

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD July 18th, 2023

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson, Levi Johnson, and Leo Tarplee- Council

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Jeremy Springer – DPW

Barb Solf & Megan Flint– Pool

Butch Arthur – Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisor

Tom Tiarks & Alec Krug – Guest

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda
 - VII. d. Appoint Councilman moved to the top of agenda before Minutes & Claims.
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes: Brad made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 14th, 2023 and the special meeting minutes of June 27th, 2023 Leo second and the vote passed 4-0.
 - b. Claims: Levi made a motion to approve the July claims, Leo second and the vote passed 4-0.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. Welcome visitors and public comment
 - Alec Krug would like to build a shop and open an aluminum welding business on his property. He wanted to confirm the building rules within the Town and his biggest concern would be the noise of one of the machines.
 - The council informed him to follow Montana State Code for building requirements and to use his best judgement on the loud machine – not using late at night or super early in the morning, etc. If it were to become a complaint or issue, the council may have to enforce time restrictions on when he can run loud machines, Alec plans to use the loud machine as little as possible.
 - Alec was also instructed to keep in mind that he couldn't clutter or block the streets with big trucks, equipment, etc. – He plans to build a shop and that would primarily be inside the building.
 - Alec was also informed by the Council to purchase a business license from the Clerk when he is ready to begin.
 - Savannah shared a concern from Denise Manley regarding cats – a citizen has said that he is going to start shooting cats due to the fact that someone is going on his property and setting the traps off. She thought the Town providing him with a game camera to prove the trespasser may be a good option.
 - The Council says both of these concerns would be out of our jurisdiction and would become an issue of the Sheriff if it escalates. The Town will not be providing game cameras but he could put his own on his private property.

- Savannah shared a message from Laura Kiehl who is interested in using her corner lot across from the pool as a place for the bicyclists to camp vs the regular park area where the kids play.
- The council had no objections to this – It would be the property owner’s responsibility to keep the area clean & tidy. If it turned into something with hook ups for RVs, etc that could potentially be considered a “campground” but as far as tent camping with no more than one water hookup, it is believed that would not be a concern.

IV. Communications

- a. No communications.

V. Reports

- a. Pool

- The pool is officially being filled.
- The lifeguards are hesitant to put out an official opening date in case of delays but as of this moment, the pool will be open this weekend.
- They hope to still do one week of swimming lessons the first week of August – No official date or confirmation at this time.
- The pool is mostly cleaned up from construction.
- Dave would like to see two of the walls of the shower house painted on the outside where it is chipping and peeling.
 - Barb feels prioritizing the pool opening would be a better use of time than aesthetic items, like painting.
 - Discussion is had on this.
 - Levi made a motion to open the pool ASAP and have the lifeguards work early in the morning before opening to finish the painting on the shower house, Tom second and the vote passed 4-0.
- Savannah is wondering if it would be ok to use the Park Grant / Improvements for items that effect the park and the pool (ex: the waterline that feeds both, the fence between, etc). Parks will have some extra money left over where the pool grant will be completely spent – there is no objection to doing this.
- Barb has not tracked her hours for the grant writing and time she has put in to this pool renovation project, Savannah is wondering if we could do a stipend instead. The Council is fine with this, no offer is made on an amount, Savannah will look at pool account to help have a better idea and the Council will make an offer at the following meeting – Barb is fine with this.

- b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee

- Absent – Nothing to report.

- c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors

- Nothing to report.

- d. Sheriff

- Absent – Nothing to report.

- e. Fire Department

- Discussion is had on burn permits.
 - Jeremy suggests calling Glen Gillet for further questions.
- f. Public Works – Jeremy Springer
- New waterline is in at the pool.
 - Harddrives will be here this week to work on paved streets.
 - Started training on the road grader and did two streets yesterday – it's going well.
 - DoAll fixed the grinder station that broke.
 - There is a leak in the line that runs across the highway – Levi says the city has always maintained that and thinks it would be cheapest and best just to repair it if possible.
 - Discussion is had on different water lines.
- g. Clerk – Savannah Moore
- The council received the revenue to actual budget report, expenditure to actual budget report, and cash reports in their packets, as well statements for 1st Bank & STIP for previous month.
 - Spay MT said it would be \$1,175.00 to host a spay clinic or \$550.00 to host a vaccine clinic – Council doesn't think this is a good use of funds so it won't be pursued further. (Savannah will try to get the vaccine clinic at a later time of day for future years.)
 - Lemmons Farms has a \$914.50 credit on bulk water, they don't really want to continue getting bulk water here.
 - Levi made a motion to issue a refund check to Lemmons Farms for their bulk water credit less the current bill, Tom second and the vote passed 4-0.
 - Waiting to here back from Strom Associates if we should do our budget amendment now or wait until he closes the books – will be getting that scheduled soon either way.
 - Budget is mostly ready, just waiting for finalized numbers from state stuff and then will set up a budget hearing & meeting.
 - Running low on stamped envelopes and the box of them costs more than Mayor's \$250 approval limit.
 - Levi made a motion to order a box of stamped envelopes, Tom second and the vote passed 4-0.
 - The ending checking account balance for June: \$174,637.65.
- h. Council:
- Leo:
 - Nothing to report.
 - Brad:
 - Discussion about purchasing our own blade.
 - Jeremy says as of right now it is working good just coordinating with the County and using theirs.
 - Levi:
 - Potholes continue to be a common complaint he receives.
 - Dip sign needs taken down – Jeremy will take down asap.

