Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

11 Main Street West

Monday, October 3, 2022

**Present**

**Mayor:** Susan Fleshman **Councilpersons:** Bob Dauwalder, Pete Klein, Pat Bayala, and Candace Ellsworth **Public Works Director:** Jeremiah Kjensmo **Assistant Clerk:** Sayde Wallace **Public:** NA

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the Council meeting on October 3, 2022, to order at 7:04 pm.

**Public Comment**

No Public comment.

**September 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes from the September 6th meeting, Councilman Klein moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ellsworth and passed unanimously.

**Current Bills**

Mayor Fleshman spoke about the bills that have come in for the month so far. Councilwoman Ellsworth asked about the Chem Montana bills and why we have been getting them so frequently. Public Works Director Kjensmo explained that the Town is trying to prepare for upcoming shortages because we have already experienced not being able to get the chemicals for water treatment. He also let the Council know that the big Mountain View bill is for the propane contract this winter. Councilman Klein moved to accept the bills that we have received and the ones yet to come in this month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dauwalder and passed unanimously.

**Bills List**

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| Date | Num | Name | Original Amount |
| 09/30/2022 | **eft** | **QuickBooks Payroll Service** | **548.10** |
| 09/15/2022 | **18389** | **Gouchenour, Evan B.** | **1,184.15** |
| 09/15/2022 | **18390** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** | **1,776.90** |
| 09/15/2022 | **18391** | **Wallace, Sayde M** | **1,178.40** |
| 09/28/2022 | **18392** | **Mountain View Coop** | **11,770.00** |
| 09/28/2022 | **18393** | **DEQ** | **800.00** |
| 09/29/2022 | **18394** | **Dauwalder, Robert M.** | **274.05** |
| 09/29/2022 | **18395** | **Fleshman, Susan J.** | **602.45** |
| 09/29/2022 | **18396** | **Klein, Frank P.** | **274.05** |
| 09/29/2022 | **18397** | **Gouchenour, Evan B.** | **1,178.76** |
| 09/29/2022 | **18398** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** | **1,732.39** |
| 09/29/2022 | **18399** | **Wallace, Sayde M** | **1,151.77** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18400** | **Chemical Montana Company** | **4,954.00** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18401** | **Energy Lab** | **52.00** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18402** | **Great West Engineering** | **964.25** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18403** | **Lumen** | **746.32** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18404** | **MMIA** | **148.65** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18405** | **MT Building Codes Division** | **67.00** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18406** | **Northwest Pipe Fitting** | **253.37** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18407** | **Northwestern Energy** | **5,964.87** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18408** | **Sullivan Brothers Construction** | **885.00** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18409** | **USA Blue Book** | **711.85** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18410** | **Verizon Wireless** | **80.02** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18411** | **Century Link** | **363.79** |
| 10/03/2022 | **18412** | **US Bank** | **1,352.16** |
| 10/11/2022 | **18413** | **Cascade Electric** | **2,823.00** |
| 10/11/2022 | **18414** | **Choteau Acantha** | **0.00** |
| 10/11/2022 | **18415** | **DEQ** | **382.00** |
| 10/11/2022 | **18416** | **Great Falls Ace** | **96.00** |
| 10/11/2022 | **18417** | **Power Pro** | **450.47** |
| 10/11/2022 | **18418** | **Choteau Ace Hardware** | **145.53** |
| 10/12/2022 | **18419** | **Mountain View Co-op** | **443.21** |
| 10/12/2022 | **18420** | **North 40** | **44.98** |
| 10/12/2022 | **18421** | **Northwestern Energy** | **170.51** |
| 10/13/2022 | **18422** | **Arrow Tree Service** | **700.00** |
| 10/13/2022 | **18423** | **Gouchenour, Evan B.** | **1,120.47** |
| 10/13/2022 | **18424** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** | **1,674.05** |
| 10/13/2022 | **18425** | **Wallace, Sayde M** | **1,059.95** |

**Financial Review**

The review started with the Council looking over the chart that has the last 10 years of mill levy values that had to be included in the final Budget. The Budget was rejected the first time because this chart was not included with everything. Jeremiah added it to the Budget document, and it is now into the State for review.

Clerk Kjensmo is going to try to get ahold of another Auditor, who was recommended by JP, to help with the AFR because JP’s firm is booked up.

**Berlin/Mohawk Construction Application:**

The Council discussed the materials that will be used to build the fence. There were some concerns about the property line and the sidewalk. The Council looked at Town ordinances for setbacks and what the Town’s policies are. It was decided to make a motion to approve the application with the caveat that the property owner needed to make sure that the fence is fully on their property. Councilman Klein made the motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Ellsworth. The Mayor called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Fleshman started her report by telling the Council that the Library is getting the new lighting in, and they started today. The Library is also getting painted in the kid’s corner. She noted that the outside door jams need to be fixed. She asked if the Council knew anyone who could do these repairs since the handy man the Town use to use has moved away. There were really no ideas, but they said they would think about it.

The sprinkler systems have been winterized and the Legion meter will be removed next Friday. The bathrooms at the Park have been winterized as well.

Next week Susan and Sayde will be headed to Fairfield to the Hazard Mitigation meeting.

Public Works Assistant Gouchenour is filling the potholes around Town. The last rain made them worse than they had previously been.

Mayor Fleshman also asked the Council to drive the side streets to check the damage that the Semitrucks have done.

The Mayor went over the chart of the sheriff’s department’s hours spent in Town. She let them know that she had asked the deputy if they would be able to let us know what they do on the hours that they spend in Town.

**Upcoming Holiday**

The next observed Holiday is Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day, October 10, 2022

**Next Meeting**

Mayor Fleshman set the next regular Council meeting for Monday, November 7, 2022, starting at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn**

The Mayor Adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

