

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD April 19th, 2023

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson, Levi Johnson, and Leo Tarplee- Council (Bonnie absent)

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Jeremy Springer – DPW

Shauna Heitz & Butch Arthur – Guest

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes: Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 8th, Brad second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - b. Claims: Brad made a motion to approve claim 2502 from the March claims as is (no adjustment was made), discussion was had, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0. Brad made a motion to approve the April claims, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. Welcome visitors and public comment –
 - Butch shared that he attended his first meeting as the Town of Winnett’s appointee for the conservation district position, it went well and he learned a lot.
- IV. **Communications**
 - a. No communications.
- V.
 - a. Pool
 - Jeremy shared that the pool project has begun and covered in more detail during the DPW report.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
 - Savannah shared a note from Kathleen that they are currently discussing a new airport in Winnett. The current one floods easily and is often unusable.
 - c. Sheriff
 - Absent – Nothing to Report
 - d. Fire Department
 - Absent – Nothing to report.
 - e. Public Works – Jeremy Springer
 - The MDT project has started
 - Attended a meeting with Riverside Construction and the State yesterday and inquired about tying in to a man hole – They said they can but it would be difficult – They may be interested in another solution of trading bulk water for construction costs to stub in, would have to have a special meeting to get full details and estimated costs to see if that would be a possibility, no decision is made at this time.

- The next few highway project meetings will be held in the City Hall, Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.
 - They also discussed detours; no decision has been confirmed on those at this time.
 - Scrap Metal Dumpster will be delivered within the next few weeks.
 - Hard Drives gave the town an estimate of \$10,200 to fill all of the potholes in town
 - Discussion was had on potholes – If this was a good solution, the cost of having them do it vs Jeremy, how long these repairs would last, etc.
 - Brad made a motion to have Hard Drives fix all the potholes in town, discussion was had, Leo second and the vote passed 2-1. Brad for, Leo for, Levi against.
 - Pool project has begun – the concrete is out, the trenches will be dug for new lines, Thompson pools will do their portion and then the new concrete will be poured.
 - Pace can now do spot patches up to 4 feet.
 - Mosquito training with calibration will be in Great Falls, registration cost is \$25.
 - Water school went well, Jeremy learned a lot.
 - New meter pit is in at the pool.
 - Two new graves will be opened the beginning of May.
 - Lot mowing policy discussion regarding the price of it or removing it all together – will be added to the next agenda for review
 - The PCCC meter pit was ran over during construction, they don't want to fix it so asked the city to get a new one installed and send them a bill for it.
 - Three more meter pits can be installed this summer
 - Levi made a motion to have Jeremy order the PCCC meter pit along with 3 residential meter pits, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - Jeff Matthews has 8 hours of community service – Jeremy would like to have him do some painting, he will need to be added to work comp insurance to fulfill this.
 - Brad made a motion to approve Jeff Matthews doing his community service with the town, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0.
- f. Clerk – Savannah Moore
- The council received the revenue to actual budget report, expenditure to actual budget report, and cash reports in their packets.
 - Trish Smith runs the Winnett Times website and said that she can post the minutes as well as agendas for the town on that website (at no cost). The council agreed that was a good idea and another way for people to see the minutes.
 - Melissa Bohn made a request to have Jeremy work on her road.

- The council agreed to get Bonnie a get-well card and flowers (or something of that sort).
- Capital Improvement Plan was removed from the agenda – it is a constant working document that will evolve as we complete and find new projects. It is well updated at this time.
- Budget will be coming up so if the council or anyone has a project or cost they know of coming up, let Savannah know so she can be sure to budget for it if possible.
- NutraLawn and SAS will be coming up soon for park and City Hall yard – Council agreed to keep them the same as the past.
- Discussion was had about Facebook, Levi suggested putting more updates and projects on there – Savannah and Jeremy both are on there and agreed that was a good idea.
- The ending checking account balance for March was: \$194,039.90 (includes quite a bit of project money that will be paid out soon)

g. Council:

- Bonnie:
 - Absent.
- Brad:
 - Nothing to report.
- Levi:
 - Has received complaints about potholes, more discussion was had regarding this topic and specifically bad potholes.
 - Asked about the grinder station – it was run over by Do-All Construction during the repair of that water main leak.
 - Jeff Matthews residence is getting a large accumulation of abandoned vehicles, wood, and other junk including on his sidewalk, recommended Jeremy speak to him about getting it cleaned up.
 - Fergus County has nice, washed rock that is only \$50.00 a belly dump, Levi thought it may be a good option for the alleys. Jeremy will find out how much it would cost to have it delivered before making a decision on ordering.
- Leo:
 - Nothing to report.

h. Mayor – Dave Harris

- Nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

a. Existing Water Line: Legal Advisement

- The town received guidance from Jones Law Firm. From their review, it is the understanding that the Town of Winnett would have a remaining utility easement, even if the alley had been abandoned.
- Discussion was had regarding whether the line has been moved in the past, where it is exactly, the highway project digging, etc.

- If new information regarding the situation arises it will be reassessed, at this time the town will follow the attorney advice that the water line is legal as it is.

VII. New Business


- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Savannah gave out an updated schedule from Stephanie – no new updates at this time.
- b. Stahly Engineering
 - Nothing to report.
- c. MDT
 - New updates covered in Director of Public Works report.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Live Trapping Pet Policy
- b. Mowing Policy

IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:24 PM

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 6:24 PM, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

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| #2516 Mid Rivers Communications: \$191.62 | #2530 Breaks: \$88.65 |
| #2517 Mid Rivers Communications: \$55.84 | #2531 Troyer Constructions: \$57,475.50 |
| #2518 Jones Law Firm: \$322.50 | #2532 John Deere Financial: \$474.72 |
| #2519 Fisher's Technology: \$31.98 | #2533 Stahly: \$113.25 |
| #2520 MES \$968.90 | #2534 Ralph Corbett: \$323.60 |
| #2521 Fergus Electric: \$1,845.24 | #2535 TTS Welding \$687.00 |
| #2522 Energy Laboratories: \$125.00 | |
| #2523 Hawkins, INC: \$1,502.01 | |
| #2524 Do-All Construction: \$15,070.00 | |
| #2525 First National Bank of Omaha: \$1,403.26 | |
| #2526 First Bank of Montana: \$2.00 | |
| #2527 USA BlueBook | |
| #2528 Rural Development: \$845.00 | |