**Town of Dutton Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 1st, 2023**

11 Main W, Dutton MT 59433

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the regular monthly meeting of May 1st, 2023, to order at 7:30 pm.

**Present**

Susan Fleshman, Jeremiah Kjensmo, Pete Klein, Bob Dauwalder, and Pat Bayala. Candace Ellsworth called in. **Public**: Donna Chippewa, Dave Miller, Jeremy Locke.

**Public Comment**

Donna Chippewa informed the Council that in regard to the recent article in the Choteau Acantha about her affiliation with a certain group that it is not a seditious or militia type organization, and if they have any questions about it they are welcome to come talk to her about it.

**April 3,2023 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Fleshman told the Council that the minutes of the April meeting did not make it into the packets and would have to be done at the next meeting.

**Current Bills**

Mayor Fleshman briefly ran through the bills, there were no questions. Motion was made by Councilman Dauwalder to accept the current bills and those yet to come in. Motion seconded by Council Woman Bayala. Motion carried unanimously.

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| **Num** | **Date** | **Name** | **Memo** | **Original Amount** |
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| **E-pay** | **04/17/2023** | **UI Contribution Bureau** | **009 9442 QB Tracking # 1759281410** | **205.52** |
| **18627** | **04/17/2023** | **MMIA WC Program** | **workers comp** | **1,278.60** |
| **18628** | **04/24/2023** | **Amazon Capital Services, Inc.** | **Supplies** | **298.63** |
| **18629** | **04/24/2023** | **Energy Lab** | **Monthly testing** | **53.00** |
| **18630** | **04/24/2023** | **Lumen** | **Services** | **736.04** |
| **18631** | **04/24/2023** | **MMIA** | **Employee paid insurance** | **148.65** |
| **18632** | **04/24/2023** | **Local Government Services** | **AFR late fee** | **55.00** |
| **18633** | **04/27/2023** | **First Call Computer Solutions, Inc.** | **email and website migration to .gov** | **654.50** |
| **18634** | **04/27/2023** | **Great West Engineering** | **Water PER and prelim design** | **11,524.65** |
| **18635** | **04/27/2023** | **Northwestern Energy** | **Services** | **2,781.39** |
| **18636** | **04/27/2023** | **TW Enterprises, Inc.** | **Generator maintenance** | **413.37** |
| **18637** | **04/27/2023** | **Sayde Wallace** | **mileage for clerk’s institute training in Bozeman** | **281.65** |
| **18638** | **04/28/2023** | **Dauwalder, Robert M.** |  | **275.05** |
| **18639** | **04/28/2023** | **Fleshman, Susan J.** |  | **610.45** |
| **18640** | **04/28/2023** | **Klein, Frank P.** |  | **275.05** |
| **18641** | **04/27/2023** | **Gouchenour, Evan B.** |  | **1,063.58** |
| **18642** | **04/27/2023** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** |  | **1,661.10** |
| **18643** | **04/27/2023** | **Wallace, Sayde M** |  | **1,067.02** |
| **18644** | **05/01/2023** | **Century Link** | **Multiple Accounts for the Town of Dutton, MT** | **322.38** |
| **18645** | **05/01/2023** | **Energy Lab** | **Monthly testing** | **53.00** |
| **18646** | **05/01/2023** | **USA Blue Book** | **Supplies/software licenses $1040.12, library reimbursables $701.57** | **1,741.69** |
| **18647** | **05/02/2023** | **Sullivan Brothers Construction** | **cemetery curb stop dig and leak repair dig** | **2,863.69** |
| **18648** | **05/05/2023** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** |  | **920.95** |
| **E-pay** | **05/01/2023** | **QuickBooks Payroll Service** | **Created by Payroll Service on 04/28/2023** | **530.10** |

**Financial Review**

Finance Officer Kjensmo informed the Council that the AFR is in but has not been accepted yet and that in speaking with JohnPaul Poleman of Strom & Associates we will just be doing an audit in leu of AFR in June.

**Randall Reeve Construction Application**

Mayor Fleshman asked if there were any questions about the construction application for a storage shed that was in the packets. There were no questions or concerns. Motion to approve construction was made by Councilman Klein and seconded by Councilwoman Ellsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Pickup/Plow**

Mayor Fleshman explained the opportunity to purchase a used 2007 Ford F550 with a plow attached from Sullivan Brothers Construction. Councilman Klein voiced his reservations on the longevity of the engine in the pickup having known issues in manufacturing and the cost of repairs if it should need them in the future. He pointed out that with the low mileage and the fact that it has been well maintained, it would still be worth the purchase. Motion was made by Councilman Dauwalder to purchase the Pickup/Plow for the asking price of $38,500 in the form of a loan from Opportunity Bank, and seconded by Councilman Klein. Motion carried unanimously.

**School Water Dig**

Mayor Fleshman reported to the Council that we suspected a leak in the school service line, and as a result required them to have it dug. She explained that upon exposing the line, there was no leak apparent and that if there was a leak it had to be further up and closer to the school. At that point they decided to close it up and pack the road down the best they could and keep an eye on the water draining from the school. Mayor Fleshman asked the Council if they would be open to paying part of the costs to dig, since there was nothing found. After some discussion it was decided they would be open to paying 1/3 of the cost. Motion was made by Councilman Klein, seconded by Councilman Dauwalder. Motion carried with the 3 present Council member votes. Councilwoman Ellsworth lost cell service and did not vote and was unable to attend the rest of the meeting by call-in.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Fleshman told the Council that she had already gone over most of the month’s activities in the previous issues and didn’t have anything else to report.

**Upcoming Holiday**

Mayor Fleshman informed the Council that the office would be closed on Monday May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting set for Monday June 5th, 2023

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

