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TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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The Whitehall Town Council held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Street, Monday, December 12, 2022.

PRESENT: Council Members: Katy James, Bill Lanes, Pat Peterson, Shawn Hoagland, Linda Jung, Clerk/Treasurer Allissa Christensen, and Acting Mayor Roy McBride.

VISITORS: Bridget Morse, Lonna Johnson, Kory Klapan, Dave Cole, Leonard Wortman, Jeannie Ferriss, Cody Hagerty, Jessica Ward, Maxine Samuelson, and Dan Hagerty.

Acting Mayor Roy McBride called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken. All council members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Agenda was approved.

Linda made a motion to approve the agenda with Shawn seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat: We don't have the minutes.

Allissa: Not done yet.

Roy: Not done yet. I guess we will forgo the minutes. We will approve them next meeting.

VI. REPORTS:

Acting Mayor Roy's Report

Roy: The mayor is not here to give a report. I would just like to thank Public Works for the hard work they did getting all the Christmas lights and everything up for Christmas. Also, they are doing a very good job keeping the snow plowed. I appreciate that.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Attorney Report

No report.

Clerk / Treasurer Allissa Christensen's Report

Allissa: I have been busy with the audit. I've got Newland and Company coming for an onsite visit on Wednesday and possibly Thursday. I am hoping we can get everything crunched out on Wednesday because Thursday I have a meeting/training I need to get on for floodplain administrator stuff. Tickets: we are up to 149 citations for the year which is really good. Mary is sick that is why she is not here tonight. So tomorrow I have to go to Helena for the mediation for the lawsuit. So, at next month's meeting I will have an update on that. Day to day stuff. If anyone has any questions, come in and see me.

Public Work Kory Klapan's Report

Kory: I will start off with water and the fire house well. We did get it tripped out last week 172 feet deep. It does look like the motor was burnt when we pulled it up. We did camera that well Wednesday of last week. So, we got all of that for the water project. We wanted to camera that anyway so we did it while it was out. We put the pump back in Friday. We are going to hook it up and flush it tomorrow. So, it should be up and going after that. I think the bill on that is going to end up being \$26,000. We had to do it. We did go with a little bit bigger pump than what we had before because the other one was a little undersized. We should pump about 75 gallons a minute more than what we were previously so that is kind of nice. I have held off on water samples until that well is up and going because I have to take samples out of that well. So, hopefully tomorrow afternoon I can do water samples and get them up to Helena. Other than that, it has been good. Sewer. Everything is going good. We are having trouble keeping that road open out to the sewer lagoon because of the drifts. If you want to see something impressive go look at the piles of snow. We got out there. It is amazing how much snow blows into that. It is opened up for now anyways. So, if we have a problem there, we can get to it. Snowplowing. It has been crazy. We have put I don't know how many hours into snowplowing, but I think we have stayed up on it halfway decent. I want to thank I believe it's BY's 4H club for decorating the fish tank. I know it's AG Cats and Spurs and Spoons that helped decorate for Christmas. It's kind of awesome they show up, and then in about 2 hours we are done. It's kind of crazy with little kids running around. We got that done pretty good.

Fire Chief Joe Granvold's Report

Roy: The fire chief is not here, but I guess I have a couple of comments that I can make under his section if I could please. Katy and I and Linda went to the fire department. The rural fire department had a lady in that discussed maybe consolidating. In fact, there is a whole bunch of stuff that we have to figure out

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before we can even think about it. It would make it a little better. They want to make it an all in one. It has some advantages for both sides if we can do that. But we haven't made any. We need to get together and get some numbers. They are looking into some stuff that they had questions on. We are just going to compile some figures and stuff and get it back to them. Then sit down and get a group together and make a determination.

Shawn: Interesting.

Pat: The one question I had about that. I wasn't able to go to that meeting which was last Thursday. We were told that if we didn't have a town fire department, it would affect the insurance rates for all property owners.

Roy: No.

Pat: No?

Roy: We would be part of the rural fire department.

Pat: And that counts.

Roy: Yes.

Pat: So, we would not have?

Roy: Since I think what did they say we were a class 2 town Linda?

Allissa: 3.

Linda: Class 3.

Roy: Class 3 town. As long as there is a fire chief which there is one, they would be representing the town too.

Pat: Okay.

Linda: That attorney is specifically a fire.

Roy: Fire department attorney. That's all she does.

Linda: Fire Department and she knows her stuff. It's going to be great to be able to work with her. I think it will be good for the county and the city.

Allissa: Is there another meeting scheduled?

Roy: No there is not. I was going to get with you, but I haven't had a chance because I have been kind of busy and so have you.

Allissa: Yeah.

Roy: But we need to get some numbers.

Shawn: We have a homework project, I'm sure.

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Roy: Yeah, we do have a homework project. They are doing some stuff. We just need to feed them some information. Then we will sit down, put a group together and see if it is viable.

Sherriff's Report

No report.

County Commissioner Leonard Wortman's Report

Leonard: County Commissioner for the next three weeks or so. My replacement Dan Hagerty is also here. I appreciate the opportunity to give a report on it every month. It's been good. I think it's a good deal. Our COVID numbers are still hanging around. We have 14 active right now which is up slightly. We are still under the low risk I guess for the county so that is a good thing. It just doesn't seem to want to go away. We may have talked before about the possibility of the county buying the old river building in Boulder. That was a restaurant that closed. For the health department we decided not to do that. We got a fairly decent price on the building itself, but the remodel to make it work was almost a million and a half dollars which kind of put it out of reach. We have another option there is a building on the south campus that is already owned by the county. There are two great big building, out there, multistory buildings. The one is in fairly decent shape. It has a new roof on it so it hasn't had all the weather stuff. The other one is in pretty tough shape. It has had a fire in it. It has a lot of pigeons in it. The roof has a big hole. It probably is going to end up having to go away. The remodel cost on the other one which is building five. It's a two-story building about 12,000 square feet. It was about six million dollars the estimate to retrofit that building. It is on the historical registry. So, we have a lot of options that we can do. One of them is the historical tax credits. There is also a new industry tax credit that we can cover about a fourth of the cost of the project with and a fairly substantial grant from DPHS that we can look at. There is a pretty strong possibility there are also grants available for historical buildings. That wouldn't be available on the other types of stuff. One of the things that really kills us on the grant thing is that Jefferson County as a whole is the highest per capita income in the state of Montana. When we look at grants, a lot of the grants are based on the need of the counties. As a county we are up there amongst the supposedly better off counties and stuff.

Shawn: Highest per capita income in the state?

Leonard: Yeah, income in the state of Montana.

Allissa: Did someone fudge the numbers?

Leonard: Pardon.

Allissa: I'm just teasing. Sorry.

Leonard: The north end makes a heck of a difference. Believe me.

Allissa: Leonard is that the building that looks like an old school kind of behind where MHP is at that you are talking about?

Leonard: No, it's on this side of the river.

Allissa: Oh okay.

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Leonard: Two great big buildings there. One of them is a big three story right behind the county shop basically.

Allissa: Oh okay.

Leonard: Yeah. We have a lot of folks concerned that we were going to tear those buildings down. They have been there forever. I think that there is a possibility that if we can make it affordable to remodel a building that it would be a compromise. We will work with this building, and the other one has to go away. That would open about 6 or 7 acres that can be utilized for other things. That is one of the things we are certainly looking at and stuff. The other thing that I wanted to bring up is the tentative map for the redistricting in the state. The redistricting commission has been hard at work. I testified once before. Actually, Mayor Mary and I went to Bozeman and testified when they had a public hearing there. What I just passed around here is their new and improved proposed map. Jefferson County would be under House District (HD) 61 and historically the ideal district is 10,800 and some people. Jefferson County is about 13,000 and so. There is a number of folks that need to go to a different district. Historically it has always been this end of the county the Whitehall area has been in with Madison County which is a good fit. We share fire districts, school districts, and ambulance districts. There are a lot of people that own land on both sides of the river. It's just been a natural fit. This time they had HD 62. Do you want to see one of these Liz?

Liz: Yes please.

Leonard: Okay. So, HD 62 includes Powell County. But they moved that district over to the area of Elk Park, Bernice, Basin, and over almost around Boulder, but they didn't include the town of Boulder. Saw the fingers go over into the north part of the county and I'm not sure just exactly where they go. HD 62 is Powell County, Grant County, and a portion of Missoula County. That is a huge district. They don't have many people there, but it is a huge district. It goes clear up to Seely Lake.

Shawn: I was going to say what's the head count?

Leonard: Yeah. It would be about the same.

Shawn: Would it really?

Leonard: Yeah. The HD has to be about 10,800 and some people.

Shawn: Right.

Leonard: It's supposed to be within that. The redistricting commission has a hell of a job. It's kind of like putting a crossword puzzle before the puzzle pieces are finished. You know? It's really a difficult thing. It's not the worst map that they ever came out with. I went in Saturday. They had a public hearing to give a testimony on Saturday. On testifying in front of the commission there was about 180 people on zoom and probably 40 or so in the room there. I didn't stay for the whole thing. It would be an all day and pertineer all night deal. I asked them to look at it. I would really like them to keep as close to the traditional thing the way it has been forever if we can. When they complete this one, then they will combine two of those districts into the Senate District. Then it will go to the Legislature, and the Legislature has the ability to change it or whatever before they give final approval to it. That is all we got. I hope everything goes good.

Roy: Dan did you want to say something?

Dan: I can. I was going to wait.

Shawn: Sure, appreciate it.

Linda: Thanks Leonard.

Pat: Thanks for you service Leonard.

Shawn: Yeah.

Dan Hagerty: Good evening. I know every one of you except Pat may not know me, but maybe you do. I am Dan Hagerty commissioner elect. I was going to wait and talk to Mary, but she is still not here. So anyway, with that I just want to tell you folks that I look forward to working with the Council. Whatever your needs may be and being a team, I think we can benefit from both. If you have any concerns or interest, please let me know. There will be an open door at one point in time when we get an office down here. Also, it will be all of us in general as for no personal agenda.

Shawn: Look forward to it.

COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board

Linda: We haven't been very busy which is good. We had one permit. Pat will go over that with consent agenda. Sub-committee has taken off December. It quickly filled up other areas. We didn't really get a break. We are basically working on our own with the sub-committee. We are working on the growth policy and also tiny houses which we are kind of knocking our head against the wall. Nobody is prepared for tiny houses is what we are finding out. Nobody has policies. They kind of take the policies that they have and move them so that the tiny houses will work. We are still working on it. We are doing our homework on our own.

Water/Sewer/Garbage

See minutes.

Streets/Alley/Sidewalks

See minutes.

Parks, Trees and Cemetery

No meeting.

Pool Board

No meeting.

Recreational Complex Board

Roy: I wasn't at the last meeting. They discussed putting the Resolution forward and adding more members to that board so they have a bigger representation. Also, Lonna Johnson resigned. At some

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point the mayor will appoint another member from the saddle club to that commission along with any of the others. That's all I have because I wasn't there. I think it was a heated discussion.

Lonna: Can I make a statement or intervene with that since I was at the meeting?

Roy: Sure, more than glad to.

Lonna: I have been with the saddle club now for almost 30 some years. I have sat on this Rec Board off and on for probably 20 years. Yes, Roy was not at the meeting the other night, but there was never a discussion with the Resolution that is being put towards us tonight. In the past we have discussed going forward and trying to get some grants and some opportunities. It was brought up to get a \$30,000 COVID relief from the county. That was supposed to be brought to this meeting tonight which we did approve as long as the council approved it tonight and that was supposed to be earmarked for maintenance. But this Resolution that will be discussed later on was not brought up at that time. It was later date to just the meeting. My term was up with our club. So, we as a club get to choose who our representative is going to be to sit on the board. Dave Cole was the one that our club has selected to be on the Rec Board advisor for the saddle club.

Roy: You don't understand. He has to be approved by the mayor.

Lonna: Correct. It was supposed to be brought to the meeting tonight also.

Roy: It's no on the agenda.

Lonna: Yes. The minutes were taken by Kennedy and was supposed to be submitted tonight, and that was supposed to be discussed also tonight. I just wanted to clarify that.

T.I.F.F

No meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bridget Morse: I was looking on the town website, and I see that the last minutes were from August of a special meeting. I was wondering what is the boards policy for when the minutes have been approved. How long is it before they are put on the website? Also, I see the vehicles that I commented on at the last month's meeting that are parked on public property are still parked on public property. There is still a bus adjacent to the ladies auxiliary. There is now semis and semi-trailers parked behind Legion Park and have been there well over five days. Some have disappeared and some have not. I now notice that this grader that now lives at the corner of First Street East and A Street is parked on the boulevard. It does not have a special mobile permit. It's not allowed to be parked on public property. It should not be on the streets because it has no licensing. It has been there way over the five days. Okay. And then the garbage cans. So, the garbage cans moved because I complained, I guess. They moved over, and then they came back out in the street. So, I went and looked at the situation more closely. That is boulevard there, and there are some large slabs of concrete that I think have been there since construction was done way last summer. I don't know who owns the concrete, but I think that should be removed by

whoever put it there. Then there is a large pile of debris, scrap metal that looks like it came off of siding kind of all curled up and a large truck.

Shawn: Where is that at?

Bridget: Across from the bank at the edge of the alley.

Linda: Okay.

Roy: Treasure State Solutions.

Bridget: It looks really junky and that is where the garbage cans should be. They would be unintrusive, and they would be out of the way. Obviously, you can't put them there because there is like three 4x4 foot pieces of concrete. And being on the TIFF and thinking about blight I think that is an enormous piece of blight, and it should be addressed. Okay. Then I was thinking about snowy sidewalks. It's not getting done very well in the downtown area around the park. Really didn't go. Someone did a four-wheeler around once. If I had a four-wheeler, I would plow for my neighbors and I would do a better job. But at the moment I don't have a four-wheeler. Okay. Then I understand at the Rec Complex meeting they had that special meeting because of the \$30,000 ARPA grant that was supposed to be on your agenda tonight to be processed to see if the council approved that. So, since that isn't on here, I'm guessing there was something wrong with that; and that isn't going to be done by the town.

Roy: We have to give 48 hours' notice to the public, and that didn't happen. So, it will have to be on the next meeting.

Bridget: My understanding it had to be in by the end of the year.

Roy: I can't answer that.

Bridget: Okay.

Maxine Samuelson: I also noticed the minutes on the town website only went to August. I looked at some of the minutes. When it comes to the board reports it says see board minutes and nowhere on there can you see those board minutes. I think that would be a good idea to have them add it. I do like that I was able to print out my own agenda tonight from the town page. So, thank you very much for that. If the Rec Board needs a secretary, I would be willing to do that.

Dan: I just want to say on behalf of Commissioner Wortman. When I was a deputy, he was there when we needed him especially when we had that flood. He was a big asset and a big part of it. I just wanted to acknowledge him and give credit where due and say thank you. Good luck on your future endeavor sir.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Planning Board

- A. Marc Wagner / development permit application / new structure / 108 S Brooke St. / approved.

Business Licenses

Communication Resources, LLC

Markovich Construction, Inc.

Hawe Steel Design, LLC

Galle Plumbing and Heating, Inc.

Trademark Electric Inc.

Professional Fire Protection

Harrington Flooring

Tastefully Simple

Shawn made a motion with Pat seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

Jeannie Ferriss: This is going to be a short presentation because one of my preschoolers shared a case of the flu with me last week. What we did was the council tasked me with doing a proposal. I met with Mayor Mary, Allissa, Diane Ward, and John Moulton who are two of the county library board members. In our discussion we decided what we were going to do is a memorandum of understanding first because we have permission to use the building starting in January. We came up with a list of about 40 questions that everybody discussed. Some of them were very quick, and some of them are going to require a little more research on my part, but to put that in place first before we do a proposal. A proposal is going to take a lot of research to be able to find out. I have discovered that there is actually a grant for getting grants to design a building. You can write a grant for practically anything. I am going to be looking into that. We are going to be assisting Allissa with anything we can do to help her to get the courthouse building finished so then the library can proceed with future plans that way. Just to let you know. Yes, we are still busting at the seams. We had over 600 people in the building on Saturday for the Christmas Festival. We are one of the big hits in town, and our programs are full even with the flu. If you have any questions, I will have a very nice not chicken scratched version of the MOU for you by next time. I will get that into Kennedy so it will go into your packet. It was very simple. It was very basic, but we just wanted to make sure there were no hard feelings created with unanswered questions. If we hit the questions now, then we're able to clarify some things that people weren't sure about. Do you have any questions for me?

Pat: This is the memo of understanding about you using some of those rooms in the old courthouse primarily for senior programs is what you talked about.

Jeannie: Right. Primarily for senior programs. It's easier to keep the kids in the main library because I can put them in the basement. There is a method to my madness always Pat.

Linda: And the other thing is handicap accessible in where the court clerk is?

Jeannie: Yes. We are set up. I talked to Allissa and we are offering 12 weeks of sales classes that Holly Harper is going to teach. We are taking 12 people for the first class, and then we will run a second class if we have enough registration. We have people coming that are using wheelchairs and walkers. So that has been a real blessing to be able to use that building which is all I want it for to do those classes in.

Pat: For the next council meeting is when you hope to have that memo ready?

Jeannie: It would have been done this week but I wasn't doing much of anything. Anything else? If you have any questions that you think about or things you would like to see added to the MOU, I'm pretty much always at the library so just give me a call or stop by and give me your input. I would like to have it.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Council determination on new Purchase Order Policy.

Linda made a motion with Pat seconding.

Linda: We need to table this until January because of questions that we have.

B. Council determination on leasing the town hall garage to the ambulance district for the winter, no more than 9 months. -update.

Pat made a motion to discuss with Shawn seconding.

Shawn: We have had a lot of conversations with Holly who was running point. I think we came to the mutual conclusion that we are just going to let that die.

Shawn makes a motion that we do not lease space to the ambulance district at this time.

Bridget: Point of order you cannot make a negative motion.

Pat: Thank you.

Roy: Make a positive motion.

Pat: I move that our answer is no. I don't know how you can make that positive. It was basically agreed upon with Holly that the option to rent here in the bays here was not going to go forward. They withdrew their request. We accepted their withdrawal.

Allissa: So, you would say all those.

Roy: I would say all those in favor of.

Shawn: Yeah.

Roy: Word it that way Shawn. All those in renting the town hall property.

Shawn: Well, we have discussed. Now we just vote.

Roy: Yeah.

Shawn: You are saying all those in favor of leasing?

Roy: Right. Yes.

Pat: No.

Roy: Show of hands. Please.

Pat: No.

Linda: No.

Shawn: No.

All raise their hand.

ALL OPPOSED MOTION FAILED.

Shawn: Did we do that right Bridget?

Bridget: Oh, close enough.

C. Council determination on building addition to town hall for city court so that old town hall can be utilized by the library. -update.

Allissa: Yeah. Where we sit right now is I filled out I guess it's an application. I turned in a grant to the WSC the Whitehall Sustainability Committee. They do not meet though until February. I have submitted that application to that committee so that we could build on the addition here for city court. Then in the future we can give our current city court lease it to or rent it to the library. That is the plan.

Pat: I would like to clarify that we have not approved building an addition onto this building. That has not been approved. It's just something we are researching and might happen seeing if we can get the addition and make changes in old town hall.

Liz: That is not going to work with WSC then because it has to be for a committed plan. Remember it has to be for a confirm chunk. So, until you can confirm it, then it can't go.

Allissa: Thanks a lot Liz.

Liz: Sorry.

Pat: It's just saving you work.

Linda: Back to the drawing board.

Liz: Once it's approved then it can move on.

Pat: That has not been approved by the council at all.

Allissa: Okay. Fabulous. Okay.

Roy: Can I get a motion to table it until next meeting?

Allissa: Yeah. That works.

Linda made a motion to table with Bill seconding.

MOTION TABLED.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council determination on additions / alternations to Personnel Policy manual for endorsement by MMIA.

Pat made a motion with Katy seconding.

Linda: It was pretty straight forward.

Pat: I motioned that we just approve them without discussion.

Pat made a motion with Bill seconding.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Council determination on Resolution 2022-20, agenda posting areas.

Katy made a motion to discuss with Shawn seconding

Roy: Where are we going to put them, Allissa?

Shawn: You want to elaborate on Allissa where they are going?

Allissa: Front door here, library and post office I am emailing, Rocky Mountain Bank and our website. Those are the five places we are going to post it. Again, posting an agenda is to encourage public participation. So, if somebody forgets to post it at the post office nobody is going to the electric chair. It's just an opportunity to participate, and we are doing the best we can. Those are the five places.

Linda: Comment. We will email. The town clerk Allissa will email the copies of the agenda to the post office and to the library. At that point it is up to them to get them posted. That has to be clear because there has been a problem with that before.

Pat: And it is in here.

Linda: And it is in here, but you guys don't have that in front of you. So, I need to state that.

Maxine: Have they been notified that this is going to be the process?

Allissa: Yep.

Shawn: And we know this meets our fiduciary duty to post?

Allissa: Oh Yeah. Yeah.

Linda: As long as we have a Resolution.

Pat made a motion to approve the Resolution with Shawn seconding

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Council determination on digital imaging agreement with Family Search to digitize the towns cemetery archives and old minutes.

Pat made a motion to discuss with Katy seconding.

Pat: I have a question. Why would we need to go with Family Search? That provides access to billions of historical records online, a collaborative online family tree, personal research help. I don't know see why the town needs to get involved in that?

Katy: Am I understanding that this has something to do with the Mormon Church?

Pat: Yes.

Katy: And they, do it?

Allissa: The Mormon Church does the family tree, but this is for anyone who does genealogy work.

Pat: Right. I mean the Mormons are famous for their genealogy work and their records and all of that. I know that. But why would the town get involved with this with the LDS church. I'm sure there are other businesses that would digitize our records for us and not necessarily put it on as large of a scale as such.

Allissa: They approached us. They have worked with other counties. Basically, they are just taking our records and making it available to the public. So those that are doing genealogy they can say oh I didn't realize that my great great grandfather was the mayor of Whitehall. They approached us. This is free. Really, they do all the work and we give them access to the records to help people with genealogy.

Shawn: Public records, correct? Right?

Allissa: Correct.

Katy: Majority of people that do genealogy use the Mormons database and everything. Majority of it goes through there. They do charge you to be a member or something to get it as well as I believe the other ones do. I work with someone that does genealogy and she says this is a good way to go because she uses it. She has done a lot of research for me. I think it is good that we do it.

Pat: My family is Mormon and have used the resources.

Allissa: Take the religion out of it. It's really a service for people interested in genealogy.

Pat: My concern is that it's almost like an international database; and why are we doing that? I don't think.

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Allissa: We are not really doing anything. We are giving them access to our records.

Pat: Yeah. But why? That is my question. There are other organization that would help us digitize our cemetery records and all of that. My concern is the scope of this organization. Why do we want to get into this as a town?

Katy: Is our cemetery records on file with the county seat in the county courthouse?

Allissa: I don't know.

Katy: I do know that because I served on a cemetery board in Basin. Keith found out one time that he was just burying people up there as a free cemetery. He called me up and he said I just found out something and I have to apologize. He had to notify the Clerk and Recorder I think it was their office that they were burying someone in our cemetery because he said they keep track of everybody that is buried in cemeteries. I don't know if that has anything to do with it.

