**Town of Dutton Public Hearing Minutes**

**October 7th, 2019**

**7:00 PM Public Hearing Regarding the Budget**

**Present**

Mayor Susan Fleshman, Councilpersons: Bob Dauwalder, Candace Ellsworth, Frank P. Klein and Pat Bayala; Public Works Director/Finance Officer/Clerk Jeremiah Kjensmo, Assistant Clerk Becky Hagen, Vonnie Jacobson (Choteau Acantha), and Public: Collette Wilson, Colleen Schaffer, Mariah Racine, Kari Barstow, Stacey Humiston, and Kara Fuhringer.

**Hearing Opened**

The Mayor opened the hearing at 7:03 PM regarding the budget. The Clerk/Finance Officer Jeremiah Kjensmo discussed the budget is not ready because ClerkBooks has not set up closing tools yet. He mentioned that he knows what will be budgeted with the mills. He made an appointment with ClerkBooks to get better situated, and the actual budget hearing will be sometime in October.

**Public Comments and Questions**

There was no public comment or questions.

**Public Hearing Close**

The Mayor closed the hearing at 7:10 PM.

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of October 7th, 2019 to order at 7:11 pm at the Dutton Town Hall.

**Present**

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**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**September 9th, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilwoman Ellsworth, Second by Councilman Klein to approve the Minutes of the September 9th, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Current Bills**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilman Dauwalder, to pay the current bills as presented and those yet to come in. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adopt Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Mill Levy**

Motion by Councilwoman Bayala, Second by Councilwoman Ellsworth, to approve adopting fiscal year 2019-2020 mill levy at a total of 281.75 for a total tax revenue of 78,821.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Dog Waiver from Kari Barstow Tabled from the Last Meeting**

Mayor Fleshman recused herself from this topic of the agenda. Councilman Dauwalder took over mentioning this topic was tabled from the previous council meeting. Councilman Dauwalder called on each Councilperson for comment or discussion. No Councilperson had any comment or discussion. Motion to vote on the dog waiver request made by Councilman Dauwalder, Second by Councilwoman Bayala, passed. The dog waiver request was denied by a unanimous vote of “nay.”

**Resolution for Declaring an Emergency Situation Concerning the Collapsed Water Tank and the Bidding Process for the New Tank Project**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilman Dauwalder to approve declaring an emergency concerning the collapsed water tank. Motion carried unanimously.

**Contract for Great West Engineering Services for the MLIA Grant**

Motion by Councilman Dauwalder, Second by Councilwoman Bayala to approve the contract for Great West Engineering Services for the MLIA Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution for Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under Internal Revenue Code**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilwoman Bayala to approve resolution for reimbursement bond on regulations under internal revenue code. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution to Request BaRSAA Funding**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilwoman Bayala to approve requesting BaRSAA funding. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer Cleaning Report**

Mayor Fleshman discussed the sewer cleaning that was done by PACE. The sewers were cleaned on the North side of town. The Mayor mentioned the sewers have to be cleaned for insurance purposes and to maintain the old sewers. PACE said a large amount of tree roots are in the service lines. Mayor Fleshman said that the sewer coming out of the school is a problem because of all the grease from the kitchen.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Fleshman discussed the Consumer Confidence Report on the water and that the report states the water is safe. An employee from DEQ came to Dutton and checked the water system. Everything passed during the inspection except for a hatch down at the well. The concern was it was not properly caulked making accessibility easy for rodents. There was also a missing screen for the tank over-flow. The DEQ employee expressed her disapproval of the collapsed tank roof and was worried about contamination. The Mayor mentioned the Town got a positive test on a water sample for E coli. Emergency testing was required immediately after, and all reports were safe. Mayor Fleshman discussed that the roof in the bathroom at the Depot had caved in. A claim was put in with MMIA and they suggested putting a tarp up. An independent adjuster is supposed to come look at the roof. The Mayor said that winterization has started, and the pool is done. The meters are not out. A hose got left on at the upper park resulting in a lot of standing water. The snowstorm caused branches to fall off trees, and trees were hanging over electrical wires. The Mayor mentioned it is the property owner’s responsibility to call the electric company when that happens. Mayor Fleshman and Public Works Evan Gouchenour were busy cleaning broken branches all over town. There were no problems up at the water tank. The Mayor mentioned a conference call would take place with Anna Miller to discuss emergency funding for the water tank. The Mayor said the Contractor wants to start Phase 2 of the water project in mid-October from the well to the vault. The Town Office will be closed Columbus Day, Monday October 14th.

**Adjourn**

The next Dutton Town Council Meeting will be November 4th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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**Susan Fleshman, Mayor** **Becky Hagen, Assistant Clerk**