

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, May 10, 2021*

Present AND constituting a Quorum:

Mayor	LeeAnn Schermerhorn
Council Members	Ethel White, Arthur Walters, Douglas Davies
Town Clerk	Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Toby McIntosh, Derek Emery, Karen Autry, Jim Autry, Jason Hayes, Josh Letcher, Ron Komac, Tom Hall, Kevin Flynn, Mike Fraser

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None.

Doug Davies made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.
Ethel White made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

Reports. No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Toby McIntosh said there has been some close out items requested and environmental report for TSEP and CDBG. The project is coming up on one year from completion, so the roads will be looked at so any work needed on them can be completed.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Toby McIntosh said the draft reports for the steering committee and the Council are being prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council resignation. Mayor Schermerhorn informed the council that Scott Bernhard has resigned his position on the council. The Town will be posting a notice in the paper requesting that any parties interested in filling the vacancy through the end of the year submit a letter of interest stating why they are interested and any qualifications.

Sidewalk replacement grant approval. Mayor Schermerhorn said Public Works employee Randy Miller measured the sidewalk to determine the eligible footage. The amount eligible for the reimbursement grant is \$573.07. Art Walters made a motion to approve the sidewalk grant reimbursement amount of \$573.07 for Karen and Jim Autry, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Pershing Memorial Park. Since no one from the VFW was present, Ethel White told the council that the ceremony included meeting at General Pershing’s Veteran’s Memorial Park where they would lay wreaths and a speech would be given. The Ladies Auxiliary hands out poppies. They

should be done by 12:00 pm. Doug Davies said that after this vote, no matter how worthy the cause, he will be voting against all Special Event requests that don't include proof of insurance with the application. Ethel White made a motion to approve the Special Event application for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Pershing Memorial Park, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

Banner permit – Memorial Day Ceremony. Mayor Schermerhorn said we have not received a picture of the banner or the measurements so the council cannot vote on it.

Storage Container variance request – EVFD. Tom Hall gave the council pictures of various setups of storage containers that simulate buildings and are used for training. They would need at least two stories, with stairs and window openings. Ron Komac said they would put the facility on the east side of the property away from utilities. The containers would be painted. Mr. Hall said they would probably have three with two stacked and one on the side. Ethel White said she doesn't like storage containers, but would be alright for this use. Mr. Hall said they hope to have the project completed by the end of summer. Doug Davies made a motion to approve the variance to allow storage containers by the EVFD for a training facility, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Sign Permit – Eureka! Sourdough. Ethel White made a motion to approve the sign permit for Eureka! Sourdough, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

Lincoln County request for sewer services at Fairgrounds. Josh Letcher said the County has been talking about connecting to Town of Eureka sewer services for 5 to 6 years. They have talked to Creekside about connecting to the Town system through Creekside's private line which would be a shorter distance. They would not need to cross the creek. Lincoln County met with the Forest Service who stated they will be constructing their own connection. The Mayor and Council stated they have issues with Lincoln County connecting by way of a private line. There was discussion with Town Engineer Toby McIntosh regarding location of Town mains. Doug Davies said he has issues regarding sewage sitting in pipes, grease traps and grinder pumps. Mr. Letcher discussed which bathrooms would be connected. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would like to see a plan that would connect everything, including the baseball fields and the rodeo arena. Mike Fraser, the Lincoln County Engineer asked why Creekside's 8 inch main was not a Town main. Toby McIntyre said it is common that towns and cities do not take over private mains. Mayor Schermerhorn said MMIA would also need to be consulted regarding liability issues. There was discussion regarding the various events that take place at the fairgrounds. Mr. McIntosh showed the Council the current plans Lincoln County has to connect to the Town's sewer system and said going forward the Town and County can discuss plans for connecting the fairgrounds in a manner acceptable to the Town.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS

Ethel White asked about the toner costs for the court and if it would be cheaper to just buy a new printer. She was informed that the Montana Supreme Court purchases the judge's printer and computer. Mrs. White also asked if a tree could be planted in the Historical Village by the town's old green well head building that had been recently damaged in an accident. Since that property is owned by the county, county permission would need to be obtained.

Mayor Schermerhorn reminded the Council that board training would be at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 12th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. She also has the preliminary for the 6th Street repairs and plans to use the BARSAA money next year during school break.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. None

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn Clerk/Treasurer