

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD January 8th, 2025

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

Butch Arthur, Dave Grantier, Jeff Matthews, Bill Cassell – 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:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 11th, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Claims:
 - Tom made a motion to approve the January claims, Levi 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
 - Dave made a snow plowing request to ensure that the ambulance could safely get in and out of his driveway if needed – Josh will make this adjustment.
 - Jeff would like clarification on the junk ordinance and what and where he can have items within his property; no belongings allowed on city right of way; Dave and Josh agree to meet Jeff at 10:00 AM the following morning at his house to discuss the situation and further clarification.

IV. Communications

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
 - Requests approval to attend the 2025 MRWS Conference in Great Falls
 - Leo made a motion to send Josh to water conference and add the \$250.00 registration fee to the January claims, Tom seconded and the vote 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.
 - Del Henman's bill was adjusted – his water was shut off and Savannah forgot to turn it off in the billing system.

- MT Impact Grant application has been filled out for the dump truck, Carrell Grant application has been submitted for dump truck.
 - The ending checking account balance for December was \$462,863.64.
- h. Council:
- Leo: Nothing to report.
 - Brad: Nothing to report.
 - Levi: Nothing to report.
 - Tom: Nothing to report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris –
- Discussion is brought up regarding the snow removal ordinance – at this time it states that no vehicles can be used on the sidewalks (that includes 4 wheelers, side by sides, pick-ups, etc.) which many throughout Town do use. According to google, concrete should be able to withstand the weight of any of the typical uses.
 - A lot of the ordinance book as a whole needs updated and Dave thinks a committee may be the best option. The council would like to add the snow removal ordinance to the next meeting agenda, no committee at this time.

VI. Old Business

- a. Chlorinator Shed Project
- Chamberlin Construction still plans to do the siding this spring, as weather allows.
- b. Old City Hall Renovation and Repair
- A walkthrough with the environmental professional is scheduled for January 13th – at this time the first goal is to get the building safe for construction through the Brownsfield program (with help from Snowy Mountain Development), then decide what to do with the building.
- c. MT Main St Program
- Aces representative is hoping to attend the February meeting for more information; no updates at this time.
- d. Park Improvement Project
- Discussion is had on the tables and gazebo and sprinkler system at the park; some grant money is left over from the playground equipment upgrade. Will have to determine costs later this spring for these next improvements.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
- COP is planning on a winter shut down starting in two weeks. Dave and Josh discussed concerns around ice with the lagoons being low; COP will be down weekly to inspect the system and on call if an emergency shall occur.
- b. Stahly Engineering
- Bill Cassell is getting certified in wastewater and water through Stahly Engineering and is willing to be the back-up operator when Ralph retires.

- Stahly is interested in a possible long term contract and continuing their relationship and future projects with the Town.
- c. Employee Christmas Bonus
 - Levi made a motion to do the same Christmas bonus as the prior year for 2024, a \$250 visa gift card to Josh and Savannah and a \$50 visa gift card to Ralph and Heidi with the stipulation the money must be spent at a local business; Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. 2025 Capital Improvement Plan
 - The council unanimously agrees the CIP looks good and has no recommendations for changes.
 - Discussion is had on talking to the stock growers committee about a long term lease for a new city shop.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Bond resolution (wastewater project), snow removal ordinance, water and wastewater back up operator

IX. Adjourn Meeting 5:50 PM.

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 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:

#2923	Rural Development	\$845.00	#2935	Rimrock Engineering	\$1,940.00
#2924	Mid Rivers	\$258.32	#2936	MT Rural Water Systems	\$250.00
#2925	Department of Revenue	\$4,667.35			
#2926	COP Construction	\$462,067.65			
#2927	Stahly	\$834.75			
#2928	Hawkins	\$30.00			
#2929	Winnett Lions Club	\$24.00			
#2930	RDO Equipment	\$36.48			
#2931	K&L Excavation	\$300.00			
#2932	Breaks	\$61.22			
#2933	John Deere Financial	\$127.97			
#2934	FNBO	\$771.19			