Linda: On page 4 of 4. They want to digitize our Ordinance Books.

Allissa: I just took all of our really really really old books. They didn't say we want to do this. I just took all of our really old books and say yeah digitize these.

Linda: And council minutes, cemetery books, and cemetery map? Is that all?

Maxine: Nothing that is not public knowledge.

Linda: Public records. Only public records, correct?

Allissa: Correct. Yep. This is something that we have to keep forever. Why not help those? It's harmless.

Linda: So, they can go through your minutes and see a comment from somebody in the audience that was a relative of theirs? That is what you are getting at right?

Allissa: Yep. By digitizing these they can track people down. If you haven't done genealogy, it's pretty cool. Yeah.

Linda: The other thing is the disclosure agreement. The digital imaging agreement is quite lengthy. Has Ed looked at it?

Allissa: No. I read over it. It's a free service.

Linda: It is.

Pat: Yeah. But free doesn't mean safe doesn't mean anything? I kind of agree with Linda. I would rather at least have legal look through this to make sure the agreement is something that is legit for us at a minimum. I mean the whole genealogy thing I understand. I found out I could be a member of the daughters of the American Revolution through genealogy.

Roy: Let's make a decision here.

Pat: We are a town. Why do we need it?

Roy: Do you table it or approve it?

Katy made a motion to table it until the attorney has a chance to look at it with Pat seconding.

MOTION TABLED.

Allissa: Now our free service isn't free anymore.

D. Council determination on parking policy at Legion Park.

Linda made a motion to discuss with Shawn seconding

Linda: I really like everything that is in there the way that it was written up. But I do question that somehow, we got to get in there that we need to get some signs up once we do this.

Pat: Can I ask one question? In here it says during the months of June to October if visitors are staying over a weekend, Friday to Sunday, they must be parked west of the fishpond to avoid farmers market set up. Doesn't the farmers market set up west of the fishpond?

Allissa: No.

Roy: East.

Pat: It's all on the east side of Legion.

Bill: West is towards the fire hall.

Pat: Yeah.

Bill: Farmers market is east.

Pat: Yeah. But I thought they had some.

Allissa: No.

Bill: Frontier Days they are usually some there.

Pat: They are all over.

Katy: Usually Famer's Market is only on Saturdays.

Pat: Yeah.

Katy: So that would be the only day that we would have concerns over. Would we want to clarify that?

Linda: Well, the only other time that would be concern would be Frontier Days or any special.

Katy: Clarification that on Saturdays they can't park on the east side of the fishpond and whatever day the Frontier Days falls on because that whole area is used. Vendors use the whole area, right?

Bill: Oh, yeah.

Linda: Pretty much.

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Katy: So, clarify put dates in there or days that they can't.

Liz: The last weekend in July.

Pat: Yeah, that is Frontier Days.

Katy: Yeah. There you go.

Bill: That is pretty standard?

Liz: That is forever. We voted on that because Country Jam is flip flopping their dates. So, we decided on the last weekend in July.

Katy: There you go.

Bill: Bridget this should address some of your concerns you brought up.

Bridget: You already have rules. We need to enforce them.

Linda: Absolutely.

Bill: I don't know if we have this specific one on Legion.

Bridget: Well, I haven't seen that document. I mean that is more about campers, isn't it? People with a camper.

Bill: Yeah. You did mention this I think semis tonight, didn't you?

Bridget: Semis and trailers are parking now.

Bill: Yep. This will address that.

Bridget: They are making it hard so you can't even get through. If someone parks normal up to the park like they should so they are angle parking, those semis are there. You can't get through to go out on Legion.

Bill: Sure.

Pat: See the thing is if there are semis parked along Legion, call the sheriff. I have done that.

Liz: It's not along Legion. It's in your parking lot.

Pat: In the parking lot.

Roy: We can still have our deputy sheriff tell him to tag them.

Liz: So, there is a rumor that the mayor has told them they can do that. I don't know if that's true or not.

Roy: What is that? I didn't hear.

Liz: Mayor had approved semis parking there because of the construction at Town Pump. So just so you guys know that is going around.

Kory: I can add to whose they were and what they were. The trailer that was parked there for like four weeks didn't know it was there. When I contacted Chad to have it tagged, Chad contacted the company.

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There was a blue truck and that trailer that the companies didn't even know where they were. A lot of people think it's Treasure State Solutions. I think there is one or two there that are Treasure State Solutions, but the others are not. They got rid of the one that was there for four weeks I believe today. It pulled out. Like I said Chad tagged it and that was how we got it gone. Everything there has been tagged so within the next few days should be gone.

Bill: Today two of them say Treasure State on them.

Kory: Okay.

Bill: Yeah.

Kory: Yep. And I said that. I believe there is, but the trailer that was parked so close to the park was definitely not them.

Bill: Sure. Was abandoned.

