

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes
for THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order (via ZOOM) councilmembers Devlin, Ludington, Shourd and Vick were all present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

NONE

4. Approval of Minutes

a. April 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Mayor Dewey: introduced the meeting minutes.

Councilmember Devlin: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Shourd: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Ms. Devlin and 2nd by Mr. Shourd.

Council discussion?

Councilmember Vick: page 12, I did not say rescind but I will go back and listen to what word I said.

Mayor Dewey: any further discussion from council assuming that there is no public comment we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: thank you.

5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Claims #16763 -#16782

Mayor Dewey: introduced claims.

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Shourd: 2nd.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2nd by Mr. Shourd.

Discussion from council?

Councilmember Ludington: Street SCL exam #16763. It was a Visa.

Mayor Dewey: I think that it was a CDL for the streets department.

Councilmember Vick: #16781 taser lease. I don't know, are we paying yearly on those tasers?

Mayor Dewey: correct we pay an annual lease for those tasers.

Councilmember Vick: so, I guess if we don't pay it, they don't function?

Mayor Dewey: correct they would repose them. Any other questions from council on the claims? No public comment Jenelle?

Jenelle Berthoud: correct.

Mayor Dewey: we will go forward with calling for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: okay.

6. Administrative Reports

NONE

7. Guests

NONE

8. Correspondence

NONE

9. Public Hearings

NONE

10. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 167, re-zoning certain parcels from R1 to R2 Residential

Mayor Dewey: introduced unfinished business item (a) between Pine Street and North Ave.

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Ludington: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2nd by Mr. Ludington.

Council discussion?

Councilmember Vick: question, on the certificate of survey we are pretty much right on the line are there currently residents on those lots?

Mayor Dewey: are you talking about lots 16, 15

Councilmember Vick: no, the area that is within the perimeter.

Mayor Dewey: no there is nothing built inside the perimeter at all.

Councilmember Ludington: inside that purple line there is nothing those are legally created lots.

Mayor Dewey: any other questions or comments from the council on 167 2nd reading. Public comment Jenelle?

Jenelle Berthoud: there is none.

Mayor Dewey: okay we will go ahead and call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye

Mayor Dewey: the motion passes unanimously that ordinance will take effect 30 days from Monday June 7th.

b. Discussion/Decision: Second reading of Ordinance No. 169, Amending Building & Technical Codes

Mayor Dewey: introduced unfinished business item (b).

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Shourd: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2nd by Mr. Shourd. Is there any council discussion? Barring any public comment Ms. Berthoud, you can call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye

Mayor Dewey: take effect in 30 days starting June 7th.

11. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Special Event and Alcohol Use Permit for Lutzenhiser Fundraiser c/o Stevensville Civic Club

Mayor Dewey: introduced new business item (a) Jenelle you are probably more or less versed in this application would you please introduce to the council.

Jenelle Berthoud: special event permit for Lutzenhiser Fundraiser, the alcohol and liability insurance is through the civic club. Any questions I can answer most of them.

Councilmember Shourd: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Vick: 2nd.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Shourd and 2nd by Mr. Vick.
Further council discussion? Hearing no public comment, we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye

Mayor Dewey: motion passes

b. Discussion/Decision: Contract with NewFields Companies, LLC for water rights hydrology

Mayor Dewey: introduced new business item (b). there was a three prong approach to resolving our water rights our legal council for water rights Ross Miller and then we needed a hydrology firm to come in to help with that project as well so this is that third piece that we need for that project so that it can finally come together in terms of pulling a permit with DNRC this contract was advertised through an RFQ process Newfields was the only firm to submit for the RFQ coincidentally they work with HDR our engineers on other water rights work in other communities so they already have a relationship established so that is advantages for our organization so, with that we have brought the contract forward for signature or excuse me for approval from the council from there we will put together a scope of services and nail down an exact dollar amount that will be incorporated into the FY 21 budget.

Councilmember Vick: before we go into a motion Mayor, I do have a couple of questions for you, how much does this cost?

