

SPECIAL MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD January 3rd, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Mayor – Dave Harris

Leo Tarplee, Levi Johnson, and Tom Tiarks- Council

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Stephanie Seymanski & Rika Lashley – Morrison Maierle (virtual)

Robie Culver – Stahly Engineering (virtual)

Christopher Romankiewicz & Susan Bawden – DEQ (virtual)

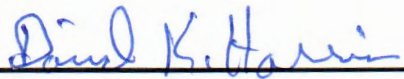
Burtch Arthur – Guest

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – No revisions.
- II. New Business**
 - a. Public Comment
 - No Public Comment
 - b. Wastewater Project Call
 - Stephanie goes over three project options (for the current wastewater project), with and without a loan.
 - Two of the three options presented include the UV system, both require a loan, one of the three options does not include the UV system.
 - Discussion is had on if it's possible to reduce the scope of work enough to stay within the grant funds available and avoid getting a loan (option 3)
 - DEQ states that most likely the UV system will need to be installed to reach the appropriate E Coli limits and does not think funders will allow changing the scope of work to not include that when it was in the original applications.
 - Council discusses the varying options and funding available, the goal is to make a decision at the next regular council meeting to get the project out to bid again.
- III. Old Business**
 - a. ESB Furnace
 - The furnace is getting very old and starting to need repaired more frequently, the most recent technician said it is getting very old and due to be replaced before it completely gives out.
 - Two proposals/estimates are presented: McBride Mechanical, Inc for \$3,400.50 and R & D Heating & Cooling Inc. for \$5,625.00.
 - Discussion is had, Levi calls McBride and found that a programmable thermostat would be an extra \$80.00 – the council unanimously agrees that would be wanted.
 - Leo made a motion to hire McBride Mechanical Inc to replace the furnace, Tom seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.
 - Savannah will call Joe to let him know and will let the County know as the cost will be split 50/50 between the two entities.

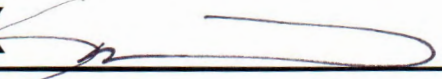
IV. Items for Next Agenda

V. Adjourn Meeting 5:10 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD January 10th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Ralph Corbett, Carol Schaeffer & Denise Manley – 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 – move Old Business agenda item VI. c Waterline Easement to the end of the agenda.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 13th, Tom seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
 - Levi made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of January 3rd, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
- b. Claims: Leo made a motion to approve the January claims, Brad seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

- a. Welcome visitors and public comment – no public comment.

IV. Communications

- a. Savannah relayed a message from Laura Kiehl, she is working on an airport project and believes it was a joint County-City Board and would like the Town to appoint someone, if nobody wants to be appointed, Bill Cassell is willing to fill this role.
- b. The Town got off of the board years ago and does not
- c. The new furnace is scheduled to be installed January 22nd

V. Reports

- a. Pool – Absent, nothing to report.
- 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 – Absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works –
 - Josh started on Monday, the 8th; he reported cleaning storm drains, training with Ralph, replacing insulation in some meter pits, Askins was here today, shoveling snow.
 - Levi told Josh to make sure to check insulation at the valve house.
 - Savannah reported that there is a water training in Great Falls coming up in March that Josh would be able to attend and take his water and/or sewer test and then another training coming up in April and May in Billings and Bozeman that Ralph could potentially attend.
 - Levi made a motion to send both Josh and Ralph to different conventions, Tom seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

- At this time Denise Manley came as a visitor with public comment and read a poem for Ralph on behalf of Kathleen Johnson who was unable to attend.
- 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.
 - Savannah forgot to put the personnel policy on the agenda so that will have to wait until the next meeting if the council would be able to take the time to review and for any potential changes they'd like to make prior to February.
 - Fergus Electric would like to know if the Town wants any of the old street lights relocated now that the new lights have been installed. They cost \$14.50 per month per street light so that is what the Town will be saving for any not relocated – there are 7 lights available. The council will take a look at main street or for any dark areas that may need a light.
 - At this time, if someone turns off the water mid billing, they are still charged the full base rate and just the usage is prorated, the council unanimously agrees to leave it as the full charge.
 - The ending checking account balance for December: \$149,711.82
- h. Council:
 - Leo: Nothing to report.
 - Brad: Discussed Jordan rates and pricing with the Jordan clerk.
 - Levi: The cattleguard going out towards the creek has a broken piece – Savannah will look into the cost of getting this replaced or repaired.
 - Tom: Nothing to report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris: Nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

- a. Water & Sewer Rate Increase
 - Discussion is had on the water and sewer rates – this discussion includes charging users who have access (a meter pit) to the system but are not in use, turn on fees, a stair stepped increase, and amounts.
 - Brad believes it would be best for the system and Town to increase to the full recommendation of MRWS of \$35.00 per month as well as charging a base rate to all users who have meter pits that are not currently in service.
 - Levi made a motion to increase all water base rates by \$7 ~~per month~~ ^{monthly} per year for the next 3 years with an evaluation of this increase at the end of each year to see if more of an increase is needed to sustain the system, discussion is had, Tom seconded the motion and the vote passed 3-1. Levi – Aye, Tom – Aye, Leo – Aye, Brad – Nay.
 - No increase is made to sewer at this time.
- b. Resolution #2023-06 – Water & Wastewater Rate Increase
 - Levi made a motion to pass Resolution #2023-06 with changes to the date and to include the \$7.00 monthly water increase to each rate code ~~per year~~ ^{per year}.

discussion is had, Tom seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

- c. Waterline Easement – presented last on the agenda as per agenda revisions.
 - Mayor Harris called for executive session at 7:00 PM for litigation, attendees that stayed are the mayor, the council, and the clerk.
 - Mayor Harris ended closed session at 7:20 PM.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Discussion is had on the wastewater project options available as presented by Stephanie Seymanski; option 2 includes the necessities believed to be compliant with DEQ and requires the smallest loan to complete.
 - Leo made a motion to accept and put out to bid option 2 with the lift station as an additive alternative so that can be bid separately as well, Tom seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.
 - Savannah will contact Stephanie and Robie to let them know what the council decided.
- b. Stahly Engineering – nothing to report.
- c. MDT
 - Lights are up, signs are up, sidewalks still need additional work.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

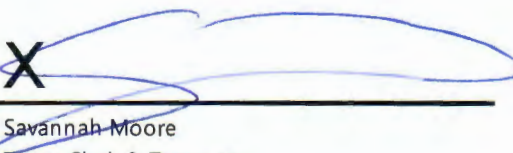
- a. Personnel Policy Handbook & Turn – On Policy

IX. Adjourn Meeting 7:20 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM, Tom seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2696	Rural Development	\$845.00	#2709	MRWS	\$175.00
#2697	Mid Rivers	\$254.67	#2710	Fergus Electric	\$1,676.18
#2698	Fisher's Technology	\$28.86	#2711	David Harris	\$257.28
#2699	Storfa's Service	\$737.14	#2712	Stahly	\$792.75
#2700	Jones Law Firm	\$516.44	#2713	TTS Welding	\$1,200.00
#2701	Hawkins	\$20.00	#2714	R&D Heating	\$360.00
#2702	Snowy Mountain Dev.	\$199.92	#2715	John Deere Financial	\$1,096.62
#2703	Aqua Tech Lab	\$25.00			
#2704	Winnett Lion's Club	\$20.00			
#2705	FNBO	\$603.43			
#2706	Northwest Pipe	\$366.96			
#2707	Energy Labs	\$369.00			
#2708	Morrison Maierle	\$2,220.00			

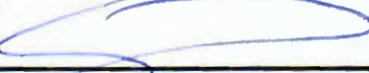
PUBLIC HEARING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD January 16th, 2014

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor
Tom Tiarks- Council
Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer
Josh Schreiner – Director of Public Works
Butch Arthur & Ralph Corbett – Guest

- I. Call Hearing to Order:** Dave Harris called the hearing to order at 1:30 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – no revisions
- II. New Business**
 - a. Public Comment – No public comment.
 - b. Chlorinator House Project and Funding Sources
 - Savannah and Dave explain a list of upgrades and repairs that need to be done at the chlorinator house as well as the funding options – The Town will be applying for the House Bill 355 (Slippa Grant) funds with this (eligible) project, the allocated amount is approximately \$35,000, in addition the Town was awarded a grant from the Carrell Grant Fund in the amount of \$8,750 to meet the 25% match requirement.
 - Butch asked Ralph if this will help regulate the chlorine levels in the water; Ralph believes it should.
 - Discussion is had.
- III. Adjourn Hearing 2:20 PM.**
 - a. Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

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David Harris
Mayor

X 

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

SPECIAL MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD January 22nd,2024

THOSE PRESENT– Mayor – Dave Harris

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – No revisions.
- II. **New Business**
 - a. Public Comment – No public comment.
 - b. Lift Station Repair and Upgrades
 - The council reviews the bid from Askins for lift station upgrade and repairs.
 - Discussion is had on the project and replacing a pump not included in the quote (a brand new one is on hand, it just needs to be installed).
 - Levi made a motion to accept Askins bid for the lift station and move forward with the repairs and upgrades, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
 - c. Director of Public Works Report
 - Josh and the council discuss snow plowing and priorities.
 - Discussion is had on the chlorinator shack.
 - The upper well (for water) is not running right now due to all of the recent power outages, Town & Country Electric will be coming to Winnett tomorrow to take another look; Fergus Electric has already been on site and determined it is not on their end.
 - Discussion is had on the broke cattleguard – no decisions made at this time, will continue to look for quotes to repair vs replace.
- III. **Items for Next Agenda**
- IV. **Adjourn Meeting 5:43 PM.**
 - a. Tom made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 PM, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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David K. Harris

David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD February 13th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson, Leo Tarplee, Tom Tiarks (arrived at 5:39) and Levi Johnson- Council

