**Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 6th, 2020**

**Swearing in of new Council Members**

Mayor Fleshman administered the Oath of Office to Robert Dauwalder, Patricia Bayala and Kara Fuhringer. The newly sworn Council Members signed the affirmation, Clerk Jeremiah Kjensmo attested.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of January 6th, 2020 to order at 7:05 pm.

**Present**

**Mayor** Susan Fleshman; **Councilpersons**: Bob Dauwalder, Pete Klein, Kara Fuhringer, and Pat Bayala. **Public Works Director /Finance Officer/Clerk** Jeremiah Kjensmo; **Press** Vonnie Jacobson (Choteau Acantha); **Public** no public in attendance.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**December 2nd, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilman Dauwalder, to approve the Minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Current Bills**

Mayor Fleshman explained work performed by Straight Flush Drain Solutions that was on the Bills list, and that they only came to work on the drain at the shop, while they were here she had them fix the wobbly lavatory at the office as well. Councilman Klein inquired about the bill from Big O Tires and was told about new tires for the Town Pickup, they were lowest quote. Motion by Councilman Dauwalder, Second by Councilman Klein, to pay the current bills (claims #16951 -16971 on file at Town Office.) Motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Update**

Jeremiah briefed the council on the progress that had been made wrapping up the year in in the new software and the challenges that were met. He expressed how happy he was about finally at least having all the data entered after trying to play catch up since the new system was rolled out. Jeremiah went on to say that it was nice to finally have things starting to work as they should and get a little easier to do day to day tasks.

**Water Project Draw Package**

Mayor Fleshman spoke briefly about the project and told the council that this draw package is for TSEP and SRF A, and that we need a motion on each one.

-Motion to submit the request for reimbursement to TSEP Draw #3 in the amount of $47,257.52 for water project expenses was made by Councilman Dauwalder, second by Councilman Klein. Motion carried unanimously.

-Motion to submit the request for reimbursement SRF A Draw #12 in the amount of $251 was made by Councilman Klein seconded by Councilwoman Bayala. Motion carried unanimously

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Fleshman informed the council that she had a conference call with the funding agencies to talk more about funding the new water tank, and that it still was unclear if there would need to be any kind of rate increase in order to be in compliance with the bond requirements. She also told the council that we are still waiting to figure out how much we would get from the insurance company for the damaged tank, and there would be a possibility of a significant portion of that being available as an advance on the total payout to get construction underway, we just need a contract price for the new one first. The Mayor then informed the council that her and Evan, with a little help from the guys that help us with the bucket truck every year, had gotten all the lights taken down and put back in the depot and expressed how grateful she was for the help.

**Next Meeting**

Mayor Fleshman set the next meeting for February 3rd, 2020 at 7:00pm

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm