

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD April 9th, 2025

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson, Tom Tiarks, Leo Tarplee, and Levi Johnson - Council

Josh Schreiner - Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Kathleen Johnson – Snowy Mtn Development Appointee

I. Call Meeting to Order: Dave called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Review and Adopt Agenda – No revisions.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 11th, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the April claims, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment – no public comment.

- a. Welcome Visitors – Opportunity to allow public comment on any public matter not otherwise on the agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency. MCA-2-3-103

IV. Communications

V. Reports

- a. Pool
 - Returning Staff to be approved: Easton & Megan – Co Managers, Barb – Maintenance, Zurry – Lifeguard, Charlie Johnson, Virgil Tholt, and Carlee Loberg – Attendants.
 - Levi made a motion to approve all returning pool staff with the .25 cent “returning lifeguard” raise for lifeguard certified employees, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Savannah has posted now hiring flyers around Town and throughout the school for the 2025 pool season, specifically need at least one more lifeguard.
- b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – Kathleen Johnson
 - The annual meeting will be held in Roundup on June 26th. Kathleen will email Savannah an agenda/more information when it gets closer.
- c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors – Absent, nothing to report.
- d. Sheriff Department - Absent, nothing to report.
- e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works – Josh Schreiner
 - Fergus Electric has sent a promotional letter for older meter replacements; up to \$3,600 interest free payments for 3 years to replace the meter at the city shop. Discussion is had – the council would like Josh to get estimates from master electricians and Fergus Electric on cost before making a decision.
 - COP is back and working; prepping cells 2 & 3 for liners, propane tank has been installed, pad has been poured for generator.

- Pot Holes – Discussion is had on renting durapatching equipment and doing the larger work by the Town, Levi has volunteered his help or using Hardrives for the worse condition areas. Josh will get a bid from hardrives to determine which option is more cost efficient.
- 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 as bank statements for 1st Bank & STIP for previous month.
 - Adjusted Levi & Kate's water bill using the leak adjustment policy.
 - Lurene Olson has requested an extension on her delinquent payment – she has been communicating with Savannah regularly and consistently paying what she can on the store and her house every week – The council is fine with giving Lurene an extension on her 30-day shut off notice in this circumstance.
 - Other accounts that are close to shut off due to delinquency with no communication: Cameron Barnes, Tammy McCarty, Bonnie Dill. Savannah will send certified letters reminding them of this deadline.
 - The ending checking account balance for March was \$137,010.50
- h. Council:
- Leo:
 - Went to Helena last month to attend and present the Town's grant to the MT Coal Impact Board. The Town was awarded \$50,000.00 for a new dump truck. The Town has also received \$10,000.00 from the Larry Carrell and has \$5,000.00 available through gas tax funds. A total of \$65,000.00 budget for a new dump truck and attachments (plow necessary).
 - Brad:
 - Inquired about Dick Voigt's meter pit – it has been repaired again by Josh and is no longer leaking.
 - Levi:
 - Inquired about SAS and when they will be coming to do the park and City Hall – no set date, Josh will keep him posted.
 - Discussion is had on gravel and ordering more – Josh will check in with Ray to see if the County's pit will be reopening this year.
 - Discussion is had on grave digging – Town doesn't want to dig graves with the old back hoe, it's just not in good enough working condition.
 - Jeff Matthews pickup is parked in the road – Josh or Savannah will talk to Dan the sheriff for him to review and proceed as necessary.
 - Tom: Nothing to report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris
- Would like to review ordinances with Josh and Savannah during the regular business hours to present them to the council with recommended changes or discrepancies for their review and approval.

VI. Old Business

- a. Chlorinator Shed Project

- No date is set with Sky Chamberlin for the siding. He did say it could be a month before he makes it over to Winnett. The council suggests getting a bid from Eric Ritter for this project.
- b. Old City Hall Renovation and Repair – No new updates.
- c. MT Main St Program
 - The council reviewed the application completed by Charsi at Aces – Levi made a motion to approve and submit the application, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Park Improvement Project
 - Josh will be getting bids to replace the concrete pads under the tables and will be replacing the sprinkler nozzles with the correct size as recommended by SAS (they should work properly again after that).
- e. Back – Up Operator (water and wastewater)
 - Bill has not gotten his test results at this time.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle – Updates in public works report.
- b. Stahly Engineering – No new updates.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 5:55 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2975	Rural Development	\$845.00
#2976	Josh Schreiner	\$84.50
#2977	Leo Tarplee	\$423.40
#2978	Mid Rivers	\$234.67
#2979	Hawkins	\$444.06
#2980	Energy Labs	\$423.00
#2981	Fisher's Technology	\$36.81
#2982	Breaks General Store	\$298.90
#2983	Winnett Volunteer Fire Dept	\$3,482.61
#2984	Stahly	\$874.50
#2985	FNBO	\$1,460.35
#2986	JD Smith	\$50.48
#2987	Fabians	\$250.00
#2988	Utilities Underground Location	\$17.50