

*Eureka Town Council Meeting
Eureka Town Hall --- Eureka, Montana
Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

Present AND constituting a Quorum:

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

Visitors: Nikki Meyer, Michelle Butz

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items. None.

Scott Bernhard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Scott Bernhard made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Arthur Walters, carried all ayes. Doug Davies asked if employees could do some vehicle maintenance to save on costs. Mayor Schermerhorn said that some employees do some maintenance. It was mentioned that having work done by individuals that are not certified mechanics could be a liability issue.

Reports. No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wastewater Project – Phase 1b. Mayor Schermerhorn read the report submitted by Town Engineer Toby McIntosh. Mr. McIntosh said he spoke with Pavement Maintenance Solutions (PMS) who stated they did not have any issues with sweeping the roads at this point. There are two options for sweeping. A sweeper can be used to move loose chips to the side of the road for a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000. A second option would be a sweeper that collects the chips and removes them and would cost \$5,000 to \$6,000. Kris from PMS thought that getting his oil supplier to the site would be a good idea.

Mr. McIntosh visited with Kris about the intent of an extended warranty based on the one-year warranty date being in early June rather than August. Kris indicated he would like to have the meeting with the oil supplier and the Town before discussing how an extended warranty period could be implemented.

Mr. McIntosh said that in regard to withholding the final payment, he is aware the Mayor has spoken to the Town Attorney who indicated that the final payment could be released with the “Consent of Surety to Final Payment”, which was received. He said it was worth noting that the final payment was to release the retention held throughout the project and was not specific to the double chip seal road work.

Capital Improvement & Growth Policy Planning. Toby McIntosh said Tracy McIntyre is going to work on getting an extension from the Department of Commerce. He will need to reach out to the Steering

Committee as he received no feedback on the draft that was sent out earlier. Given the current pandemic outlook, we will need to get creative on getting community engagement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Tree Lighting. Michelle Butz said they have Covid guidelines and will be submitting them to the county health department. The parade will be from Valley Pizza to Riverside Park where they will have a band and Santa Claus set up on separate platforms. The children will not be able to sit on Santa’s lap and there will be a barrier. There will be a large switch to turn on the lights on the tree. Mayor Schermerhorn said she would like to have lights on more of the trees in the park. Doug Davies said he would like to know what they are doing for Covid mitigation. Ms. Butz said there will be barriers on the stage and signs requesting masks and social distancing. Instead of handing out turkeys and sleds, there will be vouchers. Ethel White made a motion to approve the Christmas Tree Lighting event, seconded by Scott Bernhard, carried all ayes.

Resolution No. 2020-784 BARSAA. Mayor Schermerhorn said we are saving BARSAA money to repair 6th Street. She is hoping to accumulate about \$100,000 to have it engineered and fixed correctly. Scott Bernhard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-784, seconded by Ethel White, carried all ayes. Someone poured concrete in holes at that location and the concrete is now sticking up. Randy Miller is going to try and bring down the level of the concrete.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Schermerhorn said she has a meeting with Lincoln Electric and Interbel coming up and she will ask them about removing their junction boxes that are not being used. She will also check on getting poles previously owned by Frontier removed. Scott Bernhard said there are also cable T.V. lines that need to be removed. Mayor Schermerhorn said Tracy McIntyre will update the Town Facebook page and the website, and will then train the Town Clerk how to maintain them.

Ethel White said the Make a Difference Day raised money for the police department and would like to buy equipment for them. She believes they are in need of a dash camera for one of the police cars.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items. None

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

LEEANN SCHERMERHORN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Flynn Clerk/Treasurer