

TOWN OF DRUMMOND
APRIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

04/16/2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gail Leeper called the April Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members McLure, Clute, Powell and Stuart; Town Attorney McGill; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight and Public Works Director Harrington.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Leeper led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Public Meeting.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

GUEST COMMENT: None

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Law Enforcement Report was provided to Drummond, for the April Town Council meeting.

Proposed Law Agreement was sent to Attorney McGill for review. Mayor Leeper noted, the only change to the proposed contract is in exhibit A, indicating the financial rate increase structure.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion for Attorney McGill to sign FY 2025-2028 Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services approving the form and content of the agreement; Gail Leeper, Mayor to sign on behalf of the Town of Drummond approving the Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services; and Clerk/Treasurer Wight to attest. Council Member Clute made a motion to approve the signing of FY 2025-2028 Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services. Council Member Stuart seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred

MINUTES: Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the Public Comment and Hearing of House Bill 355 minutes and March Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Powell made a motion to approve the Public Comment and Hearing of House Bill 355 minutes and March Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

CLAIMS: Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the claims. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve the claims. Council Member Stuart seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

INVESTMENTS: Investment sheet provided to the Town Council.

FINANCIALS: Financial sheet provided to the Town Council.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Resolution 2024-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2024 DRUMMOND WATER PER PROPOSED TASK ORDER.**

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2024

DRUMMOND WATER PER PROPOSED TASK ORDER. Council Member Stuart made a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2024 DRUMMOND WATER PER PROPOSED TASK ORDER. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Discussion and Decision of Resolution 2024-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2024 DRUMMOND WATER PER PROPOSED TASK ORDER.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2024 DRUMMOND WATER PER PROPOSED TASK ORDER Council Member Powell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE 2024 DRUMMOND WATER PER PROPOSED TASK ORDER. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

- **Lund Exchange Agreement** – Mayor Leeper spoke with Engineer Brad Koon today, in preparation of the Town Council Meeting this evening. Engineer Koon had spoken with land owner Bob Lund, telling him the land agreement would consist of 30 acres for the sludge placement in exchange for \$10,000. Bob Lund was in agreement with the disbursement of the lagoon sludge on 30 acres of his land, in exchange for a sum of \$10,000.

Discussion in relation to the Lund Exchange Agreement was made between the Council, further clarifying the terms of the agreement; disbursement of the Sewer Lagoon sludge on 30 acres of the Lund property, in exchange for the sum of \$10,000.

Engineer Koon will be taking the Lund Exchange Agreement to the Lund's home for signatures on Friday; April 19, 2024.

Mayor Leeper asked for approval from the Council; for when Engineer Koon meets with the Lund's on Friday and the Lund's sign the exchange agreement, for the Council to authorize Mayor Leeper to sign the Lund Exchange Agreement.

Mayor Leeper asked for this to be done by motion. Council Member Clute made a motion to approve, when Engineer Koon meets with the Lund's on Friday and the Lund's sign the exchange agreement, to authorize Mayor Leeper to sign the Lund Exchange Agreement. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- **Headwaters Report** – Headwaters representatives will be attending Granite County Joint Session, in May.

Mayor Leeper was contacted, stating Headwaters had been called in regarding the activity happening at the Wagon Wheel over the last week and a half. Mayor Leeper called her contact at Headwaters; who clarified, they have not been involved in any activity happening at the Wagon Wheel. It was determined this was misinformation/gossip, Mayor Leeper was able to place an end to the misinformation.

Mayor Leeper further informed the Council; if anyone asks, whatever is happening at the Wagon Wheel has nothing to do with Headwaters.

- **Flint Creek Child Care Lower Valley** – Mayor Leeper attended their open house; gathering an enrollment package to share with the council, learning how the child program works and the amount of children that can be cared for in the facility at any given time.

They are permitted to care for up to 9 children in the facility at any given time; children typically are not all on the same enrolled days, allowing for the facility to enroll a greater number of children than 9. The age limit of the children enrolled is about 5 years old.

Flint Creek Child Care Lower Valley asked Mayor Leeper, if there would be a problem in taking the children to East End Park; in which Mayor Leeper replied, it's a park.

Mayor Leeper hasn't heard back from them after they conducted their needs assessment; she did refer them to Drummond Schools and Rosina Jesse, people who would be familiar with children that may need this service.

Mary Hagar is the contact for Flint Creek Child Care Lower Valley.

Flint Creek Child Care will be eventually utilizing the exterior fenced yard space at the new facility; there is current work that needs to be completed, prior to being opened for utilization by the children. They were quoted a fee of \$1,600.00 to clean the exterior yard space. Mayor Leeper asked them to follow up with her; mentioning the possibility of gathering a work group to assist in the clean-up efforts.

- **Joint Session** – Philipsburg will be hosting May 30, 2024 6:00PM; at Philipsburg Town Hall.