Kory: I think they are guilty. I talked to him. He said hey other people are parking there so I thought I could too.

Bill: Yeah.

Kory: We informed him no. So, the mayor didn't give him permission.

Liz: No, I'm not talking about Treasure State. What I have been told by several different people is that they had heard that because of the construction at Town Pump the semis have no place to go and that the mayor had told the semis that they could park in the park.

Kory: And if she has, she hasn't told me that. We have talked about the semis there quite a bit. She never implied anything like that to me.

Allissa: She didn't.

Liz: No?

Allissa: No.

Kory: I think we know they are going to park there overnight so we are kind of stuck there and along Legion.

Bill: Yep.

Kory: I mean if you come in at 5 in the morning, they are all the way up and down Legion. They are cramming pretty much everywhere they can cram. In front of Cliff's Automotive he is having trouble. It's kind of a shock to their system, but I don't think anyone has given permission to go there.

Liz: That is what I figured.

Allissa: I got confirmation. Nobody comes and talks to me though. I must be really scary.

Bill made a motion with changes of the addition of the last weekend in July with Katy seconding.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Council determination on Resolution 2022-21, Rec Complex bylaws.

Pat made a motion to discuss with Shawn seconding.

Allissa: Can I say something? Is that okay council?

Linda: Sure, you can go ahead of us.

Allissa: So, with this I know there is some tension with the Rec Complex and the saddle club and I'm kind of going up to bat for Kennedy. She has put in a lot of leg work. Bottom line is we just want to see the Rec Complex be utilized better. That is the goal not to kick anyone out. We want to get these grants so we can sustain the life of the Rec Complex to help it look better. That is all I'm trying to say. She is doing the best that she can. With municipalities there are so many rules. We do a lot in this office. She is not being malicious. I don't want anyone saying that. That is the goal here is to make the Rec Complex better. Bottom line. That is all.

Pat: Did we move to discuss this already?

Roy: Yeah.

Pat: My brain is fried. I would like to get more information before approving this Resolution. There is so many different sides to this. I would like to have possibly a working meeting on this particular issue. And not make a decision tonight but plan a working meeting where we get people from all avenues to come in and discuss and see what really is for the best.

Shawn: Yeah.

Pat: And from what I understand is saddle club has a lease through 24.

Linda: Yeah.

Roy: Just on their building.

Pat: Just on the building. Okay.

Linda: If we could get a work session going where we invite all people that are involved in this your council, your mayor.

Shawn: Every interested party.

Linda: Everybody who uses the rodeo. Anybody who uses the rodeo. The baseball. Get together and work from there and then we can move on because I think there has been a lot of misunderstanding. Maybe rightfully so I don't know because a lot of us don't sit on the Complex board.

Pat: Especially with Lonna stepping down from saddle club and Dave stepping up. We need to bring the new people in so we can discuss things.

Leonard: You will want to include Dan in that.

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Linda: Yes. Dan.

Leonard: Because if it's going to be a county district type of thing, then Dan is going to have to be involved in that.

Pat: Okay.

Linda: Okay

Bill: Other than the saddle club and the baseball or softball what other organizations use it? Chamber uses it. Yes, that is right. Who else?

Shawn: Barrel series

Lonna: The barrel series was co-sponsored by the saddle club.

Shawn: Right.

Linda: Okay.

Bill: Okay.

Lonna: The BY's has used it. We have an outside organization that usually comes from Townsend that rents the facility. We have the circus through the county that has used it.

Bill: Okay. Circus.

Lonna: This board has been in place for probably 20 plus years and it has worked. We have went through a growth and change. We do need to improve it more. We already have bylaws. The Resolution that is already in place I think we could have used it instead of doing this. We could have just approached it by saying let's add more people to it. Right now, the people that have been appointed to it the inside city rep has been to two meetings in the last two years. The saddle club has a representative there at all times. Outside city limits have been there. Yes, we want to continue to see you grow and working with the plans with the town to continue.

Pat: It's a big asset to the town.

Lonna: It's huge.

Pat: We want to be able to use it effectively and maintain it.

Lonna: There is a lot of history with it. I mean I was one of the first one that worked with Leonard almost 30 years when the county was abandoning that facility. The past saddle club was trying to make a go of it still, and the new generation had come and took over. We put a lot of time and energy in there to benefit the community. Baseball doesn't have the volunteer to step up to help do their grounds. Anything that we have done over there has been wrote through grants from direction of the saddle club. And everything has been approved through the board and had been brought forward to the city council. All of the paperwork, the bylaws, the agreement all of that has went through the proper steps to continue with it. So yeah, we need to grow and move forward.

Allissa: This Resolution is basically a copy of the 2013. There are a few changes but really you know like getting more people involved from one to two. Then where it says saddle club really rodeo because

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what if another club wanted to come in and utilize it. So that was just more of a generic term, a rodeo representative.