- Tree limbs around the City Shop and Savannah's house need disposed of – Jeremy will work on these and/or Cody Martinez can pick up his own boulevard.
- Weeds around the shop are getting pretty bad – Jeremy was waiting on spray and will be spraying around the shop asap.
- Update on alleys and gravel – Only one load of gravel has been received so far but Jeremy plans to work on alleys once he has enough gravel.
- Wondering if it would be beneficial to use BaRSSA funds to work on some of the bad drainage areas around Town – that is an option.
- Has had questions about mosquitos – Jeremy is currently spraying about one day a week for them.
- Recommends mowing and weed eating lots that have not complied with mowing letters before it dries out – Jeremy said only two have not gotten their lots mowed so far and he will mow them if they do not hire someone.

- Tom:
 - Nothing to report.

- i. Mayor – Dave Harris
 - Nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

- a. Waterline Easement: Existing Issue
 - No new correspondence since the Town made their offer for an easement – nothing to report.
 - Dave is getting a bid on fixing the sidewalk in front of this area as it was damaged back in the 80s during the water project and never repaired.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Received design books – they will be available to review in the office.
- b. Stahly Engineering
 - Nothing to report.
- c. MDT
 - The crew is gone working on another project at this time.
 - There is a conflict with the fiber optic for installing street lights.
 - Sidewalk crew is scheduled to come in August.
 - Discussion is had on sidewalks.
- d. Appoint Councilman
 - Brad made a motion to appoint Tom Tiarks as Councilman for the vacant seat, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - Savannah read the Council Oath aloud and Tom was sworn in.
 - This was done right after review and adopt agenda, per agenda revision.

e. Dog Ordinance

- Discussion is had on if it would be better to have a leash law vs the current requirement of within 6 feet under verbal command.
- Brad made a motion to hold a hearing for the Dog Ordinance before the next regular meeting, Tom second and the vote passed 4-0.
- Jeremy gave an overview of what happened with the Dog At Large tickets that were issued and discussed at previous meetings:
 - One ticket was dismissed due to an error in the way the ticket was issued.
 - The second changed their plea to guilty at the omnibus hearing.

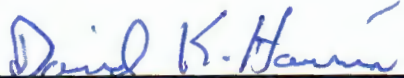
f. Street Lights

- A citizen is upset about the position of the new streetlights.
- Dave and Jeremy have been in contact with the state and while the design is pretty final, they have a few feet they are allowed to deviate so they will do their best to position as is allowed.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:46 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM, Levi second and the vote passed 4-0.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2576	Rural Development \$845.00	#2596	Breaks General Store \$403.33
#2577	Mid-Rivers \$55.85	#2597	Weller Farm Services, INC \$45.38
#2578	Mid-Rivers \$208.32	#2598	Lemmon Farms \$805.00
#2579	MMIA – Liability \$2,363.00		
#2580	MMCT&FOA \$50.00		
#2581	Hell Creek Electric \$2,696.00		
#2582	Fisher’s Technology \$40.18		
#2583	Jones Law Firm \$1,406.50		
#2584	Northwest Pipe Fittings \$806.54		
#2585	Hawkins, INC \$30.00		
#2586	First National Bank of Omaha \$653.14		
#2587	Fergus Electric \$1,682.91		
#2588	Republic Services \$35.10		
#2589	TTS Welding \$400.00		
#2590	Lewistown Rental \$75.00		
#2591	John Deere Financial \$337.39		
#2592	Morrison Maierle, INC \$9,356.25		
#2593	Stahly Associates \$75.50		
#2594	Aqua Tech Lab. \$20.00		
#2595	Troyer Construction \$57,475.50		