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Laura Kiehl & Butch Arthur – 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 – no revisions
- II. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10th, 16th, and 22nd, discussion is had on changing the verbiage in the regular meeting minutes regarding the water and sewer rate increase to clarify the \$7.00 monthly increase is one time per year, Brad seconded the motion with correction of the regular meeting minutes, and the vote passed 3-0.
 - b. Claims:
 - Discussion is had on the TTS claims for water leaks in town – residents should not be turning their own water on or off and are responsible for their own leaks.
 - Brad made a motion to approve the February claims including the TTS invoice for a water leak, Leo seconded and the vote passed 3-0.
 - c. Welcome visitors and public comment
 - Laura asked for clarification on getting permission to work in the Town right – of – way; at 55 main they did put a layer of gravel down and have some piled in the right – of – way that they will spread as soon as possible. Their sidewalks will be next and the council's only request is to follow MT State Building Code requirements, for electricity they won't need permission and can work directly with Fergus Electric.
- III. Communications**
 - a. Chelsea Hollender left a message for Savannah to relay that Winnett was selected by MSU Extension as a Reimagining Rural Town – it makes us eligible for a grant so they have been tossing around ideas on how to use these funds but they didn't have much feedback from people actually living in the Town; they're next meeting will be February 26th at 6:00 PM if anyone can make it.
 - b. Chelsea also inquired about the Town's 6 acre park that shows on the map – this is leased out and the council is not interested in using it for anything else.
 - c. The airport committee is working on getting it up and running independently; Laura previously asked Savannah of the council would be willing to write a letter of support if needed for grant funding, etc. – The Council will be happy to write a letter stating they are in favor of the airport if/when they need it.
- IV. Reports**
 - a. Pool – Absent, nothing to report.
 - 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 – Absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works –
 - Josh reported that they put new meters in at Bill Lowe, Levi Johnson and Bonnie Dill & Roger Edwards properties.
 - Reading meters he has located a few bent meter pits.
 - Yellowstone Structural gave a quote on stabilizing the chlorinator shed that came in a little over \$10,000.
 - Discussion is had on different options and the best way to stabilize the slab/structural integrity of the shed.
 - Pioneer Plumbing gave a quote for replumbing the chlorinator shed, it was over \$12,000.
 - Discussion is had on Pioneer Plumbing's recommendation and where to get a few more quotes for this job.
 - The lower well has been down – Singley is working on repairing it this week, the estimate is at \$9,100.00.
 - Discussion is had on the work done at the wells.
 - Askins is currently working at the lift station for the upgrades added in to the sewer project.
 - Discussion is had on what they will do, have gotten done, and when the job will be complete.
 - Received new disconnects for the snow plow
 - He has been working on some online training and watching the videos from DEQ to prep for his certifications test.
 - There is a training next week in Forsyth for sewer and water (hands on and inside) – Levi recommends using these types of trainings after receiving his certifications to keep up on continuing ed credits.
 - Levi would like to get some tool boxes for the town pickup for more ease and efficiency – no objections to this recommendation, Josh will do some looking and see what would work best.
 - Savannah reported that Pace will be heading this way to do spring cleaning – They do 1/5 of the town sewer every year (whatever section they're on) and then all of the storm drains. Savannah will also ensure the 2024 Pace contract has been submitted.
- 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.
 - Discussion is had on the school's water rate – nothing has been done at this time and the council would need to set standard rates for these different pipe sizes to change them across the board.
 - Savannah adjusted Levi Johnson's bill with the leak policy and Tammy McCarty's was estimated but the amount of gallons changed significantly from the previous month so it was adjusted to the previous month's amount.

- The ending checking account balance for December: \$157,239.00.
- h. Council:
 - Leo: Nothing to report.
 - Brad: Nothing to report.
 - Levi: Nothing to report.
 - Tom: Nothing to report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris:
 - A thank you and reminder to all Town representatives to remain professional at the meetings.

V. Old Business

- a. Water & Sewer Rate Increase
 - Discussion is had on charging nonusers of the system; including anyone who has a pit regardless of whether the water is in use or not in use. As of right now, if water is turned off, there is no charge until water is turned back on. No decisions are made at this time.

VI. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Morrison-Maierle has increased costs due to the change and delays in the wastewater project; they have provided an amendment to the original contract with an increase of \$102,030.00 from the original amount.
 - Levi made a motion to approve Amendment No. 7 as presented, Tom second and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Stahly Engineering
 - Stahly Engineering has prepared an application to get on the project priority list to be considered for loan forgiveness for the wastewater project – this application does not lock the Town into any loan but just gets the Town on the priority list to be considered.
 - Brad made a motion to submit the application as presented, Tom seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
- c. MDT
 - Dave has been in contact with the State of MT regarding the mud and other issues throughout the Town from their project – They plan to have someone come look once the snow melts to see what they can fix for sinking and vehicles getting stuck.
 - Laura said there is a low spot in the pavement in front of the 55 Main building that does get very icy – Dave or Levi will bring this to their attention as well.
 - Discussion is had on sidewalks as Butch noticed the new sidewalk is smaller than the original removed on Moulton – The State will not work on anything outside of their right – of – way so they will be leaving them as are.
- d. Personnel Policy
 - Discussion is had on the comp time bank limit of 8 hours
 - Tom made a motion to approve the personnel policy as presented with a change to the comp time bank limit being increased from 8 hours to

120 hours per year, Levi seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

e. Cattleguard

- Daniel Lang has an interstate cattleguard he would sell to the Town of \$1,800.00 – The Town would still have the cost of hauling and installing the cattleguard.
- Discussion is had on putting in a new cattleguard vs pulling out the cattleguard and removing existing fences and adding fences in different areas – the council is in favor of a cattleguard to keep this road more accessible to the public and avoid gates being left open as there is livestock in this area at times.
- Tom made a motion to purchase a cattleguard from Daniel Lang in the amount of \$1,800.00, discussion is had on installation, cleaning, and long term maintenance of the cattleguard, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Turn – On Policy

- Levi made a motion to increase the water turn on fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00, Leo seconded and vote passed unanimously.

g. Street Lights

- Discussion is had on areas that could benefit from the extra street lights – Laura Kiehl noticed that when visitors come to an event at the PCCC, the walk back to the hotel is quite dark. Other possible locations are discussed. The Town will check with Fergus Electric on possible options to help with light near the hotel.

VII. Items for Next Agenda

VIII. Adjourn Meeting 7:43 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2716	Rural Development	\$845.00	#2717	Mid Rivers	\$238.94
#2718	McBride Mechanical	\$1,727.75	#2719	Fisher's Technology	\$36.90
#2720	Energy Laboratories	\$219.00	#2721	Josh Schreiner	\$58.76
#2722	FASST Extinguishers	\$75.00	#2723	Aqua Tech	\$50.00
#2724	Northwest Pipe	\$702.64	#2725	Breaks	\$537.70
#2726	Stahly	\$993.75	#2727	FNBO	\$985.38
#2728	Fergus Electric	\$1,547.68	#2729	John Deere	\$455.07
#2730	Hawkins	\$4,797.92	#2731	TTS Welding	\$2,500.00

SPECIAL MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD February 28th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Ralph Corbett – Guest

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – Revisions include moving new business item a (public comment) to after new business item b (east main mdt highway project)
 - c. Claims
 - Levi made a motion to approve the February claims, Leo seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.
- II. New Business:**
 - a. East Main (MDT Highway Project)
 - Dave has been in contact with Mike Taylor and some other state employees regarding the mud and other issues with the state's highway project. The state has agreed to correct this problem as best as they can at this time. Their plan includes taking out 18 inches of the existing mud, laying fabric, and then apply 14 inches of pit run from the eager pit and topped with 4 inches of cat creek pit run.
 - Discussion is had on the best option for gravel and reject to prevent this from happening again – it is decided Cat Creek pit run will be the best option for the top layer.
 - Riverside will be doing the work and plans to come on Monday.
 - Discussion is had on pulling out a water line during this correction – it is determined that is not a feasible option.
 - Dave will get an email from Kyle at the state explaining everything they will be doing – Council unanimously agrees with the plan of correction as presented by Dave.
 - b. Public Comment:
 - No public comment.
- III. Reports:**
 - a. Director of Public Works
 - Josh reported that the County backhoe is up for bid; it does need a lot of work and is high hours – discussion is had and the Council unanimously agrees it would be better to wait for the State's auction before purchasing any new equipment.
 - Josh found a toolbox (as discussed at the regular meeting) for around \$300.00 from Tractor Supply – Levi made a motion to have Josh purchase the tool box for the city pickup, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - There is a pesticide training in Great Falls in April; discussion is had – Levi made a motion to send Josh to pesticide school to get certified

before summer, discussion is had, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Concrete blocks from S&K Trucking Ready Mix in Roundup (for the new cattleguard) are \$217.00 each, two are needed, with an additional delivery fee of \$7.00 per loaded mile. Discussion is had on delivery and if it would be better to have them deliver for the fee or for Josh to use his personal truck with Dave's trailer to pick up – Leo made a motion to purchase the concrete blocks and have S&K deliver, Tom seconded and the motion passed 3-1: Levi Aye, Tom Aye, Leo Aye, Brad Nay. Dave has agreed to use his forklift to unload the blocks free of charge when they arrive. Discussion is also had on hauling the cattleguard's from Dan Lang's.

b. Clerk

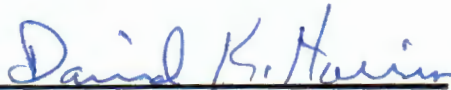
- Nothing to report.

IV. Items for Next Agenda

a. No new items.

V. Adjourn: 5:54 PM

a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 5:54 pm, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2732	Singley Drilling Inc.	\$10,902.85	#2733	Fisher's Technology	\$57.62
#2734	Askin Construction	\$15,950.00	#2735	Morrison Maierle	\$5,349.00

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD March 13th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Bill Cassell – Sheriff

- 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:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13th and February 28th, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Levi made a motion to approve the March claims, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Welcome visitors and public comment – no public comment.
- III. Communications**
- IV. Reports**
 - a. Pool – Savannah will reach out to Megan and Easton to confirm they are returning as managers and inquire about advertising for lifeguard or attendant positions that may need to be filled.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee - Absent, nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors – Absent, nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff – Bill joined the meeting at 5:25 and reported that he has submitted a grant for emergency disaster planning through homeland security; if awarded that would mean three generators (one for each well and one for chlorinator house) for the Town, installed and ready to go.
 - e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
 - f. Public Works –
 - Josh reported that he spoke with Bobbie from Montana Rural Water Systems and there is no set rate for communities – the rates vary from system to system based on expenses.
 - The school does have a meter for the fire suppression system.
 - It will cost more to repair the old lift station pump than to buy a brand new one – that will plan to be budgeted and discussed in the next fiscal year.
 - Polyphosphate pump at the chlorinator house appears to not be working – Josh has cleaned the system and it is still not distributing the phosphate, he is currently waiting on the price quote.
 - Levi made a motion to purchase a new polyphosphate pump, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - The water does still continue to stink throughout the town – Josh is slowly flushing hydrants in an attempt to get the new water here faster.
 - Spoke to Randy Roth about the chlorinator house leveling; they would just level and stabilize the slab (includes a 10 year warranty) and gave

a rough estimate of \$5,000 - \$7,000 but he is willing to come give a free bid. The council unanimously agrees they would like a bid.

