Eureka Town Council Meeting

Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana

Monday, January 10, 2022

Present AND constituting a Quorum:

Mayor LeeAnn Schermerhorn

Council Members Ethel White, Arthur Walters, Douglas Davies, Jim Autrey

Town Clerk Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Chris Wilson, Gary Dedina, Blanche Flanagan, Pierce Barney, Karen Autrey, Jason Hayes

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

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

Arthur Walters made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

Jim Autrey made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Doug Davies, carried all ayes.

**Reports.**  No comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

**ARPA funding.** Mayor Schermerhorn said the funds for the water line replacement from the water plant have been approved. Neither the Mayor or Town Engineer Toby McIntosh has heard from the Governor’s office yet. Mayor Schermerhorn said that if we haven’t heard anything in the next week or two, she will call Anna Miller at DNRC. Doug Davies asked if we have heard anything about the application for funds for the generator. The Mayor said we have not heard yet because the application deadline has not been reached.

**Wireless tower at/near water tank.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that Town Attorney Clif Haden has prepared the draft lease. Copies of the lease were given to the council members for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Oath of Offices.** The clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Schermerhorn and Town Council members Doug Davies, Jim Autrey, and Gary Dedina. Arthur Walters was thanked for his time on the Council.

C**OUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS**. Jim Autrey asked if we have started codifying the ordinances yet. Mayor Schermerhorn said there was no money in this year’s budget, but it would be budgeted for next year.

Ethel White asked about the Town sewers being examined for issues such as blockages. Mayor Schermerhorn said she has spoken to Kevin Flynn in Public Works and was told Public Works has run the camera through all the mains. In the case of Mrs. White’s backup, the ball of roots migrated there from another location. Mrs. White said she would like to see a schedule set up to camera sewer lines one week every month. Mrs. White said that the Town had made the south side of 6th Street no parking due to events at the gym and the residents would like parking to be allowed there. Mayor Schermerhorn said there were also issues with buses turning and there being a lack or room. Arthur Walters said he lived on the south side of 6th Street and did not want parking there. Gary Dedina said he spoke with Trevor Utter who told him that he no problem with allowing parking on the south side of 6th Street. Mr. Dedina said he would like the topic of parking on the south side of 6th Street on the February agenda. Mr. Dedina also said there was a problem with insufficient lighting at the entrance to the gym off of 6th Street. Ethel White said that she has spoken to Lincoln Electric about it and they will be checking on it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Blanche Flanagan told the council the current Town Christmas Tree is dying and the Chamber of Commerce would like to raise money to purchase a new tree. Jeremy Persson said he would donate his time to remove the old tree and plant the new tree. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town purchased the blue spruce in the park to be the replacement Christmas Tree. Mrs. Flanagan said they got a quote of $750 for a 10-to-15-foot Douglas fir tree. The Chamber said they would pay for the lights for the tree and add more lights for other trees in the park with time. Mayor Schermerhorn said she noticed the new flags on Dewey and Mrs. Flanagan said the VFW purchased the flags. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would put the topic of the Christmas tree on the February agenda.

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

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

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Lisa Flynn Clerk/Treasurer