Mayor Leeper asked the Council to let her know if they have any items to be placed on the agenda; reminding of the need keep items to cross over issues between the Towns and County.

ATTORNEY: None

PARKS:

- **Thank you card** - Sent to Golden Opportunity 4-H Club thanking them for their clean-up efforts at East End Park.
- **Park Activity** – Park looks good; but remains fairly quiet, with the cool weather.

ROADS:

- **Pot Holes** – Pot hole patching has been going well, Public Works Director Harrington has three loads remaining; then he will turn his focus to placement of gravel on the alley ways, working on the worst ones first.

Mayor Leeper discussed, she has been in contact with Paul Alt, Granite County Roads Department; Public Works Director Harrington will weigh one of the loads; giving the information to Mayor Leeper, who will communicate those results to Paul Alt for record keeping.

Mayor Leeper added, this is the earliest in the season pot holes have been taken care of in a long time.

- **Blackfoot Communications** – May 29th Blackfoot Communications will be meeting with Mayor Leeper, Public Works Director Harrington, and the main Sub-Contractor to discuss areas where work is anticipated to begin May 1st.

We are anticipating I-90 to be done first, prior to beginning in Town. Also hoping for more information by next meeting, to share with the citizens keeping any disruptions to a minimum.

FLOODPLAINS:

- **Sand** - County brought Town of Drummond sand, for use with any flooding.
- **Land Owner Bridge** – Letter to be written to land owner; whose bridge is decaying and over Edwards ditch. This bridge is active and being driven over, which poses a problem when debris falls in ditch and ends up in creek effecting the water flow.
- **Beaver Dam** – Rhett Rigby notified Mayor Leeper of a beaver dam on the dike, which is also affecting his head gates. Mr. Rigby has spoken with the Game Warden, FWP; also, has been instructed to be in compliance with proper nuisance permitting. Several beaver dams have already been removed.
- **Weed Control** – Mayor Leeper had spoken with Public Works Director Harrington regarding weed control on the dike. Public Works Director Harrington currently estimates this task to begin early May.

SEWER:

- **Xylem Service Agreement** – Mayor Leeper expressed not wanting to sign proposed Xylem Service Agreement, then turned the time to Attorney McGill to review the Service Contract with the Council; Attorney McGill stated, contracts require what is called *the four corners of the contract*; which is common law. Xylem Service Agreement includes a link for the terms of the agreement, which is not acceptable. Those terms need to be printed out and attached to the Service Agreement.

Discussion was made between the Council, of the proposed *generic* service agreement, Xylem's previous work with the Town, inefficiency of finding parts for equipment they built and sold to the Town. Further discussion led to the need of discovering additional service options; prior to making a decision on Xylem's proposed Service Agreement.

Attorney McGill, does not recommend the signing of Xylem's proposed Service Agreement.

Xylem Service Agreement tabled at the April Town Council Meeting.

- **Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrade** – April 10th Town of Drummond had its funding conference call with all the funding agents for the Waste Water treatment Facility Upgrade. Engineer Koon stated on that call; the design aspect of the project is 90% completed. DEQ

continued to insist the UV Disinfection system be part of the project. Engineer Koon, reiterated to DEQ; the UV Disinfection system is going to be plumbed in during the current Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrade. Nothing is changing regarding the UV Disinfection System being plumbed in.

Triple Tree Engineering is looking at CDBG funding and RD funding to help with the updated cost of the project, in order to have the project paid for. Town of Drummond will have a funding call with USDA in May; then a project funding call, with all the funding agents again in June.

Dan with USDA, seems perplexed with how the Town of Drummond bills for the sewer charges; thinking it seems time intensive. When Mayor Leeper spoke with Engineer Koon today, she said it's not, it was at first; but it's not now, its an excel spreadsheet that she, Council Member Clute and Clerk/Treasurer Wight go over every year to verify if any changes need to be reflected and updated on the spreadsheet. Then once verified and approved is forwarded the Granite County Treasurers Office and the Department of Revenue Office.

Mayor Leeper will speak again with Dan, regarding Drummond's methodology for calculating the sewer rates.

CITY COURT: None

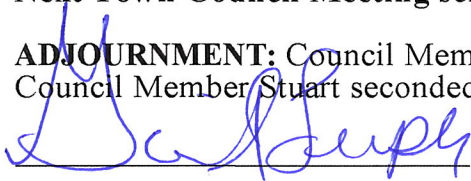
NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

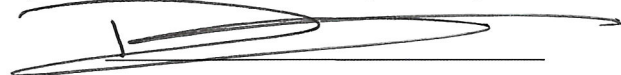
- HB 355 Infrastructure Funding Application has been submitted.
- FWP Fishing Access Agreement – Waiting to hear back from FWP, when they would like to meet next.

Next Town Council Meeting scheduled Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Council Member Stuart seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.



Gail Leeper, Mayor



Robin Wight, Town Clerk-Treasurer