Mayor Dewey: as I stated the scope of work will determine the costs. We need a contract with the firm so we can put a scope of work into place given the level that this project involves and then that scope of work will

determine, if we get that scope of work back and we give input into that scope of work and the costs don't look as they should for us whatever that looks like we are going to negotiate that scope of work and determine that, similar to a task order.

Councilmember Vick: okay, I guess the second question that I have is, this looks like a general contract that they sent like it doesn't have a date or have us listed as a client is that normal practice for that organization?

Mayor Dewey: so, upon your approval we will fill in the effective date because that effective date will be upon signature and then we will edit in our name into that document.

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Ludington: 2nd.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2nd by Mr. Ludington. Any further council discussion?

Councilmember Ludington: I noticed that the effective date is 365 days I would hope for some sort of conclusion and report before that year expires.

Mayor Dewey: yes, that is our hope as well. I think once this piece gets plugged into the project, I think we are going to see some pretty rapid movement in terms of the water right mind you as quickly as water rights can move that is all relative because water rights do not move fast. I think we are going to see some significant progress on that project. Anything further from the council assuming that there is no public comment, Ms. Berthoud you can call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye

Mayor Dewey: okay.

c. Discussion/Decision: Appointment of a Councilmember to serve on the Airport Board

Mayor Dewey: introduced new business item (c).

Councilmember Vick: I am willing to swap with somebody if there is a board somebody would like to exchange with.

Councilmember Devlin: I sent you an email to that, that said I will switch boards since this was brought up in our last meeting I have gone through my schedule, and I do not like to say no, and I tend to take on more with our community than I probably should I am not in a position that I can take something else on at this time. I was hoping that I would, I have a couple of other things fall into my lap and if I take on something else something is going to get dropped. So, I can't make that commitment right now.

Councilmember Vick: anyone else interested, if not I will find a way to make it work. I guess we can move onto the next item.

d. Discussion/Decision: Install "Dead End" sign on Central Ave.

Mayor Dewey: introduced new business item(d) Mr. Shourd I will let you take this one.

Councilmember Shourd: several of the individuals that live on Central are concerned that because it is at the end of a cul-de-sac and more of a straight shot that they would like to see a dead end sign installed at the corner of Central and Charlos I guess it would be facing east as you were entering the last section of Central Ave where it is not.

Councilmember Devlin: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Vick: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Ms. Devlin and 2nd by Mr. Vick. Further council discussion?

Councilmember Ludington: I am assuming that you are talking about the northwest corner of that intersection, there is a boulevard there no sidewalk there?

Councilmember Shourd: correct.

Mayor Dewey: anything further from council?

Councilmember Vick: adding this to the list of other signs that still have yet to be put up that we have approved?

Mayor Dewey: yes, any further comments from the council? Public comment? Ms. Berthoud call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye

Mayor Dewey: okay.

e. Discussion/Decision: Street name change request for Cowhide Lane

Mayor Dewey: introduced new business item e. Cowhide Lane is located in the Twin Creeks subdivision. Mr. Reeves has petitioned that Cowhide Lane be renamed his first is Silverstone Lane. If the council is inclined to rename Cowhide Lane than I would seek a motion from you that you approve the name change request from Cowhide Lane to the name that you prefer.

Councilmember Shourd: make a motion to change the street name from Cowhide Lane to Silverstone Lane.

Councilmember Ludington: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Shourd and 2nd by Mr. Ludington. Further council discussion?

Councilmember Ludington: also, a dead end, correct?

Mayor Dewey: yes, it is a dead end and I don't think that he has any plans at this time to extend that.

Councilmember Vick: no other streets off of this?

Mayor Dewey: no there is not.

Councilmember Ludington: and Mr. Reeves is paying the processing fee.

Mayor Dewey: to the county, yes. The county requires a processing fee so they can change the name in there GIS system so that 911 and the other records are updated. We don't have a fee for it.

Councilmember Ludington: and the applicant pays for that correct?

Mayor Dewey: correct we do not pay for that.

Councilmember Vick: I know that this is not something Jenelle or anyone else in the office sees on a daily basis, but do we not have our own type of application for this?

