

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD August 9th, 2023

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor
Brad Olson, Levi Johnson, and Tom Tiarks- Council
Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer
Jeremy Springer – DPW

- 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 – No revisions
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes: Brad made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 18th, 2023, Tom second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - b. Claims: Tom made a motion to approve the August claims, Brad second and the vote passed 3-0.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. Welcome visitors and public comment – No visitors or public comment
- IV. **Communications**
 - a. No communications.
- V. **Reports**
 - a. Pool
 - Jeremy reported that the pool project is pretty much complete – the roll up door has been installed and he has been in contact with Thompson Pools regarding the cover, tin siding should be installed in the next few days.
 - The last day of the pool for this season will be August 31st, once school starts on the 16th, the hours will be 4:00-8:00 pm since only one pool employee is available during the daytime hours.
 - Easton is going to talk to Terri Harris, Supt of Winnett School, about using the pool during school, possibly for PE as long as a CPR certified teacher would also be in attendance with the class.
 - The lifeguards may try to do some training this fall to be prepared and staffed for the next pool season.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
 - Absent – Nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors
 - Absent - Nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff
 - Absent – Nothing to report.
 - e. Fire Department
 - Absent – Nothing to report.
 - f. Public Works – Jeremy Springer
 - Bill Lowe’s new meter pit has been installed.
 - PCCC meter has been repaired.
 - Hardrives used 2 tons of oil on their repairs this week – the primary focus was on pot holes in driving lanes and middle of the road, the total was \$10,200

- There are chips left in other parts of the road, they could come back and work on those for approximately half of the price of the \$10,200 (only needing half the amount of material)
- Discussion is had on the worst roads that need the most repair.
- Savannah reported the final (estimated) numbers for gas tax and BaRSSA for this upcoming year – these are specifically used for repair of roads, street, bridges, and alleys
 - SB 536 & HB76: \$82,907.60
 - Final BaRSSA payout: \$23,200.64
- Brad made a motion to hire Hardrives to bring 1 ton to fix the allegation (worst areas) being marked by someone from the Town estimated to total \$5,100 but approving up to \$6,000, Discussion is had, Tom second and the vote passed 3-0.
- Jeremy discussed the water leak at the highway with Tyler Loomis (TTS Welding), he estimated the repair to be \$1,000 – The council would like Loomis to do this repair for the estimated price of \$1,000.
- Riverside is back to work on digging up the highway and then will begin work on storm drains and getting culverts in.
- No date set on when the State will pour concrete.
- Riverside is going to pull the tree stump near Tom Tiark's residence out of the ground.
- Discussion is had on the root and any possible damage it could cause.
- Jeremy painted the man holes on grand – one had a cracked cover but there was an extra lid at the County that he was able to replace it with.
- Jeremy's last day of work is Monday, August 14th – Ralph Corbett, the DPW back up operator, is still certified and willing to do the daily checks until someone is hired and trained. Dave is looking into getting certified as well.

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.
- Personnel Policy language has been changed from “no weapons allowed” to “no unauthorized weapons allowed” per MMIA's request.
- Certified values are out, Savannah turned in the Town's computation to Pam at the courthouse today.
- The Director of Public Works job has been posted around town, on the MRWS website, in the Roundup Tribune and in the Lewistown Argus – Savannah will also get this up on the Town's Facebook Page.
- During August payroll Jeremy's sick and vacation will be paid out.

- Sue McKenna reached out on behalf of the PCCC asking for Town Council approval of the sidewalk change – the side street was a double and is now a single. It is still ADA and they would like to leave it as installed as a single.
 - Discussion is had regarding the sidewalk at PCCC
 - Whether it is absolutely necessary to have them convert back to a double
 - The PCCC did have a copy of the sidewalk ordinance before this change took place.
 - Concern with not upholding the ordinance book and policies to what they say.
 - The Town Council would like to look at the sidewalk before making a decision – this will be added on to the September agenda.
 - The ending checking account balance for June: \$133,191.22.
- h. Council:
- Leo:
 - Absent – Nothing to report.
 - Brad:
 - Brad made a motion to hire TTS to fix leak at the highway for \$1,000 estimate, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - Brad rearranged the tables in the meeting room, may rearrange again before the next meeting.
 - Levi:
 - Has had great reviews and feedback on the street repair by Hardrives.
 - Leak at the highway discussed during Public Works report.
 - The cattleguard going to the lagoon is full and Ed Hanson's cows will be in there soon so it needs cleaned out – Recommend Loomis at TTS to get a really good clean out.
 - Inquired about gravel delivery – no update or changes at this time.
 - Mowing at Rostad's & Scoleri's needs to be hired out as they have not responded to their letters or gotten them mowed. Jeremy is going to talk to Mosby Towing about possibly mowing it since it can no longer be done with a push mower. Council is in agreement the Town should hire someone with the capable machinery to mow if Mosby Towing can't and then add the bill on to the property tax.
 - Tom:
 - Asked about the financials, specifically the water cash being in the negative.
 - Savannah explained the cash is in the negative but the fund as a whole is not overspent – however we will have to do a budget amendment soon on this fund.

- Discussion is had on whether the rates are high enough to cover general expense and maintenance of water and sewer funds.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris
 - Nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

- a. Waterline Easement: Existing Issue
 - Savannah passed out the most recent letter from the Town's Attorney.
 - The Town Council went into executive session to discuss litigation regarding Waterline Easement: Existing Issue at 6:25 PM
 - Closed executive session and resume regular meeting at 6:46 PM.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Stephanie is going to add in "no open trenches or work within the Town during the all class reunion" to the job stipulations per Dave's request.
 - Stephanie will ensure construction contract states that they must regravell alleys at the end of construction.
 - Savannah has passed along everything Emily Jones, the Town's Attorney, needs to complete the site title opinion.
 - Evert Brady's easement is done and at the courthouse ready to be signed, notarized, and completed.
 - Discussion is had on the Director of Public Works position and handling these projects and maintenance in the meantime. Levi made a motion to increase the starting wage to \$17.50 an hour and negotiable based on experience, Tom second and the vote passed 3-0. – Savannah will update flyers and advertisements to reflect this change.
- b. Stahly Engineering
 - Nothing to report.
- c. MDT
 - Savannah and/or Dave will be attending these weekly meetings once Jeremy leaves.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Weed Policy, Dog Ordinance, PCCC Sidewalk
- b. Tom will be out of Town during the regularly scheduled September meeting.

IX. Adjourn Meeting 7:15 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM, Tom second and the vote passed 3-0.

X *David K. Harris*

David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2599	Thompson Pools & Spas	\$20,399.50
#2600	Rural Development	\$845.00
#2601	Fisher's Technology	\$32.59
#2602	Mid-Rivers	\$55.85
#2603	Mid-Rivers	\$188.66
#2604	Hawkins INC.	\$30.00
#2605	Advanced Technology	\$3,340.50
#2606	John Deere Financial	\$261.62
#2607	MMIA, Property	\$958.00
#2608	Aqua Tech Lab.	\$25.00
#2609	FNBO	\$1,656.03
#2610	Stahly Associates	\$604.00
#2611	Republic Services	\$40.03
#2612	Barb Solf	\$249.50
#2613	Megan Flint	\$498.40
#2614	TTS Welding	\$1,000.00