

### **April 14, 2025, Town of Sheridan Regular Council Meeting (210 Crofoot St.)**

Council Members in attendance were Curtis Green, Tammy Todd, Jan Bowey, and Diane Kaatz. Also in attendance was Mayor Bob Stump, Public Works Employee Wyatt Macy, and Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Milhouse.

Guests: Corey and Kaylie Theis, Jeff Gerth (Fire Dept), Nancy Males, Chris and Dee Noon, Michael Douglas, Doris Fischer, Micky Zurcher (Dept of Commerce), Duke Gilman, Patricia Wang, Michael Walter, Mark McLaughlin, Mati Bishop (Madisonian), Dennis Holschbach, Barrie Crandall, Mike Zelinski, Duke Gilman, Brandon Macy

Mayor Stump called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment (non-agenda items):** Corey Theis stated there is a rumor about annexation of the area south of Town to the intersection of Beiler Lane and Hwy 287. That is not a true statement. Mayor Stump agreed that there has been no discussion of annexing this area into Town Limits.

**Montana Main Street Improvement Program:** Micky Zurcher Coordinator for the Department of Commerce's Montana Main Street Improvement Program provided a presentation for the Town in regard to what the program is. Sheridan was one of their first Main Street Programs but has dropped off in the last two years. Micky's goal the past two years is to find out if Town's are still wanting to be part of the program. It is a locally driven program, and the Department of Commerce is simply a resource. The Town is the fiscal agent and will always be the pass through. The program needs someone or an organization in the community to head the program. What is Sheridan's identity? Once a community is a member they are a member for life as long as you complete the Main Street Improvement Program. The Main Street Program does project assistance and collaboration. Micky does a Sixty Minutes with Main Street meeting on the second Wednesday of every month. The annual grant is due mid-November. It takes six to eight weeks to review applications and send up to leadership and then to Governor letters which usually come out in January.

The quarterly Update is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Further discussion will occur with the Town Council and the public.

**Consent Agenda:** Jan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Tammy seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ron and Becky Kent:** Becky Kent asked to be removed from the agenda. They are not ready to move forward with their project yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Local Government Study Commission Member:** Discussion occurred regarding the appointment of a new member and why that member is needed. Tammy made a motion to approve Mike Walter as an appointed member of the Government Study Commission. Diane seconded the motion. Doris Fischer made a comment thanking Claire Leonard who was on the commission but had to step down. She is also happy that Mike has volunteered to replace Claire on the commission. Mayor Stump asked for any further discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mike took the oath of office for his position.

**Main Street Improvement program:** Discussion of the Main Street Improvement Program occurred. Patricia Wang commented that she thinks the Kiwanis Park would be a suitable place for RVs to park for the day. Day Use only. No camping.

Doris Fischer commented that there are a lot of additional ideas in the community that would help with the local economy. Main Street Improvement groups have been successful in Towns.

Bradon Macy – Lives on Water Street. He is curious about what the public wants the community to be. Patricia commented that she would like to see the Town grow slowly and the workers in the Town have their own home. Nancy Males thinks we need managed growth. Discussion occurred.

Mark McLaughlin – commented on the Kiwanis Park and using it for RV parking. The park is geared for kids, and you need to be careful around a kid's theme park so that the kids do not get run over by 30 ft RVs. Volunteers run these Towns. All committees take volunteers, and volunteerism is a thing of the past.

**InfoSend (Water and Sewer Bills):** Kristi advised the council that Bob and she have been looking at other options for mailing out the water and sewer bills. It takes 5 to 6 hours for her to get the bills prepped and mailed out. There is an annual savings of \$874 savings to switch to Info Send processing the bills and mailing. We can also switch the bills over from cards to full sheets, which would allow us to put additional information in with the bills. Discussion occurred. Jan made a motion to use InfoSend to distribute the water and sewer bills. Diane seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Zoning Commission Member:** Jan reported that there has been a resignation of a zoning member. The Commission needs someone to volunteer and fill this position. Bob will talk to Charlie Rossiter (Chair of the Zoning Commission) about advertising the position. Tammy commented that the Zoning Commission is a seven-member board.

Curtis made a motion to approve the tabling of the zoning commission appointment for the next meeting. Tammy seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Park District Board:** Corey Theis reported on behalf of the park district. The pool lining project is in the works. The new lining is to be done this fall or as soon as the pool closes. The Park District looked at all projects that applied for funding from them. Three applications were awarded, and they have two that are still working on their applications because the bids were incomplete.

The pool is looking for lifeguards for this summer. The head lifeguard and manager of the pool have been hired.

**Sheridan Community Charitable Foundation (SCCF):** Kaylie Theis reported that the SCCF is still working on the pavilion. They did get some funding for the baseball field thanks to the park district. The SCCF is working on getting the pavilion done before Sheridan Days and then the baseball field will be after Sheridan Days. The SCCF is meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will have a better timeline for their activities. Sheridan Days are July 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The SCCF moved it up a weekend because of conflicts the previous year. The last bingo event is May 5<sup>th</sup>. A couple of park benches will be put in at the baseball field park on April 23<sup>rd</sup> around the playground. Curtis asked about the rocks and dirt laying around the pavilion. Discussion occurred. Wyatt asked if he could pick up the dirt and put it over in the yard and then when SCCF is ready for it he will bring the dirt back.

**Zoning commission:** Jan Bowey reported on behalf of the zoning commission. The zoning commission met last week and went over the survey result. Most individuals want some zoning and those that are developing want clear rules and regulations. The zoning commission has an outline of the zoning plan.

There was some dissension about how the survey was distributed. Patricia Wang made a comment that she was the dissension. She felt the survey should not be used because the majority of the people responding were over sixty-five and that does not represent the public.

Dennis Holschback asked if the zoning commission has looked into enforcing the laws. Jan responded that it is a council decision, and they are looking at co-oping with other towns to get a judge. This is not the zoning commission role.

**Study Commission:** Doris Fischer reported on behalf of the study commission. Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center they are having a public information discussion at 6:00 pm. It is not a public hearing just a discussion of what the study commission is. Ashley Kent from MSU Local Government Center will be doing the presentation.

## **REPORTS**

**Sheriff Report:** Written report received.

**Library Report:** Doris Fischer reported on behalf of the library. The library had their Dark Skies presentation and it was well attended. It was made possible by Humanities Montana.

This week there is an evening glass presentation at the library on Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 pm.

The library had a book sale last month and it was run for two weeks. The library is currently working on policies, for example donations, internet usage, job descriptions, etc. and they continue to cull out old files. The Friends of the Library has gained some new members.

**Attorney:** No Report

**Fire Department:** Jeff Gerth reported on behalf of the fire department. There are seventeen members on the roster. They responded to four calls, there were three lift assists and one assist to Twin Bridges. Twenty-three people responded to all four calls. The fire department has moved into their new building.

**Public Works:** Bob commented that the back of Town Hall has been cleaned up. It looks nice. Bob thanked Curtis for cleaning it up.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report:** Kristi commented that she has gotten the cash reconciled. It is still off but it is a consistent number, and it has been the same for the last three months. The audit is currently being worked on, and they will give me an adjustment to fix the difference.

Kristi has also started looking at the budget for fiscal year 2026. Two items that we are looking at for capital improvements are a trenching box and remodel of Town Hall.

**Council Report:** Tammy asked if there have been any more updates from the Madison County Planning Board. There was nothing new. No other reports from the Council

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Stump reported more regarding the remodel of Town Hall. He has received a couple of bids for windows. We also need to make a bathroom ADA compliant and get estimates for plumbing, electrical work, and moving the door back out to the front of the building. There is some planning to do.

The inverter on the solar system was repaired today, according to Mayor Stump. The part was ordered several months ago and came in today. The solar panels are up and running.

The council was invited to the rural fire district board meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm at the new fire station.

The next meeting is on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

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Kristi Millhouse, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Robert Stump, Mayor