Mayor Dewey: no, we don't, this is the first one that I have seen in 5-8 years the only other time that the council changed street names was when the credit union took over the subdivision in the first place, they changed all of the street names from the previous subdivided but that was the only time I remember significant street name changes in the town.

Councilmember Ludington: pretty sure that there is probably a story to go with why there are no street name changes.

Mayor Dewey: we know how change is, with that if there is no further comment from the council, I will have Ms. Berthoud call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye

Councilmember Ludington: aye

Councilmember Shourd: aye

Councilmember Vick: aye

Mayor Dewey: okay.

f. Discussion/Decision: Recreation Program Facilitator Job Description & Wage

Mayor Dewey:

Bobby Sonsteng: introduced the job description to the council new business item (f). description is in your packet. Mr. Sonsteng is here tonight to introduce.

Bobby Sonsteng: this position would be programming, coaching currently with our parks program I am stretched pretty thin, so to give up 25-30 hours a week is hard. We are looking to hire a full-time person this summer at 13-15 dollars per hour and there is hopes for afterschool programing so this is something that we would like to get going this summer after a year of COVID we know how much kids need to get out and socialize and get back together. This is a position that I would help make curriculums for camps and events and this person would be responsible for coordinating those when they are not, they can assist with parks maintenance and special events.

Councilmember Vick: how many hours are we looking at?

Bobby: full time, at least 25 hours of programming time spent during the weeks of the summer and then it will be a full-time position coordinating curriculums, setting up taking down.

Mayor Dewey: the administrations intent that this position or positions if more than one is required on the level of programming that parks department can offer that the wages would be covered by fees from the programming, that is some what unclear still because we are not doing that yet so we don't know what actual revenue looks like we can make projections but that is all that they are, so given that this is a unique circumstance and that we are trying to set programming up and offer services to the community the tail end of that we are at the end of a pandemic our plan is to use American Rescue Plan funding that the town will receive to help off set any costs that are not covered by fees. That is a use of that funding and ties in with exactly what treasury wants us to do with programming especially with child programming we are not getting into the child care business necessarily with these positions and with this programming but we are trying to facilitate an education need in the community especially with social aspects with the youth being engaged so that is kind of the financial outlay basically is a program is not being offered then the position wont work if there are programs being offered and the positions are necessary in order to facilitate those programs Mr. Sonsteng in the midst of everything else he does in the parks department making

sure that the aquatics runs sufficiently making sure maintenance is being taken care of and overseeing his own budget he does not have time to oversee three age groups of camps 5 days a week that is not feasible for his positions alone so he needs some help and that is why you generally charge tuition of some kind even if it is just a day camp you usually charge a registration to offset the costs involved in doing those camps.

Councilmember Vick: final question on this are we looking at this as being a seasonal position or are we going to go out through the entire year?

Bobby Sonsteng: we are looking to hire a full-time position right now with hopes that programming does well and eventually run this into a full time year around position that runs after school programming all through the year including summer programming initially we are looking to get the program off the ground with a seasonal position this summer.

Councilmember Shourd: I guess my concern is, this is a full-time position with benefits.

Bobby Sonsteng: if they are seasonal there are no benefits.

Councilmember Shourd: I guess my concern is taking on a new position right before we go into our budget, and it would be my preference that we table this discussion until after our budget is finalized.

Councilmember Devlin: the ability to do an internship program, maybe a college student that is required to so many some depending on what their degree is. You might be able to put that together by partnering with Bitterroot College or University of Montana and get somebody for free if not very, very low cost.

Bobby Sonsteng: that is not something that I have fully explored I do have some decent connections with outreach stuff at the University but that is not something that I have looked into detail yet.

Councilmember Vick: and the only other thing that I have to say about that and having an internship would be that we still have to have a position we would still have to approve the position.

Councilmember Ludington: this does not have a financial aspect to it yet. I guess I am looking at it at this point as a job description something that we might be looking at doing. Are you going to primarily do this at Lewis and Clark Park?

Bobby Sonsteng: the initial thought, I have lots of idea for programming options some are at Lewis and Clark Park like last year I did nature walks and stuff at the refuge and River Park, maybe an outdoor adventure day where you go and do St. Mary's lots of different options. The basis would be at Lewis and Clark Park for sporting type camps and things of that nature. I think that it has the ability to be elsewhere.

Mayor Dewey: so, let me just clarify a few points. Mr. Sonsteng current budget can handle a position at least one position through the rest of this fiscal year until a new budget is adopted. One of the reasons that we are bringing this now rather than into the new budget because I don't anticipate you adopting a budget on or before July 1st and I see that you will adopt a budget closer to August 1st. when you do that, we kind of get into a stall on July 1st where we don't really make a lot of movement on anything until the budget is adopted which means that we would lose the summer of programming if we don't go ahead and move forward now. My intent of bring forward this position the job description and wage was to say we have the spending authority in the budget to hire the position, but the positions job description and salary doesn't exist in our policy and we need you to establish that or to utilize the funding that already exists in Mr. Sonsteng's budget to implement the programming so we put the money in place last year anticipating that we would offer some programming this summer but what we did not do was put the position before you with a job description and an actual wage. So, that is what has brought us to this crossroads outside of the regular budget discussion that is what brought us here today with the hope that we could get some sort of preliminary programming underway sooner than later to at least start offering some programming into late June, July and August instead of trying to shove it all into the summer. Like I said before it is funding dependent we get to the end of the summer and curriculum and camps and programming are not satisfactory sustaining the positions and the program to the councils needs

and what you expect of it then the position is a reduction in force, it is our intent to hire it as such so just like we do with our lifeguards when the pool season ends they know that they are out of a job we would have the same discussion with the person in this position when programming slows down and we don't have a sufficient list of folks participating then we move on. I like the idea of utilizing internships in the parks department specifically I think that could be very advantages for Mr. Sonsteng's programs however I don't think that he needs somebody consistent through out at least the season and hopefully that person would be willing to come on every season if it doesn't turn out to be full time. But some consistency that Bobby can rely on and maintain a repour with limit the turnover and the on boarding that he might have to experience every time we had a new internship come through. That is not to say that an internship should not be available to help us actual facilitate hands on programming when the day comes to put boots on the ground, those are my thoughts.

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Devlin: I am feeling like right before our budget last year or during our budget meetings we already had discussed all of this you had brought forth a lot of ideas that you were going to springboard through out the summer and some winter activities and I thought that we had already, I know that we already did fund this position, but I thought we had already approved this.

Councilmember Vick: we did approve the funding, but we didn't approve the actual job.

Mayor Dewey: there was a position that you did approve Ms. Devlin and that was the sanitization position and when we went through and that was park attendant and there is an error at the bottom of this job description and we wanted to be more focused on the youth programming in the job description the park attendant job description does cover some programming facilitation but it does not, it is not at the level of what we wanted for youth programming our park attendant did not specifically require a background check which is something that we would want from somebody that is supervising children and so that is why we are bringing

this back to you folks, the park attendants position didn't really meet the needs of the program.

Councilmember Devlin: thank you for that clarification I just remembered having this conversation.

Councilmember Ludington: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2nd by Mr. Ludington. Further discussion from council?

Councilmember Shourd: my concerns would be we are moving into a budget process and creating a position where we are going to allocate funding to fund this position but we have yet to figure out a solution into funding our police department to where we said we would put them at six officers maybe I need a little education in the budget process but we have yet to fulfill that and that is my concern to fulfill that first, that is just my opinion.

Councilmember Devlin: that is what I am trying to get clarification on that we already approved this in the budget.

Mayor Dewey: so, if you were to take the funding in FY 21 budget and transfer that into FY 22 which is the budget that you are going to start working on then nothing would change, and the position would still remain. It would not that bottom line budget for the general fund would not include a 5th FTE for the police department. That position whether that 5th FTE is incorporated into the next budget, that will be up for conversation, I mean this funding is established, if the councils inclination was to say we are going to fund this position tonight and instead we are going to reallocate the funding that was available for that and move it over to the police department okay that is your prerogative, but I will caution you the funding we did set in Mr. Sonsteng budget for this position was based on review from programs. So, Mr. Sonsteng has a revenue line in his budget that he is expected to meet in order to fund this position. So, it is tied to a revenue source so to say that we are going to cut a parks position and add a police officer position it isn't that easy because we aren't charging people for

police services, but we are charging for park services. Does that help clarify that a little bit for you?

Councilmember Shourd: it does.

Mayor Dewey: I don't expect, I will tell you we were very ambitious when we put together the FY 21 budget where I think Mr. Sonsteng has a very high wages appropriation in his parks budget a very high revenue line in his budget and we know that he is not going to meet that revenue so we are very cautious when we use those wages and we are making sure that those two pieces are relevant at all times. As I stated earlier our fall back we are hoping it is not the case all though it is the intent of the funding our fall back is to say the American Rescue funding would back fill those positions if need be because that was there intended purpose, one was to provide this type of programming to the community and two to offset any revenue losses so if the council decided or you were going to provide scholarships that would be another opportunity for that funding and you are going to get into conversations about American Rescue funding very soon because the check is coming next month. And I will address that in my executive report.

Councilmember Shourd: the American Rescue Plan, that funding I guess I don't want to talk down about the program, my expectation in participation is that we are not going to generate the revenue to cover the position and so we are going to use that fall back to cover that the difference, when that money could be used in other places.

Mayor Dewey: it depends on what other places you have in mind.

Councilmember Shourd: that is why I wanting to wait and go through the budget process and to hear what department heads need.

Mayor Dewey: sure, I guess if that is council's direction and understand that the program wont happen, we could investigate after school programming if that is a direction we want to move into but summer programming will probably not happen this year because of the gap in the budget process if we don't get a budget adopted July 1st and it is August 1st Mr. Sonsteng cant get a person hired and programming scheduled for one month of

programming, we will just push it off to fiscal year 22 and if that is your direction to do we will implement that.

Councilmember Shourd: Bobby we discussed in the park board meeting that you already have activities planned throughout the summer. Do you feel you are not going to be able to facilitate the current ones that you have planned, I look at it like this summer we are getting off the ground we will have a good understanding of how much revenue and participation you are going to have.

Bobby: kind of my thought is if it is on my shoulders, and I can't get the park attendant that is already an approved position me personally could facilitate one a week at the most with everything else going on. I mean if that is what council wants to do and go that way and see what kind of participation we get that would be the maximum availability that I have would be one camp a week at most, but if it is a park attendant I am just really stretched thin the pool is getting ready to go and maintenance to the parks is ramping up and with all that I will be stretched very thin to implement a bunch of programming I think that it is possible to do a few day camps here and there, but it wont be anywhere near the magnitude of what this position is talking about.

Councilmember Shourd: what was the participation last year?

Bobby: it was COVID, and kids had to wear masks, so a lot of people we didn't get because of that. I did have one nature walk with 12 participants I had another with only 3 it was crumby weather I had 7 signed up and only 3 showed on those maybe the average was about 10.

Councilmember Ludington: clarification Mr. Vick we need a motion to approve the job description I just want to make sure if you are talking about someone to fill that position or approving the job description.

Councilmember Vick: we are just talking about approving the job description right now we can get to hiring when someone applies.

Mayor Dewey: to be clear you are approving a job descriptions are we are hoping you will set a wage for that job description. Once you, once the spending authority is set in your budget and once the job description exists

the hire does not come back to the town council, the executive branch says we have the money we have the policy we blend them together and we move on. And we implement the program if you are expecting that a candidate would come back, or some sort of a hiring process would come back before council that was not our intent

Councilmember Devlin: we already approved the funding.

