

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

FISHING BOAT ACCESS AGREEMENT WORK SESSION

05/21/2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gail Leeper called the May Fish, Wildlife and Parks Work Session to order at 5:30pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members McLure, Clute, Powell and Stuart; Town Attorney McGill; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight. Public Works Director Harrington was not present.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Sheriff Scott Dunkerson

The Drummond Town Council Work Session consisted of reviewing the February 21, 1999 DRUMMOND FAS (Fishing Access Site) COOPERATE AGREEMENT; which was amended on January 29, 2024, extending the term of the current agreement for a period of two years expiring on February 1, 2026.

Mayor Leeper and the Drummond Town Council diligently reviewed and discussed the current agreement line by line, researching the expectations and commitments of both parties; the Town of Drummond and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Key takeaways from the work session were both parties have met the current obligations of the existing agreement; FWP constructed the vaulted bathroom, along with constructing the boat launch and the Town of Drummond has maintained this site for the last twenty-five years.

The term of the current agreement was taken into consideration, twenty-five years being considered excessive. Along with the Town having sole financial responsibility for maintaining this site, without receiving further benefits from Fish Wildlife and Parks.

Discussion led to the need that the current agreement does not contain a termination clause.

It was requested, Attorney McGill revise the current agreement in place, striking out all unnecessary verbiage that no longer applies to the current needs of the agreement; then the Mayor and Town Council will discuss the revision; fine tune the revised agreement into an agreement addressing the future needs of the Town and FWP, then request another informal meeting with FWP representatives.

On an end note, discussion of current FWP conservation requirements were brought into light; which were historically omitted by FWP to the Town.

In conclusion, it was agreed by the Mayor and the Town Council that they will do their due diligence in discussing future negotiations, but any further agreements would need to be fairer to the Town of Drummond.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Followed by

MAY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gail Leeper called the May 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: Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and Under-Sheriff Jason Villa; Hayden Reed and Cyleigh Langton, representing Drummond FFA; Alisha Hicks, representing River Town Market; and Calvin Wight.

AMEND AGENDA:

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to amend the May 21, 2024 Town Council Meeting Agenda; striking number 8 Action Item, Resolution 2024-8. Council Member McLure made motion to amend the May 21, 2024 Town Council Meeting Agenda striking number 8 Action Item, Resolution 2024-8. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred

GUEST COMMENT:

- **Alisha Hicks** presented to Mayor Leeper and the Drummond Town Council the proposal of having a Street Market, within the Township of Drummond, from June 12th through August. She suggested this event to take place on Wednesday evenings, from 4pm to 7pm.

Alisha has been discussing her proposal to local businesses and vendors, gaining much support. Her proposal would consist of shutting the roads by Swede's and The Canyon during the event, establishing vendor tables to showcase local goods for sale.

Alisha hopes this weekly event will gain in popularity; as she helps promote and showcase local vendors, allowing them to showcase and sale their goods at no fee for the first year during the Street Market.

Discussion led to the specific dates chosen, as not to interfere with another annual traditional Farmer's Market held at the Drummond City Park.

Alisha also presented to the Council; this opportunity could help bring additional revenue into the local business establishments.

The Mayor and Town Council were in agreement, Alisha could move forward with the proposed Street Market which was done so, by motion.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Alisha Hicks Street Market from June 12th through August. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve Alisha Hick's Street Market June 12 through August. Council Member Stuart seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Joe Butte, Representing FFA (Future Farmers of America) was unable to attend.

Hayden Reed and Cyleigh Langton, represented FFA in Joe's absence. FFA currently has 16 active members in the community, with others showing interest in joining. Future Farmers of America are seeking to become involved in the community; making it a better and beautiful environment, giving back to the community where they reside.

They presented various clean-up, improvement and beautification opportunities the FFA organization could provide within the Town; expressing a desire to work on these goals throughout the summer months, while they are on school break.

They expanded on opportunities the FFA provides to youth, scholarships available, upcoming meetings, competitions and events. These event notices and dates are available on the Drummond FFA page, the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Hayden and Cyleigh, both spoke highly of the growth, rewards and friendships gained being involved in the FFA organization; including their willingness to serve in their community.

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

Under-Sheriff Jason Villa, representing Granite County Sheriff's Office; attended the Council Meeting to introduce himself to the Drummond Town Council as one of the new officers with the Granite County Sheriff's Office.

Jason has 20 years in the law enforcement/paramedic field and will be a great asset to our community.

MINUTES: Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the April Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Powell made a motion to approve the April 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 2024-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) CONTRACT #MT-ARPA-PL-25-023.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) CONTRACT #MT-ARPA-PL-25-023. Council Member Powell made a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) CONTRACT #MT-ARPA-PL-25-023. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Discussion and Decision of Resolution 2024-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) CONTRACT #MT-ARPA-PL-25-023.

Attorney McGill interjected, the importance of having all requirements and documentation followed and in order, as these are Grant Funds (ARPA). That these grant funds must be reviewed and approved by Council, and they are subject to review 5 years after project completion.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) CONTRACT #MT-ARPA-PL-25-023 Council Member Stuart made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND, MONTANA TO APPROVE THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) CONTRACT #MT-ARPA-PL-25-023. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- **Training Board** – June 10, 2024 2PM – 4PM, at the Drummond Library.
- **Joint Session** – May 30, 2024 6:30PM, at Philipsburg Town Hall.
- **Blackfoot Fiber Optic Project** – Drummond portion of the Blackfoot Fiber Optic Project is going well. The project is on schedule and Blackfoot is anticipated to be out of the Township of Drummond, by the end of the month.

Blackfoot representative, JB Ray checks with Mayor Leeper each week as to the progress, and the Project Engineer on site checks with Public Works Director Harrington daily.

- **Conference Report** – Social Media requirements was a topic discussed at conference, regarding the requirements of allowing Public Comment on Social Media sites; however, this requirement does not dictate that a response must be given.

The agenda item “OLD” Business was also discussed; the verbiage “UNFINISHED” Business is the preferred verbiage, which allows for current unfinished business to be discussed; preventing unnecessary confusion bringing up historic closed topics.

There were classes geared to the Local Government Review, which is a ballot question this year, as it is every ten years; questions were answered, to what a Local Government Review is and what it is not.

The Town of Drummond placed information provided by Montana State University Extension **Scope of Montana’s Local Government Review** on the Town Website and

posted at Town Hall, to help answer questions presented from the citizens.

Elected Official Ethics Packets were given to the Council, which were provided at Institute.

TIF Funding information was a topic of discussion at institute, opportunity for investing in municipal infrastructure. Further research will need to be completed, answering if Drummond would be eligible for this type of funding, as it has zoning requirements.

ATTORNEY: None

PARKS:

Dumping – There was a load of debris dumped at the park, cameras will be checked for the unauthorized dumping. No dumping signage will need to be purchased and posted as a result.

Boat Ramp – Sand needs to be dug out of the boat ramp. Public Works Director Harrington to follow up with Christian asking he would be available in assisting scoop out the sand with his loader.

Short-Term Worker – will start on June 1st to assist with lawn maintenance.

ROADS:

Blackfoot Communications- Plan to leave roads better than found, prior to them starting the Drummond portion of the Fiber Optic project.

East End Park – Change signage; from “5 Day Limit Parking,” to “Posted: No Camping.”

Urban Camping – Will be handled by Town Ordinance.

Patch Work – It was requested to get estimates for needed patch work, as some cases could cost more than the whole road.

Bridges on South Main – It was determined both bridges on South Main are fine, when inspected.

FLOODPLAINS:

Dike Inspection – USACE Inspection scheduled Thursday, June 13th at 9AM.

The previous beaver dam problem was taken care of by land owner, Rhett.

Bridge over waterway – Public Works Director Harrington sent photos of damaged land owner bridge to Council Member McLure; she is composing letter to address this issue with land owner.

SEWER:

Western State CAT – To send new maintenance agreement to look over.

Fuel leaks repaired were covered under warranty.

Sewer Pumps - Reviewing additional companies for sewer pump service.

Blackfoot Project – The work being completed is going well, workers are not coming close to manholes.

WWTF Upgrade Sludge Placement – The Town is exploring additional placement options, a generic agreement provided to Engineer Koon for reference.

CITY COURT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

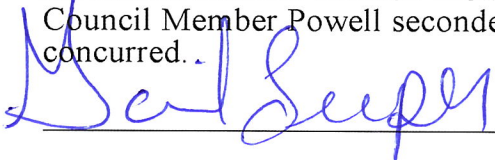
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

South Main- MCEP funds will not be utilized by Granite County to repair the South Main Bridge.

Solid Waste - Granite County Commissioners are in discussions with Grizzley Disposal for hauling waste. This topic will be watched closely on behalf of the citizens of Drummond; in regards to Drummond's historic agreement with Granite County pertaining to the hauling of solid waste.

The next Town Council Meeting scheduled Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Stuart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Council Member Powell seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.



Gail Leeper, Mayor



Robin Wight, Town Clerk-Treasurer