**Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 5, 2018**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of November 5th, 2018 to order at 7:14 pm at the Dutton Town Hall.

**Present**

**Mayor** Susan Fleshman; **Councilpersons**: Bob Dauwalder, Candace Ellsworth, Frank P. Klein; **Public Works Director /Finance Officer/Clerk** Jeremiah Kjensmo, **Assistant Clerk** Becky Hagen, **Public:** Pat Bayala, Beth Kordonowy, Dan Schuler, Sarah Converse and Michelle Turville.

## Public Comment

Pat Bayala mentioned she was a concerned citizen and was at the meeting to learn. Beth Kordonowy stated she was at the council meeting to listen. Dan Schuler presented an $11,000 check as a donation from the Dutton Fun Day Committee. The donation is going towards the pool and the park. Sarah Converse and Michelle Turville, of Sweet Grass Development, attended the meeting with information regarding the Brownfields Assessment Program, and gave an overview of services offered by Sweet Grass Development.

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Motion by Councilwoman Ellsworth, Second by Councilman Klein to approve the Minutes of the October 2nd, 2018 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## Current Bills

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

**SRF Loan A: Number 2 Draw Approval**

Motion by Councilwoman Ellsworth, Second by Councilman Dauwalder, to approve SRF Loan A: Number 2 Draw in the amount of $101,131.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**SRF Loan B: Number 2 Draw Approval**

Motion by Councilman Dauwalder, Second by Councilwoman Ellsworth, to approve SRF Loan B: Number 2 Draw in the amount of $104,973.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**WRDA Draw Number 6 Approval**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilman Dauwalder, to approve WRDA Draw Number 6 in the amount of $134,429.43. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hard Rock Construction Application for Pay #2**

Motion by Councilman Dauwalder, Second by Councilwoman Ellsworth to approve payment Number 2 in the amount of $30,237.08 to the Hard Rock Contractor’s. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Special Financial Report**

Mayor Fleshman discussed the special financial review mandated by the state. Councilperson Dauwalder gave an overview of his interpretation of the report. He found no reg flags and it was a favorable report.

**Holidays**

Election Day, November 6th; Veterans Day, November 12th; Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd and November 23rd, office closed for Montana State Holidays.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Fleshman discussed how the Lagoon is higher than usual and cannot be drawn down to one foot. Overflow during the spring might be likely. The pivot was able to run on the warm days but cannot run when it is below freezing. The pivot is now shut down for winter. There was also a discussion on the soil already being sampled under the pivot. Mayor Fleshman contacted Rural Water, and they talked to DEQ and DEQ will accommodate the Town of Dutton with a permit that will allow discharging of the lagoon when necessary. A permit fee will be charged, and sampling will have to be done at the time of discharge. Mayor Fleshman also gave an update on the water project. She mentioned how the contractors from Hard Rock are well-liked and clean up nicely after themselves. She also mentioned how some of the old wooden water lines were dug up by the contractors. There was mention of people using water when it was discovered their curb stops were not turned off as originally thought. The project in town is about wrapped up and the plumber is about finished installing meters. For the completion on main street, the town had to wait for a permit from the state, so the contractors could begin work on main street. The contractors are on winter shut down and will start again in January. Also, ClerkBooks has not been installed for meter readings or in the office. The next construction meeting will provide information when ClerkBooks is available. Mayor Fleshman also discussed delinquency letters being mailed for those far behind on their water bills, and how all the curbstops in Town work now. There was a backlog with ordering equipment for the water project, but the contractors are confident the equipment will arrive on time to finish up.

**Adjourn**

The next Dutton Town Council Meeting will be December 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

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**Susan Fleshman, Mayor** **Jeremiah Kjensmo, Clerk**