- Josh will attend MTRWS conference in Great Falls later this month.

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.
- Savannah adjusted Ted & Kathleen Johnson's bill with the leak policy and adjusted the hotel's + Grebe's using the minimum – the reading was 3,000 gallons less this month than it was the entire month previously, not sure what happened but it seems to be on track and correct now.
- Savannah has been working with Chelsea Hollender to get a bid for some new town maps that could include online versions and include the plats, sewer, and water (according to the as-builts) all in one; the current town maps are getting very old and starting to fall apart – her estimate is \$900-\$1,100 with a down payment of \$450.00.
- Levi made a motion to pursue the new maps with Chelsea and add the \$450.00 deposit to the March claims, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The ending checking account balance for February was \$177,970.92.

h. Council:

- Leo:
 - Leo reported he is still willing to help install new playground equipment at the park but they will need additional help, especially for the digging.
 - Discussion is had on the park.
- Brad:
 - Reported that the park canopy still needs fixed and the old city hall still needs finished painting – will be on the summer to do list.
- Levi:
 - Levi would like to get some gravel stock piled at the city shop for Josh to be able to use – Skip Ahlgren has donated gravel to the town so Josh will talk to Riverside while they're in town working about getting it hauled.
 - Inquired about the scrap metal bin – will be getting that ordered soon now that it is starting to warm up.
 - Has noticed some alleys are in need of some graveling once the gravel has been delivered and weather cooperates.
 - Has been getting complaints regarding the water smell – He's let people know that the issue is fixed but the tank is big and it takes a while to use up that much water, better smelling water is on the way.
- Tom: Absent.

i. Mayor – Dave Harris: Nothing to report.

V. Old Business

a. Water & Sewer Rate Increase

- Savannah shared correspondence from the Jordan clerk regarding charging properties with a turned off water service – discussion is had but no decision to charge these properties is made at this time.
- Discussion is had on why the school's water rate is the same as the resident water rate – at this time, nobody can remember why or if that was purposeful.
- Brad made a motion to raise the school's water rate to match the meter size, discussion is had, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Personnel Policy Handbook

- Derek Shepherd noticed a change in language he suggested in the personnel policy regarding requiring employees to use sick leave, the council unanimously agreed to go with MMIA's recommendation.

VI. New Business

a. Morrison-Maierle

- A meeting was had with Morrison Maierle, Stahly and the funders; no updates on the loan at this time and likely won't know full amount needed until bids come in - New advertising bids will hopefully go out soon.

b. Stahly Engineering

c. MDT

- MDT has begun digging and working on fixing the mud problems on east main street, considering repairing the cracks in the sidewalk in front of the store, and also stated that they will do some sloping and beautification towards the end of the project; discussion is had on the large ditches coming into town from HWY 244.
- Discussion is had on installing the cattleguard.

VII. Items for Next Agenda

VIII. Adjourn Meeting 6:47 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 PM, Levi seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

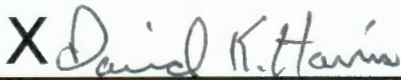
Claims Paid:

#2736	Rural Development	\$845.00	#2737	Mid Rivers	\$257.94
#2738	Nutra Lawn	\$209.00	#2739	FNBO	\$1,071.18
#2740	Northwest Pipe	\$84.65	#2741	Hawkins	\$30.00
#2742	John Deere Financial	\$650.46	#2743	Energy Labs	\$214.00
#2744	Breaks	\$171.88	#2745	Fergus Electric	\$1,445.09
#2746	Town & Country	\$1,892.00	#2747	Chelsea McKenna	\$450.00

EMERGENCY MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris – Mayor
Leo Tarplee, Brad Olson, Levi Johnson – Council
Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works
Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 3:46 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – No revisions.
- II. 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
- III. New Business**
 - a. Resolution 2024-01 (a resolution calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so)
 - Levi made a motion to pass resolution 2024-01, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Main Water Line Break
 - There is a break in the main water line (under the asphalt) at the intersection of North Broadway and Railroad St – Riverside is scheduled to do the repair tomorrow.
 - Discussion is had if moving the line is possible or just to repair the existing, council unanimously agrees just repairing the existing line will be more feasible. A couple of valves around town also need to be repaired so if possible will do that with the main repair. The encroachment permit has been issued.
- IV. Items for Next Agenda**
 - a. None.
- V. Adjourn Meeting 4:00 PM.**
 - a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 PM, Leo second and the vote passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

X 

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD April 10th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Director of Public Works - Absent

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Luann Knutson, JR Grebe, Denise Manley, Dick Voigt, & Kardy Eickhoff – Guest

I. Call Meeting to Order: Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Review and Adopt Agenda –Brad made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Leo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:
 - Levi made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13th and the emergency meeting minutes of March 19th, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the April claims, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Welcome visitors and public comment
 - Luann, from the Petroleum County Community Center, shared that they are working with a landscaper to put curbing around to protect the area and keep anything contained.
 - The alley behind the PCCC is in bad condition, the construction did tear up the alley significantly but at this point in the process they won't be returning – the Town will look at the alley and come up with a plan for improvement and work with the PCCC as much as possible.
 - The PCCC meter pit has a concrete base that sticks up high above the ground – This was installed by their contractor; the concern is that someone will end up running it over so they have discussed fencing it or somehow lowering this. The Town doesn't own the pit so the PCCC can change that as they would like, so long as the Director of Public Works still has access to read the meter or get in for repairs. Levi is going to look at this situation and give any feedback that may be helpful.
 - Discussion is had on possible solutions.
 - JR requested a timeline on the sidewalks/construction completion for the state project – at this time, the council is unaware of the set timeline.
 - JR has been having an odor and black water, he shared photos of the water as well as his filters condition.
 - Levi explained that there was a few different causes to the water conditions right now: The sulfur smell is from low chlorine (it takes a long time to clear the tank this time of year but better smelling water is on the way); because of that, Josh has been opening hydrants to help clear the water faster which can stir things up in the pipes; lastly, the poly-phosphate pump quit working which is what can cause discoloration due to the large amount of iron in the Winnett water. All

issues have been resolved at this time and the water continues to pass all tests required by the state.

- Montana Rural Water Systems has also visited Winnett and believes the water is fine and we are at the tail end of the hiccups in the water system.
- Savannah shared that Keith and Diana Monte also have submitted a complaint about their water.
- Savannah shared that Bob Wiltse does not want grass put down by the sidewalks for the state project – she gave him the contact information to the woman in charge of the state project to let them know.
- Dick Voigt discusses what he thinks would be best in front of the Catholic Church from the state – Levi is going to let the state know.
- Luann said the Lion's Club would like to put flower pots on main street again this year – there is no objection to this.
- Discussion is had on drainage throughout the Town

III. Communications

- a. Savannah shared an upcoming meeting and investment information on behalf of Aces, this information came from Diane Ahlgren.
- b. Savannah presented a letter stating that the Town Council & Mayor are in favor of the Bridge Project that the County is working on – They are in favor of the project, Savannah will give this letter to the County to use for their grant application.

IV. Reports

- a. Pool
 - Savannah has talked to both Easton & Megan; at this time they both plan to return, Easton will be the primary lifeguard manager and Megan will help with the pool management.
 - Savannah will make flyers for attendant and lifeguard job openings to post and pass around at the school before the end of the school year. At this time we have confirmed Zurry Moore returning as a lifeguard and Parker Hanson as attendant (along with the managers and Barb).
 - The siding still needs put up, Ted Johnson is willing to give Josh advice on how to hang this up and volunteer his time. All supplies have already been purchased and are inside the pool house.
 - Brad is concerned about the cost of the pool and the multiple managers – Savannah explained that the managers are splitting the manager pay so that is no additional cost and that community pools are not profit
- 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 – Dave Harris
 - Josh is currently in Great Falls attending mosquito training.
 - Dave shared a bid from Randy Roth for the leveling of the chlorinator house for \$5,800 – Randy said it could potentially cost less but for sure

no more than that amount. He does request that the plumber be on site when he is there to work in case of an unexpected break or emergency.

- Levi made a motion to accept the bid from Roth Concrete Lifting, LLC as presented, Tom seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion is had on plumbing – there have been no other bids or plumbers willing to come to Winnett to bid this project.
- Levi made a motion to accept the bid as presented last month and hire Pioneer Plumbing for the Chlorinator House project , Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion is had on the waterproof sheet rock and paneling, it will need to be installed before the plumber does his work.
- Discussion is had on the budget for this project.
- Harddrives gave a quote for 2 TN of durapatch for \$10,600.00, discussion is had and it is believed we will only need one for the current potholes.
- Josh has passed his sewer and his water test to become a certified operator.
- Brad made a motion to give Josh a \$2.00 per hour raise (\$1.00 per each certification as agreed upon at hiring), Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Indoor meters have been previously installed in outdoor pits, many of these are now malfunctioning, Josh is working to replace them as they break.

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.
- Savannah is working on the 811 dig application to get the Town on the list for calls (this is required), it will be \$1.80 every call that comes through – there is no objection to getting this paperwork in.
- Denise has questions on the odor and discoloration of the water as well as cleaning the water tank – Levi explains the odor and discoloration, the tank is scheduled to be cleaned by divers in 2025.
- The ending checking account balance for March was \$149,247.08.

h. Council:

- Leo:
 - He is going to start working on finishing the playground project on April 21st – Savannah let him know there is a little over \$6,000.00 left for this project. He doesn't think they will need that much, the park's sprinklers also need repaired so this may be an option to for the park project money
- Brad: Nothing to Report.

- Levi:
 - There are alleys in bad condition – he is willing to donate his time to help fill some of these holes and help Josh with fixing some of these.
 - Inquires about the delinquent bills being added as property tax liens – Savannah has missed the deadline for this year but will work with Pam at the County to ensure these delinquent accounts are added to property taxes for next year.
- Tom: Nothing to Report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris: Nothing to report.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - A posting is out with a 30 day comment period as part of the loan process – Savannah will complete an affidavit at the end of the 30 day period and then the bidding process will start again.
- b. Stahly Engineering
 - No updates at this time.
- c. MDT
 - Discussed during public comment – no new updates.
- d. MT Coal Board Impact Grant Program
 - This is a funding opportunity for communities near coal mines – the school, the town, and the county are all eligible and on the priority list for these grants which can be applied to quarterly (one project per quarter). The next deadline for application is May 23rd.
 - Discussion is had on different projects and equipment that would most benefit the Town.
 - Levi made a motion to apply for funding for a front end loader through this grant, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Savannah will work on this application with Dave, Josh, and Robie from Stahly engineering.
- e. Street Repair
 - Tom made a motion to hire Harddrives for 1 tote of application for \$5,300.00, discussion is had, Brad seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

VII. Items for Next Agenda

VIII. Adjourn Meeting 7:14 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 PM, Tom seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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 David Harris
 Mayor

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 Savannah Moore
 Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2748	Rural Development	\$845.00
#2749	Mid Rivers	\$250.15
#2750	Aqua Tech Lab	\$50.00
#2751	Hawkins	\$666.03
#2752	DEQ	\$850.00
#2753	FNBO	\$1,822.29
#2754	Fisher's Technology	\$20.25
#2755	Stahly Associates	\$2,054.75
#2756	Morrison Maierle	\$12,480.00
#2757	Energy Laboratories	\$550.00
#2758	Casino Creek Concrete	\$10,494.00
#2759	Northwest Pipe	\$716.56
#2760	George & Jean Cave	\$118.86
#2761	Fergus Electric	\$1,439.54
#2762	Breaks General Store	\$109.38
#2763	John Deere Financial	\$279.16

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD May 20th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Director of Public Works – Joshua Schreiner & Ralph Corbett

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Dick Voigt, Kathleen Johnson, Jennifer Solf, Tod Gardner, Jess Hoge – 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 – Move new business items d, e, f, and g to after public comment and clerk report to the top of the reports so that Tom and Savannah can leave at 6:30, Josh will take minutes after Savannah leaves.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:
 - Brad made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Brad made a motion to approve the May claims, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Welcome visitors and public comment
 - Kathleen would like the council to reconsider charging a base rate to all lots/vacant houses with a meter pit that are not in service.
 - Tod Gardner has property at 401 S Broadway and would like the council to consider closing the road behind his property so that he can build a garage on the flat piece of ground – Tod would need to get together a petition and it could be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting.

III. Communications

IV. Reports

- a. Pool
 - Levi made a motion to approve all returning (Barb Solf, Megan Flint, Easton Hanson, Parker Hanson and Zurry Moore) and new (Charlie Johnson, Carlee Loberg, and Virgil Tholt) pool employees, Leo seconded the vote passed 4-0.
 - Tom made a motion to not charge Melstone lifeguards an additional fee but just to cover the cost of their training, Leo seconded and the vote passed 4-0.
- b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – Kathleen Johnson
 - Kathleen shared that if the Town or an entity was ever to acquire the Kozy Korner Café building, funding is available through proper procedure for clean out because of previous petroleum at that location.
- c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
- d. Sheriff – Absent, nothing to report.
- e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner

- Josh reported that there is pooling water and negative drainage at Ashley and Wheeler – discussion is had on possible solutions or a previous drain that could be buried.
- Josh has been and will continue to fill potholes as his schedule allows, if anyone sees a really bad one that needs addressed sooner, please let him know.
- The chlorinator house's new sheet rock has been installed and ready for Pioneer Plumbing and Randy Roth to continue this project.
- PCCC meter pit is not accessible and the only option is to remove it, Josh will continue to work with Luann on this issue.
- Cody Martinez gave a bid for new gutters on the ESB, both pool buildings, and the chlorinator house for \$1,380 – will decrease price 10% if Josh is able to help during his work day.
- Bulk water valve had some issues with freezing and leaking – Tom made a motion to hire Pioneer Plumbing to repair the hose, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
- We are in violation of our discharge permit because the Town does not have a PH meter – a multi testing meter from Hawkins is \$2,200.
- Discussion is had on chlorine levels in the water tank.
- Discussion is had on spraying for weeds on the double sidewalks – Josh is willing to do this for beautification. The ordinance does state that all sidewalks are property owner's responsibilities.
- Levi made a motion for Josh to obtain a weed spraying license, Leo seconded, discussion is had and the vote passed 2-1: Levi – Aye, Brad – Nay, Leo – Aye.
- Ralph discussed his training at water school and presented the idea of draining some of the tank to assist with the bad water smell.

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.
- State of Community meeting will be held June 5th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, it is requested that at least one Town representative attend.
- Informal complaints regarding the water smell and discoloration continue – Winnett Transportation Services included “under protest” on their utility bill check.
- The Northern Hotel's RV park meter was read incorrectly by 20,000 gallons at the time of shut off – their account has been credited the difference for adjustment.
- Pet Vaccine Clinic will be held June 19th in the ESB garage at 5:00 pm.
- Coal grant application (for loader) has been submitted and accepted – Josh will attend their meeting in June.
- The ending checking account balance for April was \$132,812.19.

h. Council:

- Leo:
 - Playground equipment is being installed.

- Inquired about scrap metal dumpster – it has been on order for weeks and will be delivered soon.
- Brad: Nothing to Report.
- Levi:
 - Discussion on mowing letters
 - Heidi Hanson has agreed to mow the park and the City Hall as an addition to her job.
 - Would like Josh to look for a new computer as his is not working well.
- Tom: Nothing to Report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris: Nothing to report.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Advertising is scheduled and the Bid Opener meeting will be held June 5th at 5:00 in the City Hall meeting room.
- b. Stahly Engineering
- c. MDT
- d. Street Repair
 - The council has received a bid from Hardrives to repair the highway where the main water leak was and to smooth dips in roads throughout the Town.
 - Leo made a motion to hire Hardrives to fix the state highway and the previously voted on durapatching (no repair of dips in the road), Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - K Bar T gave a bid to repair the alley by Obrigewitch's and install the cattleguard that was previously purchased totaling \$2,100 for both projects.
 - Leo made a motion to hire K Bar T and accept the bid as presented, Tom seconded, discussion is had and the vote passed unanimously.
 - Discussion is had on gravel and getting more to Town.
- e. Employee Wage Increase FY 2024-25
 - Discussion is had on cost of living and current wages.
 - Levi made a motion to give all employees a 75 cent cost of living raise, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (This will go into effect July 1, 2024.
- f. Winnett Aces – Project
 - Jennifer Solf shared photos of banners that Aces plans to hang from the state light poles – The council has no objection to this as they are the states lights, Aces will have to contact them to get an encroachment permit approved.
- g. Lion's Club – Beautification Project
 - Jess Hoge has filed an encroachment permit and been in discussion with the state to hang flowerpots from the street light poles and that has been approved.

- The lion's club also plans to put flowerpots on the sidewalks throughout main street.
- Leo made a motion to approve the pots on the sidewalk, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- VII. Items for Next Agenda
VIII. Adjourn Meeting 7:30 PM.

X *David K. Harris*

David Harris
Mayor

X *Savannah Moore*

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2765 Rural Development	\$845.00
#2766 Mid Rivers	\$235.94
#2767 DEQ	\$140.00
#2768 John Deere Financial	\$242.01
#2769 Black Mountain Software	\$8,595.00
#2770 Morrison Maierle	\$8,347.65
#2771 Energy Labs	\$580.00
#2772 Hawkins Inc	\$1,015.62
#2773 Aqua Tech Lab	\$225.00
#2774 FNBO	\$879.51
#2775 Riverside Contracting	\$4,365.00
#2776 Breaks General Store	\$141.76
#2777 Petroleum County	\$5,000.00
#2778 Stahly Associates	\$715.50
#2779 Dan Lang	\$1,800.00
#2780 Fergus Electric	\$1,365.51
#2781 Pace	\$11,772.33
#2782 Ralph Corbett	\$193.75

SPECIAL MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD June 5th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Mayor – Dave Harris

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Stephanie Seymanski & Rika Lashley – Morrison Maierle

Shawn Spears – JR Civil & Olivia Adolph – COP Construction

Butch Arthur, Denise Manley, and Chelsea Hollender – Guest

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – No revisions.
- II. Consent Agenda**
- III. 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
 - b. No public comment
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Morrison Maierle
 - Bid Opener for Wastewater Project Phase 1 – Savannah read bids from Askins, COP Construction, and JR Civil
 - The council reviewed a document from DNRC that is to be signed– the council unanimously agreed Dave should sign and turn it in.
 - b. Claims
 - Leo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Street Repair
 - Riverside is coming to chip seal on Friday, Hardrives will not be to Town prior to that so they will durapatch and do that section of the highway when they are scheduled.
 - Discussion is had on the dips in the road, durapatch, millings, chip sealing, and gravel.
 - The council does not want to invest in a chip seal at this time but would like to get gravel ordered and work on alleys – Josh or Savannah will get quotes for gravel to have available for the next meeting.
 - d. Gutters
 - Discussion is had on the gutters needed at various Town buildings (as discussed at the regular May council meeting).
 - Tom made a motion to hire C&S Gutters for the full job bid with Josh assisting for a total of \$1,242.00, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - e. City Maps

- The council received draft maps done by Chelsea. She went over the different options of the maps for pdf versions as well as print versions.
- Tom made a motion to approve the map drafts as presented, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Items for Next Agenda

