homeowner’s responsibility.

Scott Bernhard said there is a problem in Libby with deer that have contracted wasting disease. He has spoken to Ben Chappelow and would like to have the new biologist come to a council meeting. Nikki Meyer said there is a meeting scheduled at the Glacier Bank community room on Monday, August the 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm about the wasting disease.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. Diane Grove said her address is 301 Central Avenue and stated there was a pot hole half way up the hill on 3rd Street East. She said her water/sewer bill was \$80.82 which is twice as much as she was paying when she lived in Kalispell. There was a discussion on water/sewer rates and the reasons why they have been set where they are, with the main reasons being rising costs and debt service.

Daman Reynolds introduced a new non-profit project that will have sports fields and an ice rink with a walking/bike path around it. There will be an event on August 27th between the elementary and high school with booths available for information on local resources. He also mentioned there was a tarp in a tree along Tobacco Road on the hill.

Tracy McIntyre said this will be her last council meeting in person, as she is moving to Great Falls. Kirsten Holland will be working with her locally.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer