Eureka Town Council

Public Hearing – Budget Amendment

Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana

Monday, June 14, 2021

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on the Budget Amendment and asked if there was any public comment.

**Public Comment.** None.

Mayor Schermerhorn closed the Public Hearing.

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Present AND constituting a Quorum:

Mayor LeeAnn Schermerhorn

Council Members Ethel White, Arthur Walters, Douglas Davies

Town Clerk Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Jim Autry, Jason Hayes, Chris Wilson, Tracey Thomas, Judy Hulslander, Pierce Barney

Mayor Schermerhorn called the council meeting to order at 7:03 pm

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

Doug Davies made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ethel White, 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.**  Mayor Schermerhorn read Town Engineer Toby McIntosh’s report which stated he is working on the 1 year performance review due back to DEQ on June 20th. Sandry was headed up to look at the roads and he will be following up with Chuck. He has provided Jeanette from TSEP and CDBG additional information on the closeout form.

**Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning.** Mr. McIntosh’s report said that an updated draft was sent to the steering committee. Some decisions from the committee will still be needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment to vacant Council position.** Mayor Schermerhorn stated that letters of interest had been received from Rosalie Adauto, a prior Council member, and Jim Autry. Ms. Adauto was not present at the meeting. Mayor Schermerhorn asked Mr. Autry if he would like to speak. Mr. Autry stated he relocated to Eureka last December and was familiar with, and has worked with, local government and advisory committees. After discussion, Doug Davies made a motion to appoint Jim Autry to fill the vacated council position through the end of this term, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

**Veteran’s Day ceremony – Pershing Memorial Park.** After discussion Ethel White made a motion to approve the Veteran’s Day ceremony at Pershing Memorial Park, seconded by Doug Davies, carried all ayes.

**Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2021-788.** Mayor Schermerhorn explained the increased Gas Tax revenue and the Fire Relief expenditure that necessitates the Budget Amendment. Doug Davies made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-788, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**Pay Matrix Resolution No. 2021-787.** Mayor Schermerhorn explained that the payroll resolution needs to be in place prior to the new budget beginning July 1st. After discussion, Ethel White made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-787, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

**American Rescue Plan discussion.** Mayor Schermerhorn explained that Department of Treasury has distributed money to the States from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) who will in turn distribute the funds to counties and municipalities based on population. The Town needs to submit the required paperwork by June the 16th to receive the first half of the money and submit the rest of the paperwork by July 15th for the second half. The funds may only be used for water, sewer or broadband projects. Public Works is looking at obtaining a generator for the water plant and replacing some old AC pipe in the ground. If possible. they would like to replace some more water meters but that may not qualify. Doug Davies suggested road work, but road work is not an eligible use of the funds. Art Walters made a motion to approve the submittal of applications for the funds, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes.

**Appointment to vacant Dispatch Board position.** Mayor Schermerhorn said that the Town of Eureka is responsible for appointing two of the Dispatch Board positions and one has become open. Donna Lowery was the only applicant for the open position. Ethel White made a motion to appoint Donna Lowery to the Dispatch Board for a four year term, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

C**OUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS**

Ethel White asked if there was any more information on the fire department training facility they were approved for at the last meeting and Mayor Schermerhorn said she has not heard anything new.

Art Walters asked if there was anymore information on 6th Street. Mayor Schermerhorn said she just received the information on how much BARSSA money the Town will be getting and passed the information along to Town Engineer Toby McIntosh so the project can be designed to fit the amount of money we will have.

Doug Davies said the Town will be able to charge a 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana when the law goes into effect. Mayor Schermerhorn said the Town will have the ability to not allow recreational marijuana within Town boarders. There was discussion of when the law may go into effect and the desire to have ordinances set up in advance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.** Judy Hulslander said she lives on Indian Creek and asked when minutes and agendas will be updated on the website. Mayor Schermerhorn said it will be updated eventually but there is a shortage of personnel. Tracey Thomas said she lives on 2nd Avenue West and would like to be involved and helpful.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

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Lisa Flynn Clerk/Treasurer