VI. Adjourn Meeting 6:18 PM.

- Levi made a motion to adjourn at 6:18 PM, Brad seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

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David B. Harris

David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2783	Morrison Maierle	\$3,573.00
#2784	Rural Development	\$845.00
#2785	Mid Rivers	\$243.66
#2786	Roth Concrete Lifting	\$5,000.00
#2787	FNBO	\$1,037.02
#2788	Pioneer Plumbing	\$3,000.00
#2789	Hawkins	\$40.00
#2790	USPS	\$154.00
#2791	Energy Laboratories	\$150.00
#2792	Neil & Hannah Rowton	\$150.80

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD June 12th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Director of Public Works – Joshua Schreiner

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Stephanie Seymanski & Robie Culver: Virtually – Morrison Maierle & Stahly

Reba Ahlgren & Butch Arthur – Guest

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – Move new business items VII. a, b, and d to after public comment
- II. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
 - Brad made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May and special meeting minutes of June, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Tom made a motion to approve the June claims, Brad 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** - no communications.
- V. Reports**
 - a. Pool
 - Josh will be working on siding the pool very soon.
 - New gutters have been installed.
 - Pool is open.
 - Sprinklers are on at the park but are in malfunctioning and in need of repair – SAS will return next week to fix these issues.
 - 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 – Absent, nothing to report.
 - f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - PCCC meter pit has been fixed.
 - The cattleguard discussed at previous meeting has been installed by Josh, Levi Johnson, & K bar T
 - Potholes – K bar T has repaired the alley behind the community center; Josh will continue to work on pot holes with the leftover gravel.
 - Josh's laptop is no longer working properly – Brad made a motion to purchase a new laptop up to \$700.00 of Josh's choosing, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - A water analysis of the well has been complete – Phosphate is a little weak and they recommended changing to sodium silicate as it's

stronger and may work better but is very expensive. The other option is to try a different phosphate and increase dosage – will try this to see if it helps improve first.

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.
- Savannah adjusted Vern Hoeksema's water/sewer bill \$14.92 – incorrect end read when water was shut off last fall.
- MT League of Cities and Towns has raised their membership fee to a minimum of \$1,000 (prior year's \$165) – discussion is had on maintaining this membership. Brad made a motion to pay the membership fee and add it to the June claims, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The ending checking account balance for May was \$96,782.79.

h. Council:

- Leo: Nothing to report.
- Brad:
 - Limb Pile – noticed items that were not natural discarded – it is signed so will keep watch for anyone using the pile inappropriately.
- Levi:
 - Mowing letters – Josh is working on a list, Savannah will mail.
 - Junk Ordinance – Kaly Maetche and Jeff Matthews.
- Tom: Nothing to Report.

i. Mayor – Dave Harris:

- Water issues have been improving and chlorine levels are on the rise at the tank, however, there are still complaints about the smell and color of the water.

VI. Old Business

a. Park Playground Equipment

- The slide was broken and the handicap rail was missing on a piece of the new equipment – due to the fact it is well outside of the return/exchange phase the Town will have to purchase a new slide, the total with shipping will be \$2,062.00.
- Tom made a motion to purchase the replacement parts, discussion is had, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Street Repair

- The council was presented with a cost estimate to rent a durapatcher and have Josh work on the roads after Hardrives completes their work.
- Tom made a motion to rent a dura patcher later this summer, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Chlorinator House Project

- Current progress: Hawkins equipment has been installed, Randy Roth has completed the foam for leveling and stabilization, replumbing the

building has been completed by Pioneer Plumbing, and new gutters have been installed by Cody Martinez.

- Still waiting for the ability to submit invoices for reimbursement from HB355 towards this project but all vendors have been paid to this point.
- A booster pump is needed – Brad made a motion to purchase a back up booster pump, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

a. Morrison-Maierle

- COP Construction was the low bidder for the project – discussion is had on whether to award just the base bid or include additive alternates.
- Discussion is had on financing and potential rate increase stipulations.
- No decision is made at this time – the council will wait to receive confirmation on loan forgiveness percentage as well as the rate analysis for this project.

b. Stahly Engineering

- Robie is waiting for assistance from bond counsel to present the Town with accurate required rate increase information.

c. MDT

- Currently working on chip sealing.

d. Winnett Football Field – Water Line

- Reba attended the meeting on behalf of the parents working on getting the football field in working condition – requesting access to tap in to the waterline for sprinkler/water system.
- Tom made a motion to approve tap in, Brad seconded, discussion is had and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Land Owner Request of Street Closure

- Discussion is had on the petition presented requesting closure of North Railroad street.
- Brada made a motion not to close the street but to allow a temporary/movable building that would be removed upon Town request, Levi seconded, discussion is had and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Reunion Street Dance – East Main Street Closure

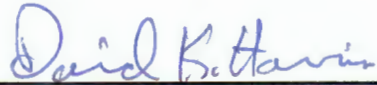
- Levi made a motion to approve closing East Main for the street dance, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

- ### **a. Preliminary budget, budget amendment for water and sewer funds FY 23-24.**

IX. Adjourn Meeting 7:15 PM.

- ### **a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 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:

#2793 Fergus Electric	\$1,447.75
#2794 John Deere Financial	\$389.22
#2795 Advanced Technology Products	\$3,513.00
#2796 Hawkins, Inc.	\$589.12
#2797 Yellowstone News Group	\$324.00
#2798 K Bar T	\$2,100.00
#2799 Stahly Associates	\$477.00
#2800 C&S Seamless Gutters	\$1,241.10
#2801 Winnett Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$811.00
#2802 MT League of Cities & Towns	\$1,000.00

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD July 11th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works (arrived at 6:00 pm)

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Tye Lund – Fire Department

Luann Knutson – 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 – Move new business items VII. e (Street Closures for Reunion) & V e (Fire Department) to after public comment
- II. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the June 12th meeting minutes, discussion is had, spelling errors (League & Brad were corrected), Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Levi made a motion to approve the July claims, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - A deposit was refunded to Neil & Hannah Rowton – Hannah does not have a forwarding address so Deb asked if the check could be reissued to just Neil's name; the council has no objection to this request.
- III. 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
 - Luann reported that the PCCC is having drainage issues with their parking lot. The PCCC new meter pit looks and is working great.
- IV. Communications**
 - a. Dave reported that Pioneer Plumbing will be fixing the well leak tomorrow; that estimate is “less than \$3,000.00.” The bulk water tank is still leaking, Pioneer Plumbing gave an estimate of \$3,000.00 – Tom made a motion to repair both, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Ray Rowton said that the gravel pit is still closed. Kevin Flint said he can get good pit run from Paul McKenna's.
- V. Reports**
 - a. Pool
 - The siding has been completed by Chamberlin Contracting.
 - Second round of swim lessons begin the week of July 15th.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – Absent, nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff - Absent
 - Dave would like to review the contract with the County when the new sheriff gets settled in.
 - e. Fire Department – Tye Lund
 - Questions about billing – propane and electricity.

- Questions about bulk water tank – Town is going to fix it.
- f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - The Town pickup's AC is not working – Levi made a motion to have Josh take the city pickup to be repaired, Tom seconded the motion, discussion is had and the motion passed unanimously.
- 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.
 - Savannah has scheduled the advertisement to bid for the loader purchase to align with a bid opener occurring during the regular August meeting – The Town was awarded \$100,000 through the Coal Impact Grant Program.
 - Letters have gone out to the delinquent accounts for tax liens and that will be on the next regular meeting agenda.
 - The ending checking account balance for June was \$119,649.57.
- h. Council:
 - Leo: Nothing to report.
 - Brad: Nothing to report.
 - Levi:
 - Park sprinklers are not working properly – Josh will contact SAS to come back and repair them again.
 - Tom: Nothing to Report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris: Nothing to Report.

VI. Old Business

- a. Park Playground Equipment
 - The new slide is currently in Billings and will be installed as soon as possible upon delivery.
- b. Street Repair
 - Harddrives will be here Monday to durapatch.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - The council was presented with the three estimated rates per a bid analysis for project options: base bid (sewer base rate: \$49.13), base bid +1 alternate (sewer base rate: \$51.14), base bid + both alternates (sewer base rate: \$54.31).
 - Discussion is had on the options – alternate option 1 is sludge removal; alternate option 2 is cover and curtain in cell 3
 - Tom made a motion to hire COP Construction for the base bid + additive alternate #1 Levi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Stahly Engineering – Nothing to report.
- c. MDT – Nothing to report.
- d. Preliminary Budget 2024-2025
 - No public comment during the hearing held prior to the meeting

- Savannah's only concern at this time is the water fund; costs to maintain the system are higher than the revenue the water system brings in.
- No decisions are made at this time, the budget will remain on the agenda until it's final approval.
- e. Street Closures for Reunion
 - Luann reported that a detour/street closure will be needed for the parade, fireworks, and for food & table set ups – The council reviews the maps and closures need to come up with the best detour routes.
 - Levi made a motion to approve street closures and routes for the reunion, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Resolution for delinquent utility billing accounts to be added as a tax lien against the property owner.

IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:19 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 pm, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2803	Rural Development	\$845.00
#2804	MMCTFOA	\$50.00
#2805	Chelsea McKenna Hollender	\$716.97
#2806	Mid Rivers	\$244.83
#2807	MMIA – Liability Program	\$2947.00
#2808	Keith Geary Trucking	\$275.00
#2809	Chamberlin Contracting	\$710.00
#2810	Jones Law Firm	\$686.50
#2811	Morrison Maierle	\$9886.15
#2812	Breaks General Store	\$807.56
#2813	Stahly Associates	\$596.25
#2814	Advanced Technology Products	\$1820.00
#2815	Republic Services	\$46.58
#2816	Energy Laboratories	\$369.00
#2817	Northwest Pipefittings	\$1599.59
#2818	Hawkins	\$662.10
#2819	John Deere Financial	\$394.64
#2820	FNBO	\$3763.36
#2821	Mike Huff	\$225.00
#2822	Fergus Electric	\$1932.26
#2823	Neil Rowton	\$150.80

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD August 14th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Dan Linder - Sheriff

Carol Schaeffer, Kathleen Johnson, & Butch Arthur– 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 – Move new business item VII. h, Equipment Bid Opener – Loader and Sheriff report to after claims.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:
 - Brad made a motion to approve the July 11th regular meeting minutes, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Tom inquired about pioneering plumbing claim not matching the quote of “under \$3,000” Dave explained that he has been in contact with Terry and he has agreed to reduce that claim to the originally quoted amount of \$3,000.00
 - Brad made a motion to approve the July claims, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. 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
 - Carol came to discuss construction going on at the 55 main building and presented the council with handicap accessibility plans – The council recommends contacting the State and the Town once it has been marked out to ensure it’s not encroaching.
 - Butch is concerned about the 4 stop signs on the Main St intersection not labeled “4 way stop” or clearly labeling who goes first, the council will look into the best contact information for the state to express his concerns.

IV. Communications

V. Reports

- a. Pool
 - As of right now, the tentative plan is to drain the pool August 25th; school pool hours are 3:30 pm – 8:30 pm, regular days on Sunday.
 - Easton inquired about an “incentive raise” of .25 per hour for returning lifeguards – The council does not know of any longevity raises for any employees, only the COLA raises that are on a year to year basis. Savannah will let Easton know.
- b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee –nothing to report.
- c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
- d. Sheriff - Dan Linder

- Introductions with the new sheriff were had – The sheriff would like to direct people to call dispatch for service calls vs contacting him on his cell phone.
- Discussion is had on the interlocal agreement and Town ordinance book – Savannah will get the ordinance book (still being typed so there is a version able to be emailed) to Dan as soon as possible.
- e. Fire Department – absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - The pick-up air conditioner repair will be \$500.00 when the parts arrive.
 - Denny Menholt also gave a list of other items they said should be repaired – The council does not feel those repairs are necessary at this time.
 - The conduit for the upper well's cover is broken, Town & Country Electric gave an estimate of \$300.00 to repair. Discussion is had. Tom made a motion to hire Town & Country Electric for this repair, Leo second and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Chamberlin Contracting gave steel siding quotes for the blower house, the upper well and the chlorinator shed – Savannah recommends waiting on the upper well due to the water fund's financial state unless it's absolutely necessary (the chlorinator shack will be reimbursed under House Bill 355 Grant). Discussion is had on all three buildings and the necessity of new siding. Leo made a motion to hire Chamberlin Contracting to put new steel siding on the chlorinator building for \$4,160, Tom second and the motion passed unanimously.
 - The backup generator is not working and is currently at TW Enterprise, there is no estimate yet, the council unanimously agrees to get it repaired as it's a necessity.
 - There are a lot of meter pits with older cradles, Josh would like clarification if one were to break while he is turning it on or off who is responsible – The council agrees the property owner is still responsible.
 - Leo made a motion to give Josh \$1.00 per hour raise for obtaining his mosquito license as agreed upon during his hire (retroactive to July), Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 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.
 - Rollie Gibson's bill was adjusted due to an error in billing (it was just corrected to what it should have been).
 - The ending checking account balance for July was \$95,009.31.
- h. Council:
 - Leo:
 - Would like to add "Bevis Blvd" under their street sign to honor Burt & Judy Bevis (not a street name change).

- Discussion is had – it is unsure the legality of adding to a street sign, will have to be further researched and then discussed if possible. Savannah will ask this question to MT League of Cities and Towns to start and go from there.
- Brad: Nothing to report.
- Levi:
 - Discussion is had on the Carrell grant and if the Town has any projects that could be applied for – The next project on the Capital Improvement Plan is for an improved City Shop, at this time there are no projects being planned outside of existing (in progress or complete) projects but can be discussed further.
 - Items completed or in progress of completing on the current Capital Improvement Plan include: Park Renovations, Pool Repair, Sewer Project, and new equipment (loader).
- Tom: Nothing to Report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris
 - Shawn from COP Construction will be coming tomorrow to look at the project location, bridge, etc for the upcoming wastewater project.

VI. Old Business

- a. Park Playground Equipment
 - Small amounts of concrete and finish work but otherwise this project is complete.
 - Discussion is had on the current sprinkler system and possibility of using remaining project funds towards that if it needs replaced. Josh is going to talk to SAS to get more information on why the park lawn appears to be dying and the lack of water pressure in certain sprinkler heads.
- b. Street Repair
 - Dave reported two options to purchase gravel – Tom made a motion to get one load delivered from Woodford's, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Ray Rowton and Josh looked at the drainage issue at Tiark's, it is discussed and decided that it needs to be shot with a laser before determining the best route for improvement.
- c. Chlorinator Shed Project
 - The project is around 90% complete, final contracts have been signed, still have not been able to submit for reimbursements but Savannah checks in weekly and is told that capability will be coming soon.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - A pre – construction meeting with COP, Morrison Maierle, and any funders or DEQ employees that would like to attend will be held Monday the 19th.
- b. Stahly Engineering – Nothing to report.
- c. MDT – Nothing to report.
- d. Preliminary Budget 2024-2025

- Updated budget reports with the intended increases have been passed out – the water fund continues to have more expenditures than revenue but will continue to improve with the three year plan; sewer fund now includes the rate increase as well as the estimated loan payments that will be paid this fiscal year.
- The final budget meeting will be held during the regular September council meeting.
- Resolution 2024-03 Intention to Increase Sewer Rates
 - Savannah presented a public notice letter that will be mailed to all active users of the public sewer system, the public hearing will be held at the September council meeting.
 - This intended sewer increase is to meet the standards required for a loan and the wastewater project requirements to pass DEQ requirements.
 - Tom made a motion to pass resolution 2024-03, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Clerk Statement of Tax Liens
 - Letters have been mailed to two delinquent users of the system and the amount has not been paid in 30 days, the statement of tax liens will allow those amounts to be added to the property owner's tax bills.
 - Brad made a motion to approve the Clerk's Statement of Tax Liens, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- f. Lift Station Generator – Discussed during Public Works report.
- g. Equipment Bid Opener – Loader
 - Savannah read the submitted bids aloud
 - RDO: two bids submitted – 1. New 2024 John Deere 444G for \$154,000 and Used 2014 John Deere 524K \$76,000.00 and a 2024 sweepster 10' for \$23,500 totaling \$99,000
 - Torgerson's Equipment: USED 2015 CASE 621F XR Wheel Loader, Case Powered Broom 108", and Coupler Kit – total bid \$96,825.00
 - CAT: USED 2019 Caterpillar 926M Wheel Loader - \$90,400.00
 - Discussion is had on all pieces of equipment, as well as the MT Coal Impact Grant the Town has been awarded. The primary concern is regarding high hours on the used pieces of equipment as well as what attachments would be most used.
 - Tom made a motion to table the matter, Brad second and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Final Budget Meeting
- b. Sewer Rate Increase

IX. Adjourn Meeting 7:00 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

X *David K. Harris*

David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2824 Rural Development	\$845.00
#2825 Mid Rivers	\$244.20
#2826 Hardrives Construction	\$17,952.58
#2827 Republic Services	\$41.09
#2828 Advanced Technology Products	\$5,415.00
#2829 Pioneer Plumbing	\$3,000.00
#2830 Pace	\$318.75
#2831 Hawkins	\$1,707.78
#2832 FNBO	\$2,647.76
#2833 Morrison Maierle	\$6,666.85
#2834 Stahly Associates	\$834.75
#2835 Winnett School SkillsUSA	\$30.00
#2836 Jones Law Firm	\$150.00
#2837 Aqua Tech Lab	\$25.00
#2838 Fergus Electric	\$2,075.50
#2839 Breaks	\$232.84

SPECIAL MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD August 27th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Butch Arthur– 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 – No agenda revisions.
- c. Claims
 - Tom made a motion to approve claim #2841 to MMIA for \$1,072.50, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Public Comment – No public comment.
 - 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

II. New Business

- a. .25 Returning Lifeguard Incentive
 - It was found in the June 2018 minutes that the council voted to offer a .25 cent per hour wage increase incentive to returning lifeguards – Discussion is had on COLA and longevity raises
 - Levi made a motion to retro pay the .25 yearly increase to the current returning lifeguards for each year's hours they had returned, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Savannah will calculate and pay with September pay roll.
- b. Football Field Sprinkler Meter
 - The Winnett Booster Club purchased supplies and a meter for the football field's sprinkler system, discussion is had on those purchases need to go through the Town first.
 - Tom made a motion to reimburse the Winnett Booster Club and buy the meter back so it is owned by the Town, Leo seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- a. Loader Purchase
 - Discussion is had on the loaders presented through the bidding process and prices of other loaders listed online, attachments, and the MT Coal Grant.
 - Tom made a motion for Dave and Josh to look at the Case 621, ask for new tires, and purchase at Dave and Josh's discretion after inspecting, discussion is had, motion dies due to lack of a second.
 - Brad made a motion to table Loader Purchase until the regular council meeting in September, Leo seconded and the motion passed 3-1. Brad: aye, Leo: aye, Levi: aye, Tom: nay.
- b. Lift Station Generator

- Josh reported the lift station generator has multiple repairs to be made, it has not been worked on and the mechanic is waiting on parts – There is no back up generator in Town without it.
- Discussion is had on renting a generator, amount of hours the sewer system could withstand without power in the event of an emergency, and purchasing a new generator. The general consensus is to wait until the September meeting for another update, no need for a rental at this time.

IV. Items for Next Agenda

V. Adjourn Meeting 6:15 PM.

- a. Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD September 11th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson (arrived at 5:25 pm), Leo Tarplee, Tom Tiarks and Levi Johnson - Council
Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Tony Miller, Kathleen Johnson, Denise Manley, Lisa Sandman & Butch Arthur – Guest

The Town of Winnett held a public hearing September 11th, 2024 to allow public comment regarding a proposed sewer rate increase.

Kathleen Johnson: is against the sewer rate increase. She would like all empty lots & houses with a vacant meter pit to be charged a monthly base rate to offset costs. She inquired if their shop base rate would stay at the current rate – no, it will be included in the rate increase.

Denise Manley: would like a lack of residency rate charged to all lots with meter pits or vacant homes to contribute to the cost of infrastructure regardless of whether they are turned on or off. Denise recommends increasing the turn on fee for more revenue; the turn on fee was increased less than a year ago.

Tony Miller: question if his cabin (services are turned off) will be getting charged the new rates as of October – If he turns back on, it will be the new rate but he will not be receiving a bill for his cabin while services are turned off. Tony also inquires about an issue he's been having with semis parking outside of his house (on the state highway) and leaving their trucks running, the noise is disturbing. The State can cut 4 driveways for him or they can approve a sign upon the Council's request; this is unrelated to the sewer rate increase and no decision is made. Tom recommends allowing the state to put in the driveways which will eliminate their parking.

Butch Arthur: no comment.

Lisa Sandman: asks for clarification and information regarding the sewer rate – Savannah clarifies the amount, the council explains it is due to the upcoming wastewater project and the loan that will be required, these rates were established by Whitney & Dorsey, the Town's bond counsel. This project originally came in significantly higher and the council has reduced the project as much as possible as well as applied for maximum forgiveness (50%) on the loan, which was approved. Lisa inquires about using bulk water or other things to contribute to the costs related to the sewer system – it is explained that bulk water is a water revenue; these are separate funds and cannot be used to support each other.

With no further public comment Mayor Harris closes the public hearing at 5:35 pm.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD September 11th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Denise Manley, Kathleen Johnson, & Butch Arthur– Guest

I. Call Meeting to Order: Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 August 14th, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Leo made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 27th, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Levi made a motion to approve the September claims, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. 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
 - Kathleen expresses thanks to getting the water situation from last week fixed so swiftly.
 - Discussion is had on water smell and chlorine levels – Josh states chlorine residuals are high and there should be no smell directly from the water.
 - Butch has information from MDT that he will discuss at that agenda item.

IV. Communications

V. Reports

- a. Pool
 - Advanced Technology Products will be here tomorrow to winterize the pool and then Barb and Josh will put the winter cover on.
 - When SAS comes to blow out the park sprinklers, they will do the pool lines as well. Josh will also have SAS take a look at the sprinklers pressure issues when they are here.
- b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
 - A copper mine will be opening near White Sulphur Springs and create many new jobs.
- c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
- d. Sheriff - Absent, nothing to report.
- e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - The city pick up broke down on the way to Lewistown, it is currently being looked at by Hanser's in Billings.

- The transfer case and transmission are both shot, the transmission will be \$3,900 and the transfer case will be \$1,300-\$1,800; \$1,300 includes a 12 month warranty, \$1,800 includes an 18 month warranty.
- Brad made a motion to purchase the \$1,800 transfer case and \$3,900 for rebuilt transmission, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The wells are both back in good working condition after the two major leaks that occurred last week, pressure is back and the tank is full again.
- TW enterprises has found all the necessary parts to repair the generator, a full service and repair is \$1,300 and should be complete by next Thursday.
- Levi made a motion to repair and service the generator, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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.
- The auditor has closed the books for FY 23-24 and working on the Town's AFR – Sharon at Tripp & Associates (contracted by Strohm) gave the "easy to work with" discount saving the Town \$1,700 on her services.
- Savannah would like to transfer \$40,000.00 from STIP into the 1st bank checking account, the balance is getting lower especially once the claims are mailed. This will not change anything in regards to which funds the money belongs to.
- Levi made a motion to transfer \$40,000.00 from the Town's STIP investment account to the 1st Bank checking account, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The League of Cities and Towns was not sure on the laws regarding a special sign in honor of Bevis' – an email has been sent to the Town attorney for further information.
- The ending checking account balance for August was \$44,238.81.

h. Council:

- Leo: Nothing to report.
- Brad: Nothing to report.
- Levi:
 - Discussion is had on a policy that states no stock tank water for the months of June – September. Savannah will look into this for next year.
- Tom: Nothing to Report.

i. Mayor – Dave Harris

- Dave informs that council that the concrete around the park tables may need to be replaced. The posts holding the cover appear to be getting loose and the concrete is breaking away. Would like the council to take a look when they have time.
- Discussion is had on getting estimates for repair/replacement.

VI. Old Business

- a. Chlorinator Shed Project – No new updates.
- b. Loader Purchase
 - The Case loader the Town was most interested in sold, they may be getting some in on trade.
 - Discussion is had on getting prices from a wider variety of companies, including other states – Josh will continue pursuing different loaders.
 - Discussion is had on reviewing loaders that are in different states.
 - Levi made a motion to reject all existing loader bids and continue looking for one with lower hours within the Town's price range, Leo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

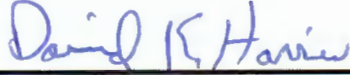
VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - The project is scheduled to begin next week.
 - Evert Brady has signed all required documentation for the sludge application.
- b. Stahly Engineering – Nothing to report.
- c. MDT
 - Butch has spoken to MDT about the 4 way or all way stops at the main intersection on main street, they said they no longer use those signs.
 - Butch also found out the bridge that has had ongoing construction and gravel between Grass Range and Winnett will be getting paved and they will pull the barrier soon.
- d. Resolution 2024-05 Final Budget 2024-2025
 - Savannah went over the increases she made to the budget since the last meeting, that included utilities and treatment in the water treatment account, repair and maintenance for source of supply (water), legal services in the general fund, insect control in the general fund, and training, utilities, and professional services for pool which is also in the general fund.
 - The biggest concern continues to be the water fund as it has been very depleted with the last couple of years breaks and emergency incidents.
 - Tom made a motion to pass resolution 2024-05 and approve the final budget as presented, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Resolution 2024-04 Sewer Rate Increase
 - Discussion is had on the bigger lines and multipliers, Savannah stated Dorsey & Whitney, the Town's bond counsel who established the rate increase, did state that if it better suited our community not to increase the non profits and school at a large multiplier, it will be fine as it's only 3 entities.
 - Tom made a motion to increase all base rates to \$53.00 except the rate code "SCH" (2 inch meters, school and PCCC) and to leave that as it's current base amount of \$66.55 and pass Resolution 2024-04 with those rate changes, Leo seconded the vote passed unanimously.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

a. Old City Hall Improvements
IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:33 PM.

- a. Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 pm, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2842 Rural Development	\$845.00
#2843 Mid Rivers	\$86.52
#2844 Yellowstone News Group	\$36.00
#2845 Winnett Booster Club	\$1,295.97
#2846 Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$1,643.59
#2847 Morrison Maierle	\$6,444.03
#2848 FNBO	\$513.69
#2849 Jones Law Firm	\$90.00
#2850 Savannah Moore	\$72.36
#2851 Town & Country	\$687.50
#2852 Mid State Signs	\$201.00
#2853 Singley Drilling Inc	\$600.00
#2854 Advanced Technology Products	\$21.00
#2855 Hawkins	\$920.13
#2856 Republic Services	\$40.98
#2857 Aqua Tech Lab	\$125.00
#2858 Mosby Towing & Recovery	\$590.00
#2859 Fergus Electric	\$2,044.95
#2860 Stahly Associates	\$159.00
#2861 Breaks General Store	\$148.46
#2862 Tripp & Associates	\$3,400.00
#2863 Fisher's Technology	\$34.23

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD October 9th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Denise Manley, Kathleen Johnson– Guest

I. Call Meeting to Order: Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM after no public comment during the budget amendment hearing period.

- 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 and public hearing minutes from September 11th, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Levi made a motion to approve the October claims, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Brad made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from STIP to cover cost of loader and then transfer back into STIP once grant reimbursement is paid, Levi seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
 - Brad made a motion to pre-approve paying the electricity bill that did not arrive prior to the meeting, Levi seconded and the vote 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

- a. Aces group is working to open a tent campsite, they asked Savannah to relay the message to the council for any rules or feedback from the Town.
- b. Discussion is had – only stipulations is to follow ordinances and MT state law.

V. Reports

- a. Pool
 - Pool is winterized for the season – pool dumpster is no longer free during the off season and we are currently paying the seasonal rate. Josh will move the pool garbage to avoid people using it.
- b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
- c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
- d. Sheriff - Absent, nothing to report.
- e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
- f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - Sludge removal by Fire Mountain is complete
 - COP is working on dirt work and preparing for the UV building, a couple small delays but mostly on track.

- The lift station has been getting a low water alarm and is not building up in the well or pumping into the lagoon – discussion is had. Josh will continue to work on this issue with Stephanie Seymanski.
- Back up generator is back and repaired; however when it was plugged in it fried two parts of the electrical panel – Town & Country Electric came and inspected the panel; Josh is still working on quotes for parts and a plan for repair. It is working well enough temporarily in the current condition.
- SAS recommends power raking and aerating the park this spring and believes that will fix the dead grass areas – sprinklers looked good and have been winterized.
- Various drainage issues around Town became evident during the downpour last month – the council recommends Josh work in sections to help improve the worst areas first as time allows.
- Backhoe needs a new tire – Council recommends going through Winnett Tire to see if they have a used one.
- Discussion is had on borrowing or renting the loader – the council discusses and agrees that Josh can help at his discretion (with him operating the equipment); it will not be added to the list of equipment rental.
- Plow truck has a rough idol and smell when running.
 - Leo made a motion to take the plow truck to Storfa's to be serviced before winter, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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.
- The Annual Financial Review and Budget have been submitted and accepted by the state.
- Savannah presented an informational letter to send out ensuring people understand the responsibilities of line repair and maintenance. Council has no objections or changes to the letter as presented.
- Jones Lawyer reviewed the information about doing a memorable “Bevis Blvd” sign in honor of Burt and Judy – as long as the sign follows Town and State requirements and there is no legal street name change, this should be fine. Discussion is had; will continue to discuss ideas.
- The ending checking account balance for September was \$83,811.49.

h. Council:

- Leo: Nothing to report.
- Brad: Nothing to report.
- Levi:
 - Suggests asking Vince Murnion for dirt to fill hole by well.
 - Discussion is had on gravel needed and working on the alleys; Josh has a little gravel but it won't last long.

- Brad made a motion to pre-approve the purchase of two belly dumps when Josh runs out of gravel, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Limb pile needs pushed back.
- Levi made a motion to have the sheriff serve Jeff Matthews with a notice regarding the junk ordinances he's in violation of, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- A couple other sidewalks with items on them include Darrell Johnson and Gary Allen – Josh will talk to them about moving these back on to the property.

