Eureka Town Council

Public Hearing – Growth Plan Draft Approval

Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana

Monday, September 13, 2021

Mayor Schermerhorn opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on the Growth Plan Draft Approval and asked if there was any public comment. Doug Davies said the plan was well written and researched. Mr. Davies said he would like to see more young people stay and rely less on tourists.

**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, Jim Autrey

Town Clerk Lisa Flynn

Visitors: Chris Wilson, Jason Hayes, Amberli Emery, Derek Emery, Shan Davis, Carmin Davis, Scott Miller, Kevin Flynn

Mayor Schermerhorn called the council meeting to order at 7:06 pm

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

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

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

**Reports.**  No comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

**Wastewater Project – Phase 1b.**  Mayor Schermerhorn read Town Engineer Toby McIntosh’s report which stated Sandry is slated for the week of 9/27 to clean, patch and compact potholes with hot mix asphalt. We will coordinate the extent and price of patching potholes on the Town’s existing streets adjacent to the project at that time. Mr. McIntosh is waiting for a separate price for a potential chip seal for 14th Street near the post office to the corner at 6th Avenue, and 6th Avenue down to 9th Street. He will also be obtaining a price for a 2 inch asphalt overlay in 6th Avenue from the bottom of the hill between 9th and 10th Street to 13th Street; however the unit price would be scalable.

**Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning.** Mr. McIntosh’s report said that the steering committee meeting occurred late August and a draft plan has been submitted to the Council for review. Doug Davies made a motion to approve the Growth Policy draft, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

**Ordinance No. 2021-331 Second reading.**  Ethel White made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-331, seconded by Jim Autry, carried all ayes. Ordinance No. 2021-331 will take effect in 30 days.

**ARPA funding update.** Mayor Schermerhorn read Town Engineer Toby McIntosh’s report which stated that the minimum allocation grant applications (which are non-competitive) are due between July 15th and January 1, 2023. The two projects being considered are for a generator for the water filtration plant and the replacement of the AC main leaving the filtration plant towards the Interbel building south of Town Hall. The final application submittal has not been made, but is anticipated to be made this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Wireless tower at/near water tank.** Scott Miller said he was inquiring about renting an area outside of the water tank on the east side of Town to install a tower for wireless internet. The size of the area would be 10 x 10 foot or 15 x15 foot. Mr. Miller said the purpose is to provide alternative service to Interbel. Internet service packages would start at about $49.00 per month. Jim Autry asked what Mr. Miller would be offering for rent of the area the Tower would be located on and Mr. Miller said $100-$200 per month or exchange for service. Doug Davies made a motion to authorize Mayor Schermerhorn to check into this offer further, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

**LCHS Homecoming parade.** Doug Davies made a motion to approve the LCHS Homecoming parade, seconded by Art Walters, carried all ayes.

**Eureka Quilt Show.** Ethel White made a motion to approve the Eureka Montana Quilt Show on August 6, 2022 with the condition that proof of insurance coverage is submitted by July 2022, seconded by Jim Autry, carried all ayes.

C**OUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS**

Ethel White said she has received pothole complaints, so she is glad to see that there is a plan to fix them. Mayor Schermerhorn said she has had speeding complaints and line of sight issues. The police have received a “How Fast You Are Going Sign” and that will be in use soon. Doug Davies said there are also speeding issues on 10th Street.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items.**

Shan Davis said he is starting a port-a-potty business because he has not been successful finding a company that will service his construction sites. He claimed the local company, Site Services Solutions, would not service his sites and they were in trouble with the EPA in regards to cleaning the units they provided. Doug Davies asked the mayor to put the topic on the next meeting agenda. Kevin Flynn was asked if the sewer system could handle the increased load and Mr. Flynn replied DEQ is currently testing the system.

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