Lonna: We have done that in the past. We had addressed this before with Mary that for an example after all the work had been done. There was soccer all of a sudden wanted to come in. We felt that they need to be involved with the group for over a year not somebody that uses it once a year for usage. That is why the saddle club and baseball has done their maintenance on their own facilities. But you don't just put somebody on a board because they use it one time a year. It has not been referred to the facility use board since before 2013. There are some changes that we can try. The ones that have been done in the past the city attorney had approved all the of the amendments and everything that we put in our bylaws and Resolutions.

Pat: That is why I think if we can have a working meeting after the holidays. Get together and hash it out and see what is what.

Linda: That way everybody has a voice which is important. We all have to have a voice in this.

Pat made a motion that we table until we can have a working session on it.

Roy: You need a date in there.

Pat: I will just say after the holidays.

Linda: Are you looking at your schedule?

Shawn: Yes, I am.

Linda: So, what is your schedule looking like Shawn?

Allissa: Hey Leonard do you know with the ARPA grant money does that have to be done before the end of the year?

Leonard: Not that I am aware of.

Allissa: That is what I thought to. Thank you.

Linda: You are gone after the 9th so we have to meet the first week.

Shawn: The 3rd through the 6th is good. Potentially maybe the 16th through the 19th which is a Thursday and then it's February 15th.

Bill: If we can hit the first week, we would be before our next meeting.

Cody: Why don't you do it at the Rec Complex meeting?

Linda: The 30th? That is the last Monday is the 30th.

Jessica: If you did it in January you would be looking at like the 30th.

Linda: You won't be able to make it.

Pat: So that wouldn't be until February that anything could come before the council.

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Lonna: It would have to be a special meeting because in their bylaws they are only stated that their meetings are from February through September. So, anything on that last Monday would have to be brought up as a special meeting.

Pat: Special meeting. So, we could do it anytime then. It wouldn't have to be the third week of the month.

Linda: You mean in February?

Pat: No any month. So, Shawn you can be available the first week in January.

Shawn: Yeah.

Linda: From the 3rd which is a Tuesday through the 6th.

Shawn: Yeah, the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th.

Bill: That is fine with me.

Shawn: They are all fine with me.

Linda: As far as I know it's fine with me.

Pat: Do we just want to say that week or do we want to pick a date?

Roy: Pick a date and then everybody knows.

Shawn: Well, I can't pick a date unless somebody from the interested parties can also look at a calendar and say yes. I mean I can throw out Wednesday January 4th but I have no idea if it works for everybody else. I am just one person.

Linda: Well, we are never going to find the perfect date. Somebody is always going to have a conflict.

Lonna: Could we post it in the Ledger besides contacting directly with the people who are on the existing board?

Linda: That we are having it on January 4th you mean?

Lonna: And post it as a date that you are considering?

Pat: Okay.

Roy: Why don't you go to February?

Linda: Push it to February, Roy?

Bridget: Do one of those email survey things here is the list of days? Pick the one that works for you to all the interested people.

Shawn: One other thing about this is January is around the corner and that means spring is around the corner. Baseball is around the corner. If you want an NRA or Northern Rodeo, the planning has to start soon so to wait until February and then ratify something.

Bill: I am okay with the first week of January.

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Linda: January 4th works best for me.

Pat: January 4th 5 o'clock or during the day?

Roy: It should be an evening meeting.

Allissa: Why don't you do like 6 o'clock for those that work or that might get there in time?

Pat: How does that sound?

Linda: And where would we have that?

Pat: January 4th Wednesday at 6 o'clock?

Linda: We would have to put it in the paper so that we get more people that aren't here.

Cody: You want public there too.

Pat: Yep.

Linda: Yeah. Okay.

Pat: Could you do it in the paper? Thank you. Plus, we have to post it.

Linda: And it would be here at the Town Hall.

Shawn: Does that give enough time to post? It should be.

Allissa: Mmhmm.

Shawn: Okay.

Liz: Does somebody want to give me wording on that like more wording?

Linda: Yeah.

Allissa: I will get it to you tomorrow.

Pat: Would there be room here? Do you think there will be a big crowd showing up?

Linda: Could be.

Katy: Could be.

Allissa: Yeah. Go in the garage.

Katy: Yeah, we will go out in the garage.

Roy: We could put it in the garage.

Shawn: There will be room.

Linda: There is heat in there.

Pat: Okay.

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Pat made a motion that we table until we can have a working session on January 4th at 6 o'clock Linda seconded.

MOTION TABLED.

XII. BILL / CLAIM APPROVAL LIST TO BE SIGNED BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat made a motion to approve the bill claim approval list with Bill seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XIII. ADJOURN

Mayor Mary Hensleigh

Date

Town Clerk Treasurer

Date