

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Monday, May 11, 2020*

Present AND constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Tracy McIntyre, Blanche Flanagan, Jane Mino

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

Reports. No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Tracy McIntyre provided a review of the sewer project budget. She distributed copies of spreadsheets tracking invoices, funding draws and project budget. An SRF draw was requested today to cover project invoices.

Toby McIntosh provided a project update which stated Sandry Construction has been making steady progress and will begin the final section of gravity sewer this week in 14th Street. Installation and testing of this main should continue through this week and into next. Construction should close June 30th with full completion at the end of August. Street cleanup should continue through the end of May with chip sealing occurring the beginning of June. Doug Davies asked if the project was on time and in budget. Tracy McIntyre said the project was slightly ahead of schedule and below budget due to lower grant requests and contingencies. Ethel White made a motion to approve project invoices for Sandry Construction, Rural Economic Designs, Clifton Hayden, Jackola Engineering, and the Department of Revenue, seconded by Doug Davies, carried all ayes. Tracy McIntyre said two applications for CDBG grants have been received. One application is for \$9,620 and the second is for \$4,650, for a total of \$14,270. Scott Bernhard made a motion to approve both CDBG grant applications, seconded by Doug Davies, carried all ayes.

Doug Davies asked about the cleanup on 10th Street. Mayor Schermerhorn said the contract states the roads have to be returned to their condition prior to the project or better.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Mr. McIntosh's report stated that Jackola has worked to summarize findings from the inventory process and has developed a plan outline that discusses trends and issues discussed. The coronavirus restrictions have impacted work on the written plan. Work on the written plan will continue into June and feedback will be solicited electronically with the steering committee

Tracy McIntyre said the deadline for the project is the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer's Market. Blanche Flanagan said the opening of the market has been delayed until May 27th, and will run until the 9th of September. Farmer's Market's has been designated as essential. There will be six feet between vendor booths and six feet between customers. The County can close the market if the rules are not being followed. Vendor's must have hand sanitizer, gloves, cleaning wipes or solution, and table cloths cannot be used. A food truck vendor has not been located as yet. Doug Davies said the market should have their mitigation plan in writing and have the County sign off on the plan to protect the market and the Town. Mrs. Flanagan said the County comes to check on the market at least once a month. Market hours will be 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ethel White made a motion to approve the Eureka Farmer's Market, seconded by Scott Bernhard, carried all ayes.

Wild West sign permit. The council reviewed the applications for the two signs requested by Wild West. Scott Bernhard made a motion to approve the Wild West free standing sign, seconded by Doug Davies, carried all ayes. Ethel White made a motion to approve the Wild West wall sign, seconded by Arthur Walters, carried all ayes.

Area 93 sign permit. Mayor Schermerhorn said the height of the sign from grade was 8 feet and the ordinance states 9 feet is necessary. It is also not clear from the application if the sign will be hung perpendicular or parallel to the street. Scott Bernhard made a motion to table the decision until the questions regarding the sign are answered, seconded by Doug Davies, carried all ayes.

LEC car charging station in Riverside Park. Mayor Schermerhorn said Lincoln Electric was first considering the Historical Village as the location for the charging stations, but the electric poles were not the kind that was needed. They then were considering the electric pole in the corner of the Town Hall parking lot where the dumpster is located and using two parking spaces. The Mayor said she does not think having the charging stations on Town property is a great idea due to liability issues that have been stated by the Town Attorney and MMIA, who the Town carries their liability coverage through. Scott Bernhard said a partnership with a local auto repair shop may work for them. Mayor Schermerhorn said Lincoln Electric requested a letter from the Town that we would consider having the charging stations on Town property, but she informed them she would need council approval to issue a letter. There was general discussion regarding electric car charging stations through the state. Scott Bernhard made a motion to table the car charging station topic, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Special Event request – Yoga in the Park. Mayor Schermerhorn said there were going to be changes in the park that have been discussed in the past. The straight portion of the road will be removed, the ground leveled and seeded. Ms. Mino said she could be flexible in regard to the location in the park she would have her yoga class. Her classes are limited to 10 students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in June, July and August. Ms. Mino also provided proof of insurance and said she had already checked with the county and they gave their approval. Doug Davies made note that the Town of Eureka was not named on the insurance policy. Scott Bernhard made a motion to approve Yoga in the Park, with the condition the Town of Eureka be added to the insurance policy as an additional insured, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS

Scott Bernhard asked how the water and sewer billing is handled when there has been a water leak. The Clerk told him that if the water goes through the meter, it has to be paid for, but the Town gives a break on the sewer part of the bill and the charge is brought back down to the base rate since the water does not go down the sewer.

Mr. Bernhard said he was made aware there was an incident on Dewey Avenue the previous week of an unclothed male walking down the street. It was his understanding that the man in question left a bag along the banks of the Tobacco River that had not been retrieved. There was discussion as to possible dangers in retrieving and searching the bag and who should be responsible for retrievals. Doug Davies said law enforcement should be responsible for

any retrievals. Mayor Schermerhorn said she is unaware of the facts of the incident at this time so she will not comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.

Tracy McIntyre said the Town could consider training and protective gear for Public Works employees since they handle trash that could have dangerous items like needles etc. Nikki Meyer said the City of Whitefish has a banner reminding people of social distancing and quarantine.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn Clerk/Treasurer