

January 13, 2025

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday January 13, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Mark Nelson, Abe Rumsey, Carl Donaldson, Bob Jasper, Terri Merrill. Guest: James Walling.

Agenda- Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025, agenda. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the December 9 and 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Abe Rumsey seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the December's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #241200, UB JV's and December's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathhouse Update- After request from Council on cost comparison for sky lights and the polycarbonate panels, Jeremy received an approximate cost increase of \$20,000 for the 24" x 26" skylights. Council decided to forgo either of the panels or skylights and add additional lights as needed.

Local Government Review Study Commission-Still do not have anyone for the Local Government Study Commission. Will continue to reach out to community members looking for volunteers for the study commission.

Sheriff's Report-The Sheriff's Report listed 32 calls for service, no arrest, and 12 citations.

Public Works Report- Bob reported he continues to work on replacing dumpster lids. Steet Sweeper was serviced, and door was replaced after glass shattered in the fall. Backhoe grapples are now on and fulling working.

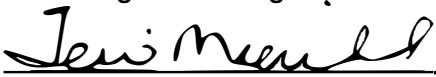
Clerk/Treasurer Report-The two CDs at Opportunity Bank mature on January 14th. Will roll over the CDs to a 3-month CD at a rate of 4.04%. Received a donation from the Women's Club for the Bathhouse for \$136,270.05. Bob Denning with Denning, Downey and Associates will be in the office January 15 at 1pm for the entrance conference. BMS Pay, the first month we have 18 accounts signed up for e-billing and 10 signed up for auto payments.


Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- No public comment

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Next regular meeting and ordinance workshop Monday, February 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.


Clerk


Mayor

February 10, 2025

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday February 10, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Mark Nelson, Abe Rumsey, Carl Donaldson, Bob Jasper, Terri Merrill. Guest: James Walling, Brittany Pirkle.

Agenda- Carl Donaldson made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025, agenda. Dave Solem seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Abe Rumsey seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the January's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #250100, UB JV's and January's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathhouse Update- Terri relayed Jeremy's update-will have virtual pre-bid meeting on February 19. Bids are due by February 28 by 3:00 p.m. Will set up a Zoom meeting to open and read the bids at 3:30 p.m. Bids will then be sent to WWC for review, and they will make recommendations for Council to award at March 10 meeting. If we know of any contractors to let him know and he will reach out to them. We currently only have one interested contractor.

Local Government Review Study Commission-We currently have one volunteer for the study commission. Will continue looking for two more for the commission.

Seed of Life labs- Received more information from Zach Schoop for his dispensary. He is purchasing a property located by the old Napa building. Council also discussed licensing fee of \$50 for a dispensary to keep in line with our fees for liquor and beer and wine fees. Will have public hearing next month for amending ordinance.

Complaint-A parking ordinance complaint was filed on January 20, 2025, at 221 2nd Ave W. Brittany Pirkle was present and explained her reason for the complaint. Council thanks her for bringing her concerns and explained that we will help her with following up with the Sheriff's office.

Montana Municipal Institute- Terri requested to attend the Annual Montana Municipal Institute. Dave Solem made a motion to approve Terri to attend the Montana Municipal Institute. Abe Rumsey seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Sheriff's Report/Parking Ordinance-Did not receive report from the sheriff's office. Will request report and send on to council. Will also request update on parking complaint and on the semi parking issue that was reported in January. Our current parking ordinance has a \$20/day fine listed. No changes currently.

Nuisance-Current fee for Public Works to mow/clean up a violation is \$50; council will update to \$100. Will start the amendment process next month.

Town Clean Up- Last years was June 2nd. Will finalize date at next month's meeting.

Miller Oil Bill- Gordon Miller had a water leak that was recorded at 1,238,000 gallons, resulting in a \$3,265.98 bill. After an investigation, it was determined that the meter is not accessible, faulty, and outdated. Mark Nelson made a motion, due to an inaccessible, faulty, and outdated meter, to reduce his bill by half and that he be required to replace the meter by end of September 2025. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Report- Currently the Lagoon is not discharging due to the UV pit being frozen. Bob will continue to check and will get discharging as soon as weather conditions improve.

Clerk/Treasurer Report/Unclaimed Checks- There are two unclaimed checks totaling \$102.09. Claim 15104 to Adrew Collins on 10/18/2020 was issued for a utility deposit for \$3.90 on check number 16433 from account 5210/214100. Claim 15485 to George Guerra on 8/10/2021 was issued for a utility deposit for \$98.19 on check number 16896 from account 5210/214100 on check number 16896. Abe Rumsey made a motion to cancel the before mentioned checks. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Terri reported that BMS Pay continues to have increased customers signing up for e-billing and auto payments. Our two CDs at Opportunity Bank matured and were rolled over into a 3-month at 4.02%. Our interest from the two CD's totaled \$12,452.43. Total interest for the year is \$14,426.42.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Questions on the fertilizer plant- we have no new information.
- Question where the process on the airport building was. Currently waiting until spring for the bid.
- The Fire Department will be meeting at the Guard shop to measure to see if they equipment will fit.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next regular meeting and ordinance workshop Monday, March 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Jeri Merrill

Clerk

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Mayor