- Tom: Absent

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

VI. Old Business

- a. Chlorinator Shed Project

- The 25% match needs to be for the entire project amount, not just the awarded HB355 amount, if the project exceeds \$35,000.00 there will be a 25% match that must be covered by the Town (Carrell grant is spent).
- Back up pump has been ordered.
- Chamberlin Construction will be here soon to install steel siding.

- b. Loader Purchase

- A loader and forks was delivered and purchased for \$99,900.00 – all other loader discussion was had during the public works report.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle – No updates outside of Josh's report.

- b. Stahly Engineering – Nothing to report.

- c. MDT

- MDT will have their final project walk through this Friday at 9:30 AM – Dave will be going to point out a few issues around Town but if anyone has noticed anything else, let Dave know before that time.

- d. Resolution 2024-06 Amend FY24 Budget

- The water fund was over spent due to two main line breaks and the chlorinator shed project (HB355 was not known prior to the budget being finalized)
- Levi made a motion to pass resolution 2024-06 and amend FY24 budget, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- e. Old City Hall Renovation & Repair

- Discussion was had; no estimates to present at this time.
- The council agrees to focus on repairs on the outside of the building as an initial project and then move to the inside for further improvements at a later time.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:30 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

X

David Harris
Mayor

X

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2865 Rural Development	\$845.00
#2866 Mid Rivers	\$236.89
#2867 Jones Law Firm	\$60.00
#2868 Town & Country Electric	\$262.70
#2869 SAS	\$198.00
#2870 K&L Excavation	\$300.00
#2871 Hawkins	\$424.06
#2872 Advanced Technology Products	\$1,285.00
#2873 Jo & Susan Armstrong	\$200.00
#2874 Morrison Maierle	\$44,331.10
#2875 FNBO	\$1,798.63
#2876 Department of Revenue	\$1,802.73
#2877 TW Enterprises, Inc	\$1,299.08
#2878 Republic Services	\$40.87
#2879 COP Construction LLC	\$178,470.22
#2880 Stahly Associates	\$596.25
#2881 Heidi Hanson	\$10.98
#2882 Joshua Schreiner	\$103.18
#2883 Mid-State Signs	\$108.75
#2884 Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$3,350.67
#2885 RDO Equipment	\$99,900.00

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD November 13th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– Leo Tarplee – Acting Mayor (Dave absent)

Brad Olson, Tom Tiarks, and Levi Johnson - Council

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Dan Linder – Sheriff

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Leo 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 to approve the October 9th meeting minutes, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Brad made a motion to approve the November claims, Tom 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
 - Pool is winterized and closed for the season, no updates.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –Absent, nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff - Dan Linder
 - Dan has served Jeff Matthews with a letter from the Town as he is in violation of the junk ordinance. The area has not been brought to code as of the meeting date. A plan of action is discussed if the property is not compliant by November 21st.
 - e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
 - f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - Spoke to Darrell Johnson and he has removed his rain gutter from going across the sidewalk
 - Spoke to Gary Allen – he will move any items off the outer sidewalk for pedestrians but is wondering if he can use the inner 5 feet of his double sidewalk for his barbecue – the council unanimously agrees that would be fine as long as the outer sidewalk is free and clear for public use.
 - Meter pits replaced since last meeting: Mary Meserve, Post Office, Voigt's.
 - Josh is working on graveling and repairing alleys as time allows.
 - Plow truck is at Storfa's – no update on repairs needed yet.
 - Sewer project is going well – no major issues at this time and everything is working properly again.

- Ensured all pits were well insulated during last meter readings in preparation for winter.
- Discussion is had on paying for the parts (Xylem claim) for the repair with free labor from Town & Country Electric. Discussion is had on using Hell Creek Electric for future electrical needs.

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.
- Savannah has been in discussion with local government services regarding the financials since submitting the 2024-2025 budget; with the general fund having an excess of funds and the water fund being sparse a good way to fix this would be to more accurately change the payroll percentages – at this time, everyone is paid 34% general, 33% water, 33% sewer. A more accurate representation and better use of funds would be to have the pool employees and custodian at 100% general; Clerk at 50% general, 25% water and 25% sewer; Director of Public Works and Back Up operator to remain the same (as they do work equally in departments). This may result in needing a budget amendment in the general fund near the end of the fiscal year.
- Levi made a motion to adjust payroll percentages as presented, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mary Meserve maintained all flowers around Town including the flowers in front of the City Hall, idea presented of a thank you card and/or gift card for her time. (Mary did this as a Lion's Club member) Brad made a motion to give Mary a \$25 gift certificate and a thank you card for her efforts, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ted & Kathleen Johnson are paying their utility bill under protest, due to not charging out of service pits a monthly base rate.
- The ending checking account balance for October was \$107,437.11.

h. Council:

- Leo: Nothing to report.
- Brad: Nothing to report.
- Levi: Nothing to report.
- Tom: Nothing to report.

i. Mayor – Dave Harris – Absent, nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

a. Chlorinator Shed Project

- The reimbursements have been paid by HB355.
- Chamberlin Construction has not installed steel siding yet, Josh will keep in touch with him.

b. Loader Purchase

- The loader has been delivered, grant contract has been finalized and money has been received, this item will be removed from future agendas.

c. Old City Hall Renovation and Repair

- Josh has spoken to Eric Ritter about getting a quote for the windows and exterior repairs needed.
- Savannah is working with Snowy Mountain Development on grant opportunities and potential plans moving forward. The first recommendation is to apply for the Brownfields Program – if approved, this is an assessment and abatement of hazardous materials to make it a safe work environment for contractors. The council has no objections and would like to apply for the program – Savannah will let Snowy Mountain Development know, they will apply on the Town's behalf

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle – No updates outside of Josh's report.
- b. Stahly Engineering – Nothing to report.
- c. MDT - This project has been completed and will be removed from the agenda going forward.
- d. MT Coal Impact Grant Application
 - The next grant application deadline is due January 25th, 2025 for their March meeting.
 - The council discusses options and agrees to apply for funds to purchase a new plow truck – Josh will look into options and get quotes to Savannah for the application.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 5:43 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 PM, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

X 

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2887 Rural Development	\$845.00	#2900 Hawkins Inc	\$2,202.40
#2888 Mid Rivers	\$249.89	#2901 Northwest Pipe	\$1,078.93
#2889 FNBO	\$270.57	#2902 COP Construction	\$373,810.68
#2890 RDO Equipment	\$1,306.49	#2903 Dept of Revenue	\$3,775.87
#2891 Pioneer Plumbing	\$3,000.00	#2904 VH Enterprises	\$1,500.00
#2892 John Deere Financial	\$319.48	#2905 KC Trucking	\$510.00
#2893 Fergus Electric	\$1,354.86	#2906 Stahly Associates	\$1,232.25
#2894 Woodford Construction	\$350.00		
#2895 Xylem Dewatering Solutions	\$1,234.20		
#2896 Aqua Tech Lab	\$25.00		
#2897 Balock Excavating Inc	\$650.00		
#2898 DEQ	\$276.00		
#2899 Breaks General Store	\$102.23		

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD December 11th, 2024

THOSE PRESENT– David Harris –Mayor

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

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Brad Murphy – Guest

- 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:
 - Levi made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 13th, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the December claims, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Brad made a motion to pre-approve the Fergus electric bill that did not arrive before the meeting, Leo 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
 - Brad Murphy came to discuss his lots on the South end of Town that are currently part of a drainage and in a flood zone – looking for ways to improve this area. Discussion is had, the Town will have to further research the original plans of this drainage development.
- IV. Communications**
 - Aces extended an invitation to join their quarterly meeting January 16th
- V. Reports**
 - a. Pool – nothing to report.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff Department – nothing to report.
 - e. Fire Department –nothing to report.
 - f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - Wastewater project is going smoothly – COP is working on the piping between the cells and the UV building this week.
 - Cell 1 does not have a liner; DEQ will require testing to ensure it passes leakage requirements and could mean needing to put a liner in in the future.
 - Discussion is had regarding sidewalks and the junk ordinance. There have been improvements but still not in compliance – will continue to monitor and work on this issue.

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.
- Shauna Heitz contacted Savannah regarding sidewalk that has been torn up and never replaced on East Main St.
- COP would like a suspend work order to take off the week of Christmas – Levi made a motion to approve, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The ending checking account balance for November was \$79,950.46.

h. Council:

- Leo: Nothing to report.
- Brad: Nothing to report.
- Levi: Nothing to report.
- Tom: Nothing to report.

i. Mayor – Dave Harris –nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

a. Chlorinator Shed Project

- No new updates, Chamberlin Construction will likely come this spring to install the new siding.

b. Old City Hall Renovation and Repair – no updates.

VII. New Business

a. Morrison-Maierle – No updates outside of Public Work's report.

b. Stahly Engineering – Nothing to report.

c. MT Coal Impact Grant Application – Nothing to report.

d. Plow Truck

- The plow truck is not running well at all, Brad got a quote from Ray Hageman in Jordan and it would be \$3,000.00 for a used engine to be installed (includes engine). Council discusses and decides it would be best to use the plow as long as possible and work on grants for a new plow.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

a. **Bond Resolution** (wastewater project loan)

IX. Adjourn Meeting 5:55 PM.

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

X 

David Harris
Mayor

X 

Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2907 Rural Development	\$845.00
#2908 Mid Rivers	\$268.31
#2909 Jones Law Firm	\$60.00
#2910 Morrison Maierle	\$79,905.50
#2911 Breaks General Store	\$465.61
#2912 Aqua Tech Lab	\$25.00
#2913 Hawkins	\$20.00
#2914 Josh Schreiner	\$127.30
#2915 FNBO	\$1,055.24
#2916 COP Construction LLC	\$274,480.72
#2917 Dept of Revenue	\$2,772.53
#2918 KC Trucking	\$510.00
#2919 John Deere Financial	\$165.96
#2920 Goettlich Excavating	\$41.72
#2921 Storfa's Service LLC	\$111.55