

*Town of Eureka Public Hearing on the Budget  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the Public Hearing on the FY20 Budget at 7:00 pm. There were no comments. Mayor Schermerhorn closed the Public Hearing.

*Town of Eureka Public Hearing on Wastewater Rates  
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana  
Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the Public Hearing for the Wastewater Rate Increase at 7:02 pm. There were no comments. Mayor Schermerhorn closed the Public Hearing.

*Eureka Town Council Meeting  
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Monday, September 9, 2019*

Present AND Constituting a Quorum:

Mayor	LeeAnn Schermerhorn
Council Members	Rosalie Adaauto, Kevin Jefferies, Ethel White
Town Clerk	Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Ethan Lula, Ben Chappelow, Kirsten Holland

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items.** None.

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

**Reports.** No comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater Project – Phase 1b.** Mayor Schermerhorn read information supplied by Tracy McIntyre. Hopefully the contracts will be completed in two weeks. We are waiting for Department of Commerce approval. There is still \$124,000 in funding left. There was discussion regarding contacting property owners individually. The consensus was that the council members would call the property owners regarding available funding. The pre-construction meeting that was held and the finalization of the SRF loan is on track. Bond closing is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. Ethel White made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-776 to Increase Sewer Rates, seconded by Rosalie Adaauto, carried all ayes. Mayor Schermerhorn noted

that if more properties connect then expected, the rates can be re-assessed in the future. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-777 to approve the Revenue Bond DNRC-SRF for the Sewer Project Phase 1B, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Toby McIntosh's report stated that the contracts have been signed, the asbestos tests have been completed and the pipework can be completed in bad weather. Chip sealing will have to be done in the spring. There will be weekly construction meetings.

**Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning.** Mr. McIntosh's report stated that the committee was in the inventory stage and were gathering data and information. Economic conditions were discussed.

**Budget.** Mayor Schermerhorn said there were no negative numbers in the budget. She has tried to set aside money for street issues like 1st Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and be as careful as possible with the money. Rosalie Adaauto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-755 to Adopt the FY20 Budget, seconded by Kevin Jefferies, carried all ayes.

**Water meter updates.** Kirsten Holland said she was applying for CDBG funding for 600 meters. The application is due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LCHS Homecoming Parade.** Kevin Jefferies made a motion to approve the LCHS Homecoming Parade on September 20th, seconded by Rosalie Adaauto, carried all ayes.

**Mountain View Trailer Park Water & Wastewater Contract.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that she and Clif Hayden have been working with Mr. William Weaver, the owner of Mountain View Trailer Park. Town Council needs to agree to terms for the contract so it can be presented to SRF for review. Lincoln County says there are 55 lots in the trailer park, but Mr. Weaver says he has never had more than 43 lots. Mr. Weaver will have to pay a \$750 connection fee for 43 lots. SRF will issue a pass through loan to cover the costs of these connections for a term of 10 years at 3% interest. The Town of Eureka will pay the contractors, Mr. Weaver will pay the Town the monthly amount of the loan payments, and the Town will pay SRF. Mayor Schermerhorn called Mr. Hayden, and put him speaker phone because the council expressed some concerns. Kevin Jefferies said he is questioning Mr. Weaver's commitment due to past issues with utility payments. Mr. Jefferies said he would prefer Mr. Weaver invest some money up front. Mr. Hayden said there would be a lien on the property. Kevin Jefferies made a motion to direct Clif Hayden to pursue terms for the Water and Wastewater contract, which will include a five year lock on rents, with William Weaver of Mountain View Trailer Park, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that due to Columbus Day being on Monday, October 14, the council meeting will have to be moved to Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Ethan Lula introduced himself as the new biologist, taking over after Tim Their's retirement. Mr. Lula and Ben Chappelow had come to the council meeting to give a presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease in deer. CWD has been found in white tailed deer in Libby and informed the council what plans were made to deal with the situation. There have been five samples collected in the Eureka area and none have tested positive. Mr. Lula and Mr. Chappelow suggest the Town of Eureka formulate a plan so they are in front of any future problem.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Flynn, Clerk/Treasurer