Mayor Dewey: the funding is already approved through the end of this fiscal year, you are going to address July 1 forward, but knowing that the position is established helps us move into that budgeting process. And I mean candidly when you get into some budget talks if Mr. Sonsteng has some opportunity to get some programming under way by the time you are at a point in finalizing your budget you should have some idea of how programming is being utilized or not utilized I think that there is an advantage now in doing it and going forward with the risk that the position may not be covered by fees, because you have the fall back of the American Rescue Plan and you are not counting on reserves to do that. The more guidance that comes out on the American Rescue Plan as it is geared towards these childcare programs and many other things in response to the pandemic the scope isn't as broad as we were initially led to believe of that funding when it comes in, we are not going down the road of beautification projects and that sort of things and a lot of other areas that funding could go. There are some functional areas that funding could go but there is a lot of it to go around in our organization so, I think that you have a good stop gap in place to say "okay if this programming doesn't go through and this is a flop, and we don't see the attendance in the programming funds that we thought we would see than you have something to subsidize that versus pulling it straight out of reserves and calling it a loss.

Councilmember Ludington: we are looking at 12 weeks of summer and total expense of less than \$10,000. I don't see you being able to create that kind of revenue in that time period that is quiet a bit of money for 12 weeks. And that is starting June 1 and ending August 30 that is 12 weeks of now we are going to be using some designated funds to get started with it I think that it is worth exploring if this is something that we want to try and

present to the community, like Bobby said there is nothing out there now and if you talk to groups of people that is something that they want.

Councilmember Vick: there is definitely a demand for it but we just don't have a supply.

Councilmember Ludington: I understand what Patrick is saying that we are trying to figure out what we are going to do with our budget and what kind of demands we have there. I would like to see it get started but I would also like to see you raise 75-80% of the cost in fees. So, and that is going to be a job.

Councilmember Devlin: you are looking to have to make almost \$21.00 an hour.

Mayor Dewey: how much did you say Jaime?

Councilmember Devlin: \$21.00 an hour.

Mayor Dewey: based on what wage?

Councilmember Devlin: \$15.00. at full time to cover three months. Just to give you an idea it comes out to \$21.00 an hour.

Mayor Dewey: so, if Mr. Sonsteng helped programming to help to just cover that cost and he did, hang on, I mean I guess the bottom line of this you guys even if the revenue is not there, we hope that it would be I just ran preliminary numbers based on \$14.00 per hour and I am watching what Mr. Sonsteng is trying to do with just swim lesson sign ups I don't know how realistic it is to get 200 campers over a 12 week period he needs to have 100 kids sign up with a \$35.00 fee. Over the next 12 weeks to just cover the wages. So, if council wants to continue this and you want us to bring forward some more concrete strategies for the need in our community, I think we can do that I think what we will probably pivot to is bagging programming in the summer for parks and recreation and more or less using the summer to strategize and implement programming in 22.

Councilmember Vick: instead of going ahead and turning this down I am going to rescind my motion.

Mayor Dewey: why don't we just vote on this guys when we do stuff like that if makes the minutes complicated for Jenelle. Let it go to vote. Assuming that there is no public comment Ms. Berthoud call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: I don't even know what we are voting on. No

Councilmember Ludington: No.

Councilmember Ludington: no

Councilmember Shourd: no

Councilmember Vick: no

Mayor Dewey: the motion fails.

12. Executive Report

Mayor Dewey: the 5th street project is under way on 5th and Park Ave, and I think I can't tell you because I wasn't there today, but it sounded like they are going to start ripping out some dirt and get ready for concrete and new asphalt so if you have a minute to swing by that project and check things out, I encourage you to do so. American Rescue Plan, a lot of information regarding the American Rescue Plan funding and to Stevensville specifically I think over the last couple of weeks I have spent 15-20 hours on ZOOM calls and research of this funding a lot of it is good news. The town will receive just over \$501,000 dollars in direct assistances, it is going to go straight to us, through the states bank account, but they are not able to restrict it. Scope of that funding is for the effects of the pandemic, you can use it for some infrastructure purposes, public safety purposes there is an array of things that you can do with it on the flip coin of that there are some restrictions. Half of the funding will come in June of 2021 and the other half will come in June of 2022 and we have until June of 2024 to spend it. That is that direct assistance pot of money if you will and there is another pot of money through House bill 262 that the legislature did that is a chunk of money that funding is being based on the gas tax funding, so they are using a formula. It is allocated for our community, \$327,000 dollars for water and sewer, it does require a matching fund. It can be a one-to-

one match or 25% of the funding that you receive. In our case instead of matching the \$327,000 we will have to match it with a \$125,000, that is the second pot. Competitive money is the third pot of money from the state of Montana, and I want to say that is \$250 million dollars, application is due July 15th but there are no forms to do it. It is supposed to be a relatively simple process to acquire that funding there is a match requirement the better you do in a match the better you rank, that is our understanding. With all of that Stevensville stands to make some much-needed projects in the community because we have been diligent in putting away cash in our water fund we have a sizeable match all together our water fund sits at \$1.6 million of course a lot of that is tied up in bonds for future payments but there is a sizable amount of money in that fund to put towards the project that we could we could put with so what you will see on June 10th agenda, you will see the HDR report and hear from the administration and HDR on how to proceed with these funding opportunities we prioritized leakage and we would like to see a number of mains that we know are leaking it ties into a health and safety piece where we knew we could rack a little bit higher leverage, the idea that if we replace these leaking lines that would obviously help with some climate response which is one of the requirements of the funding the other part is we could increase some fire flows in the community by replacing some mains so that is one priority. Last piece that I will mention is thanking you to fill out the doodle pole for budget workshops. Barring any questions, I will let you move on.

13. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Vick: first off, I want to wish you a safe trip Mayor. Jaime congrats to you for getting the award for the Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce, I want to wish Renee Christianson who has been the office manager for many years at Family Active Care, she is moving to South Carolina and has done a lot for this community, and she doesn't even live in Stevensville actually lives in Hamilton. The biggest thing I want to say is I think we need to have more enfaces on public comment. I do know that Mr. Michalson and (unclear audio) two weeks ago wanted to make a comment on the pool agenda item I personally feel that we should come down to talk about this rule when it comes to meetings and what not is

that if something is on the agenda we should allow the public to have some sort of comment period about it because the public comment period is for things not on the agenda so if there is something listed on the agenda and whether or not we are coming to a conclusion on it the public should be able to have some sort of input on it rather than Facebook, letters and all that.

Councilmember Ludington: first of all, I want to say thanks to Bobby this is no way a lack of support for your job, I know that you work very hard, and I know that this is something necessary for the community these are tough so, know that we support you. I know what you are doing for the town is very important we will continue to work on it.

14. Board Reports

Councilmember Ludington: Planning and Zoning Board met last night and at the last council meeting you saw that the work plan that we put together which is pretty ambitious, so last time we talked about a few things in this work plan the expectations of a subcommittee to review a subdivision regulation procedure or a subdivision draft document that is produced by the department of commerce I would like to on behalf of the committee ask for consequences that would allow the town administration looking for members of the community that would want to be on the sub committee volunteer to look at this large document a limited number of the planning and zoning committee don't have to do all that work on their own people that live in town I especially came up with this idea after the issues with Burnt Fork Estates really being able to understand subdivision regulations on one end it is pretty simple and on the other end it is very complicated by state law, there are some specific areas I think if the public had some input being able to massage this document in a way for what the town is looking for so that being said I think the Mayor and the town administration is looking for or try to put out through various methods through the town website social media to ask for volunteers to put in between 15-20 hours in September to get together and look at some specific chapters that (unclear audio) document that has been put into (unclear audio) 128 pages long we would probably only be looking at about a quarter of those pages because


the rest in state law. This is what you have to do blah blah blah, but there are some areas in the procedures so the design criteria put our own stamp on it, and get people in my opinion that have some interest in what is going on in the community a chance to sit down together and sit down with the planning and zoning board and try to understand each other better so we can make something better for the town in the midst of expansion.

Councilmember Vick: climate change advisory board we had a great meeting by myself and have not come to any consensus on anything I will say as an outreach to the community that would like to join send me an email.

Mayor Dewey: with that if there is nothing else for the good of the order we will adjourn.

15. Adjournment

APPROVE:


Brandon E. Dewey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk