**Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 3, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of June 3rd, 2019 to order at 7:05 pm at the Dutton Town Hall.

**Present**

**Mayor** Susan Fleshman; **Councilpersons**: Bob Dauwalder (present over the phone), and Pat Bayala, Councilman Klein had to leave early due to a family emergency, and Councilwoman Ellsworth was excused. **Public Works Director /Finance Officer/Clerk** Jeremiah Kjensmo; **Assistant Clerk** Becky Hagen. **Choteau Acantha** Vonnie Jacobson; **Public** Collette Anderson from Great West Engineering, and Betty Brumwell.

**Public Comment**

Betty Brumwell mentioned the Civic Club is interested in purchasing new street signs that shows on both sides of the street, what the address is. She said that presently the signs are only visible on the North side of the streets; it would be beneficial to see the addresses from all sides. She said that the posts do not need to be replaced—just the signs on top of the post. The signs are approximately $30.00 to $35.00. She wondered if the Town could help with placement of the signs if possible. Betty also inquired if the tarps for the pool need replaced, and the Mayor said she would need to speak with Sarah Feldman and Cheri Fuhringer for information about the pool necessities. Mayor Fleshman mentioned Cheri said they would use the Dutton Fun Day money to pay for the pool tarps. Betty wondered if the trees had been planted yet, for Arbor Day, and Mayor Fleshman said they still needed to be planted. Mayor Fleshman gave a reminder that no action could be taken regarding the street signs, and that topic needed to be put on the meeting agenda in order to move forward in public comment.

**May 6th, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilwoman Bayala to approve the Minutes of the May 6th, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Current Bills**

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

**Adopting FY 2018-2019 Budget as FY 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget**

Motion by Councilman Dauwalder, Second by Councilwoman Bayala to adopt the FY 2018-2019 Budget as FY 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Date for Budget Amendment Meeting and Public Hearing**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilwoman Bayala to set Budget Amendment Meeting and Public Hearing for June 24th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**Contracting Services for a Financial Review or Audit Strom and Associates**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilwoman Bayala for contracting services for a financial review or audit by Strom and Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Water Project**

Collette Anderson from Great West Engineering in Helena was here to discuss the current and future water projects. She addressed the ventilation in the well-house and discussed the meters. Carrie Gardner, from Great West Engineering indicated to Collette Anderson that substantial completion would be soon and mentioned there is $45,000.00 in contingency. Mayor Fleshman inquired about the two-inch meter pits and said one at the park has water in it. The Mayor mentioned the meter pit at the pool is also wet. Collette Anderson discussed phase two of the water project and said the Town is likely to get the TSEP grant in the amount of $500,000.00. The funding will be used for the transmission main from the well to the chlorine vault, well house, exit piping and fire hydrants. Collette said that cheaper pipe might also be an option, and to submit the information to DEQ. The bids might start as early as July and construction is likely to start in the Fall. Mayor Fleshman mentioned some water lines were blown at the cemetery. The Mayor discussed the GPS grant from Montana State Library. The Town could get all valves, hydrants, manholes, and curb stops to GPS. The Town did receive the grant, and GIS specials will come to Dutton. Mayor Fleshman asked Collette Anderson what happens to the rest of the contingency money in phase one of the water project, and Collett recommended holding on to in for phase two of the project. Collette mention there is more grant planning to PER updated, and $15,000.00 will come from TSEP and $5,000.00 from DNRC. TSEP applications are getting accepted June 17th, but the Mayor said we are not in a place to be applying for those grants now. Finance Officer/Clerk Jeremiah Kjensmo wondered if any of the contingency money could be utilized to set up a computer server. Collette Anderson said she’d have to investigate it.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Fleshman discussed the pool is not open yet but should be open next week. The pool was going to be filled the week of the 3rd and opened the following week. The lifeguards were taking their test in Conrad and will be ready for when the pool opens. The Mayor mentioned the Town was behind on mowing because of all the rain. The Mayor asked the Council about the progress of the dog ordinance and suggested upping the fines would be a good start, as discussed at the previous Council meeting. The Mayor thought it best to keep no kennels allowed as part of the dog ordinance. She thinks issuing tickets when needed might be necessary, and that job would likely be designated to Public Works Evan Gouchenour. Mayor Fleshman discussed Dog and Cat Days and said the Town did not sell any licenses. There were people from in town and out of town who did bring their pets to get vaccinated.

**Adjourn**

The next Dutton Town Council Meeting will be July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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