

**TOWN OF MANHATTAN
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2020
MINUTES**

Mayor Glen Clements called the meeting to order in the Town Meeting Room, at 207 S. 6th St. at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Callie Hamilton, Betsy Mancuso, and Greg Schack. Dan Ryan was excused. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Pam Humphrey. Seven members of the public were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

BENCH UPDATE – SAM BELL:

Sam Bell, Boy Scout: He reported that the project is finished. He put the benches in Railroad, Taylor and the Dog Park, as well as by some businesses on Main Street. He used wood donated by Western Millworks and the metal was donated by S&W Fabrications. They spent three days building the benches. There are six in Railroad Park, four on the west end and two on east end. Taylor Park has two benches and the Bark Park has one. He also placed the rest on the sidewalk by the businesses that sponsored them. He stated that the ones by the businesses are owned by the businesses. He has left over money from the donations. He needs to return the money to the beneficiary, the Town asked him to donate the additional money to the Senior Center.

The Council thanked Sam for all of his hard work. They established that the Town owns the benches in the parks and the businesses own the ones by the businesses that have their plaques on them. The congratulated Sam on his outstanding Eagle Scout Project.

RESOLUTION NO 20-010 – 2019-2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Public Hearing

None

Discussion/Decision

Motion- Schack; Second- Mancuso; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor: Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 20-010, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Manhattan, Montana amending the Fiscal 2019-20 Budget to allow for appropriations and funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-011 – FISCAL BUDGET 2020-2021:

Public Hearing

None

Discussion/Decision

Motion- Mancuso; Second- Schack; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor (Hamilton abstained from parts relating to Officer Hamilton): Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 20-011, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of

Manhattan, Montana adopting a budget for the Town of Manhattan for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-012 – LIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 2020-2021:

Public Hearing

None

Discussion/Decision

Motion- Schack; Second- Mancuso; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor: Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 20-012, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Manhattan providing for the assessment of maintenance costs for the Street Lighting Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2020-21 which is a continuation of the present method of assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-013 – STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 2020-2021:

Public Hearing

None

Discussion/Decision

Motion- Hamilton; Second- Schack; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor: Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 20-013, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Manhattan providing for the assessment of Street Maintenance District costs for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 pursuant to §7-12-4425, MCA, which is a continuation of the present method of assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-014 – BARSAA FUND ALLOCATION:

Motion- Mancuso; Second- Hamilton; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor: Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 20-014, a resolution of the Town Council of the town of Manhattan requesting distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- There has been a discussion with Pioneer Crossing regarding the Phase II capacity letter for water supply in Pioneer Crossing. The water issues are related to the treatment plant upgrade. Pioneer Crossing has come up with a proposal to meet the mitigation requirements. They are proposing to pay for the drilling and installation of some wells in Taylor Park to irrigate the park. That would mitigate the treated water back into the system. They also propose installing irrigation wells in the Phase III and IV for irrigation of parks and lawns. That would require a change of the water ordinance. The third part would be that Pioneer Crossing would pay for and be the driving force behind obtaining the groundwater discharge permit. This permit is tied to obtaining the water rights for the Pioneer Crossing well. The Mayor will have the Town professionals read the proposals and the Mayor will bring the proposal to the Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Schack asked for an update on the water leak on the springline. Mayor Clements relayed that the springline has a leak near a couple of ponds in the easement.

The leak has not been found. There is a plan to slip line the pipe to alleviate the leak and prevent future leaks. New valves would need to be installed during the slip lining of the pipe. There are 3 miles of springline, not all are in high priority for slip lining. Public Works will be seeking a quote for the slip lining and talking to the property owners about a cost sharing agreement.

Councilwoman Hamilton updated the Council on Park Board recommendations for Ground squirrel control and use for charge in the park without a permit. They feel that they may need to do further research and maybe update the Code. They are working with Public Works on who is responsible for tree and park maintenance.

Aspects of the MDT Sidewalk project were discussed.

Mayor Clements pulled a Chicken Coop application that was actually for ducks out of the Consent Agenda to be discussed on its own. The application was presented at the last meeting by Michelle Moore, but could not be decided on at that time.

Motion- Mancuso; Second- Schack; Vote- Schack aye, Mancuso aye, Hamilton nay: Motion passed to approve the Chicken Coop application for ducks for Michelle Moore until the end of December at which time she will need to reapply and update the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion- Schack; Second- Hamilton; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor: Motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda.

Town Business Licenses: Authentic Inc., Nico Electronic Systems Inc., IT&M Division Inc., Wilson Building & Remodel, Keilah Pomeroy PLCC, CompuSource, Inc., and Manhattan Ace Hardware.

Chicken Coop Applications: Taylor McDowell, 312 N 5th St and Tyler Zaichkin, 211 N 5th St.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting minutes from July 09, 2020 and Special Meeting minutes from July 16, 2020.

Claims: Dated 07/10/20 – 08/13/20 totaling \$ 253,757.89.

ADJOURN:

Motion- Schack; Second- Mancuso; Vote- Unanimous by roll call vote called by the Mayor: Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer