

MINUTES
TOWN OF CLYDE PARK
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sydney Wiley at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Brian Eckenrod, Teresa Saari and Dave Sarrazin. Absent James Walsh and Roger Chandler.

GUESTS: Persons in attendance: Carla Williams, Christine Nelson, Chris Burke, Garrett Hamm, Mark Hoffman, Kendra Ferguson, Tim Sundling, Rick Sarrazin, Tracy Fremont, Lisa Phelan, Mandy Hamm, Keegan Nashan, Kamron Hoffman . Persons in attendance via Zoom: Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Mills

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF INSPIRATION: Read by Mayor Sydney Wiley

OPEN FORUM

Items not on the Agenda: Mayor Wiley welcomed the visitors and explained how the Open Forum will proceed. This is for items not on the agenda. Mayor Wiley turned the time over to the public. Carla Williams, 204 3rd Ave S spoke on behalf of Tom Queen, who could not come to the council meeting. When the fiber optics project was going down the road, a sub contractor hit his camp trailer. There was \$12,000 worth of damage to Mr. Queen's trailer. The company is ignoring Mr Queen's calls regarding this. Mr. Queen would like the town to get involved for a resolution to this. Mayor Wiley requested the information be sent to her and she will address IIG, the firm who contracted the fiber optic work. Mark Hoffman, 501 4th St E, requested to address the stop sign issue. He asked that the Town Council and the Mayor would reconsider the stop signs to slow down traffic. The stop sign creates a hazard for vehicles, trucks and buses when coming off the highway. Winter road conditions can also cause issues. Mr. Hoffman suggested improving the school zone signs. Keegan Nashan, 324 E Clark St, Livingston, MT addressed the issues going on at Crazy Mountain Ranch regarding permits and water usage. Ms Nashan is informing the community of these issues. Lisa Phelan, 898 Hwy 89 N, Livingston, MT addressed the upcoming Christmas Fair. Requesting that streets be blocked off for this activity. Ms Phelan has also requested permission to have an electric tractor parade in the town. The permit for this will be presented to the council at the next council meeting in November. Due to time constraints, the council made a motion to add this permit to tonight's council meeting. Council member Saari made a motion to add the Christmas Fair to tonight's agenda. Seconded by council member Eckenrod. Motion approved and passed.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Wiley reported on the Montana League of Cities and Towns that she and Deputy Clerk Louann Barr attended October 2-4, 2024 in West Yellowstone. Discussed information received from vendors at the conference. Dan Jonston, Superintendent of the school informed Mayor Wiley that his wife will be seeking grants for both Clyde Park and Wilsall to install electronic signs. We have pledged our support in getting those grants. A leader from the Back Roads Bicycle Group that came through town this summer informed Mayor Wiley that she is going to school to become a grant writer and has offered her services as a free intern to help the town write grants. ARCA was another vendor that Mayor Wiley will look into for a future grant funded opportunity to digitize important and historical town records. On the Consent Agenda is a proposal to publish requests for bids to contract for snow plowing, on-call contractor/excavation firm and contract to mow for the next season. These items can be taken off the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. Contracting for these services can save the town money and can be more beneficial to manage a contracted company at the present time. Unresolved

issues were discussed from previous meetings that were sent to committee. The cemetery board is being reinstated. The new board will take over the maintenance of the cemetery. The charges for new water installations that have been completed are ongoing. Continuing to work on signs and street striping to control traffic in town. This was a goal from the strategic plan based on a survey that was sent by the townspeople. Glenn's Market received a code violation letter for outside displays being too far away from the building. Requesting a variance as the ice machine is not in compliance with the town code. Council can move to the next agenda. Council member Saari made a motion to move the variance of the ice machine at Glenn's Market to the next agenda. Seconded by Council member Eckenrod. Motion approved and passed. 40/50 Development will complete the Water Main Replacement Project. A final walk through will take place with 40/50 Construction, Mayor Wiley and Council member Eckenrod.

Treasurer's Report: This report was given by Clerk/Treasure Stacy Mills. Checks and claims are ready to be printed with council approval. August we billed \$15,911.34. In September for the August bills, we collected \$16,602.96. General Account Balance is low at this time due to the payments for the Water Main Replacement Project. The ARPA funds are in the process of being reimbursed at this time.

CSO Report: Deputy CSO Robert Queen was not available. This report was given by Mayor Wiley. Water testing from the reservoir is ongoing. Chlorine has been moved from the wells. Trimming trees to open up the right of ways. Trimming trees around the wells.

Water: Continuing to monitor the water. Meeting with 40/50 Construction to conclude 1st St and East St water main project. Mayor Wiley reported that Council Member Eckenrod will be getting a temporary six month certification to do water tests. A curb stop was located at the Hoffman property about 14 inches underground.

Animals: Nothing to report

Site Permits: Jay Epperson permit needs council signature. Fence at 103 1st St to separate the log home from the tiny house. RV Pad site permit -Motion made by Council member Eckenrod to approve RV pad with stipulation that any RV parked there is temporary. Seconded by Council member Saari. Motion approved and passed.

Cemetery/Park: Sprinklers have been blown out in the park.

Street: Patching holes in the streets.

Standing Committee Report:

Budget & Finance: Nothing to report

Public Works: Nothing to report

Parks & Recreation: Nothing to report

Streets and Alleys: Nothing to report

Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision: Council Member Saari turned in the agenda and minutes for the last meeting. Jeff Bradner of the subdivision, Sunnyside Meadows, will be at the next planning board meeting. Council member Saari reported that the Lead and Copper Rule is completed and ready to turn in.

Consent Agenda

These items may all be accepted by a single motion, or individual items may be motioned to be moved off for further discussion before approval:

1. Minutes of the September 2024 Meeting
2. Claim Warrants and Financial Reports
3. Proposal to publish requests for bids. Discussion about posting requests on Facebook, Web site, and at other establishments throughout the town.

Council Member Eckenrod motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as written taking note of councils concerns. Seconded by Council member Saari. Motion approved and passed.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Wiley discussed the increase of the water rate sheet and the timeline that was prepared by C/T Stacy Mills. The timeline is important to make sure the steps are in the right order to begin the process at the beginning of the new year. The timeline would be as follows:

1. 10/28/2024 Present resolution of intent.
2. 11/11/2024 Public hearing at Town Council Meeting. Pass or deny resolution.
3. 11/25/2024 Notice of Public Hearing re: Resolution to Increase Water Rates. Attorney sends a copy to the Consumer Counsel.
4. 12/01/2024 Notice mailed to all water users
5. 12/09/2024 Present resolution to Increase Water Rates; Pass resolution; Must not go into effect for at least 10 days after
6. 12/23/24 Notice of Increase will be added to memo on water bills to go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

Carla Williams, 204 3rd Ave S asked the council the dollar amount of the rate increase. May Wiley responded that an amount could not be given at this time. There is a calculated formula from the Department of Rural Water that is used to determine the rate increase. Discussion continued with how grants would help the town improve in various areas. Council member Eckenrod made a motion to approve the timeline for the water increase. Seconded by Council member Saari. Motion approved and passed. Council member Eckenrod will contact Bobbi to come and present the water rate increase formula.

New Business

Christmas Fair presented two Special Events Applications. One application for the fair and one for the tractor light parade on November 29-30, 2024. The parade route would start at the high school, come down 1st St to Miles St, go down Miles St to the end of the park, turn left and go to East St, turn left down East St and back to the high school. Council member Saari motioned to approve the Special Events Applications for November 29-30, 2024. Seconded by Council member Eckenrod. Motion approved and passed.

Revisiting traffic control measures for town streets was opened for public comments.

1. Tracy Freemont, 312 Park Ave. In the past the public called the local sheriff to control traffic. The stop signs today are over kill. Some changes are not necessary to the town.
2. Mandy Hamm, PO Box 72. If a stop sign is needed for the school, move the sign up another block. The present stop signs cause danger for the large trucks coming through town.
3. Mark Hoffman, 501 4th St E. Lighted signs would be more visible for the public.
4. Tracy Freemont. Speed bumps would help slow down speeding cars by the school.
5. Garrett Hamm, 495 Lower Cottonwood. Stop signs will cause problems this winter and are in the wrong spot. The problems are from the hill east of the school. Get the County involved with the town to help with the traffic coming down the hill.
6. Kamron Hoffman, 106 1st St E. Non-locals have zero respect for the school zone. What good is a stop sign if law enforcement is not involved. Enforce that 1st St is a slow speed road.
7. Mandy Hamm. Non-locals are not the only ones that speed. Locals also speed through town.
8. Garrett Hamm. Reiterated that locals also speed through town.
9. Mark Hoffman. Problem for the school buses also. Have trouble backing up.
10. Kevin Stein, 54 Cooper Lane. Watch non-locals speed through the school zone during volleyball games and when students are present. Contractor trucks speed through stop signs by the school.
11. Garrett Hamm. Reach out to Crazy mountain Ranch to see if their General manager or security can help with traffic.

Council to discuss the consideration of the cost and effectiveness of the town's needs. Need to also consider the future safety of the town. The main issue is 1st St from Hwy 89 to past the High School. Replace the stop sign with a 20 speed sign going east. Mayor Wiley notified law enforcement about the placement of the stop signs. The county law enforcement is short handed. According to town code, a town marshall can be called to handle law enforcement if someone from the public would like to do that. Council member Saari made the motion to remove the stop signs at Miles and 1st St and replace them with a speed limit sign. Seconded by council member Sarrazin. Motion approved and passed.

The Fire Department needs to be discussed. With the resignation of the fire chief, the fire department needs to be disbanded. Since Clyde Park is a town of 300, a fire department is not required. The town can choose to contract for fire services, continue to raise money for its own fire department or consolidate with the Clyde Park Rural Fire Department. Mayor Wiley will contact Attorney Jon Hess, to verify if a public meeting is required first to find out what the public wants to do, either continue to raise money for a fire department or consolidate with Clyde Park Rural Fire Department. Council member Eckenrod motioned to move forward with a meeting with the board of directors of the Clyde Park Rural Fire Department about consolidating the fire departments. Seconded by Council member Saari. Motion approved and passed.

Council Member Saari motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Council Member Eckenrod. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Mayor

Clerk

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