

Council Meeting

January 6, @ 7:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor- Loreen Felstet, Council – Marvin Garding, Sharon Briggs, Kyle Cirincione, Tim Fox.

Mayor Felstet led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kyle, Marvin 2nd, All approved.

Claims: Claims discussed in the amount of \$23,225.01. Motion to approve the claims made by Kyle. Marvin 2nd. All approved.

Maintenance Reports: Marvin Garding. He is finishing up painting the garage.

Water/Sewer: Charlei Jenkins. Power outage – we got to use the new mobile generator. It worked well. We've had a lot of water this year. Once spring is here, he wants to check out the storm sewers. Valley Grocery is having issues with potential leaking water service line. We will investigate this.

Public Comment: Keren Wolhert suggested trying a two-stroke motor. Charlei said it may be an idea to try.

Water Project: Paul Montgomery. Water project is basically done We have finished up using ARPA money, saving the Town \$5000. There is still a little left in the forgiven SRF Loan- used for ongoing things such as 'as built', warranty, etc. 1 year warranty inspection will be August 2026. If Alberton starts to have high BODs/DOs, a pattern will result in enforcement. Wastewater system should be the next phase for the Town's water /sewer system. A 2-pronged approach – infiltration/inflow vs best alternatives for making improvements to the system.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Quarterly Reports

County Attorney – Not in attendance

Sheriff – Officer Augustyn – December was busy. 71 calls. Some DUIs. New officer is on his own next month.

Fire District- Frenchtown Fire Chief Frisby – Slow for fires right now but more vehicle accidents, medical accidents, icy roads. 9 calls during Christmastime. Mitigation may still be available – call the department to see if there is still space available. Sharon Briggs asked about emergency services are available during emergencies. Contact Emergency Management – Amy Parks in Mineral County. Code Red is also available.

County Planner – Andy Short – Mineral County Planner – he stated that Mineral County is the 4th fastest growing county in Montana. Andy requested to have Council meetings at 6 pm instead of 7pm making it easier to attend.

Old Business: Bear Smart updates were read by Sharon. Updates on the number of Bear cans and when they will be available for Alberton.

New Business: Engineer Procurement request made by the Clerk to begin the process of finding an engineer of record for upcoming sewer/stormwater project needs.

Resolution 351 – Approving a *Moratorium on New will Serve Water/Sewer Connections* was motioned to approve by Kyle, Marvin 2nd, all approved.

Les Roat – *Petition to Vacate Public Right-of Way*, North 4th St, was discussed. Jay Garland presented a map to council and said that historically, town property lines are not always where they should be. The decision on this matter was deferred until the next council meeting.

Clerk Notes: The Town was awarded a Historical Grant for \$5550 to purchase archival equipment, signage and computer equipment for the Alberton Historical Museum.

Public Comment: Shannon Cunio commented that the Seniors are still waiting on Wally to finish the Community Center contract.

Kyle motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tim 2nd, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:08.



Clerk



Mayor