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**TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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2nd Reading | Poultry Ordinance 6:45pm

Kennedy Kleinsasser: One purpose we changed from no male chickens, roosters at all. That was added in there and that is the only change from what we have discussed previously. And Ed did look this over and that was the only change that he saw fit.

Linda Jung: Can I ask one question?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Mm-hmm.

Linda Jung: On the very beginning of this, I did catch Alyssa, we forgot one of those female poultry at the very top. Did that get changed on your copy?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: What line were you...?

Linda Jung: On an ordinance amending, section four, the keeping of up to six female poultry. We were going to just say poultry.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yep. So I have-

Linda Jung: Okay. It did?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yep.

Linda Jung: It is?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: To allow for the keeping of up to six poultry in-

Linda Jung: All right.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: ... the town of Whitehall and providing penalty fee for the violation thereof. So-

Linda Jung: Okay. That was the only [inaudible 00:01:00].

Kennedy Kleinsasser:... did get corrected.

Linda Jung: Okay.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: So I don't have female in here-

Linda Jung: It shouldn't be anywhere [inaudible 00:01:04].

Kennedy Kleinsasser: ... at all, just other than the no male chickens was the only change.

Linda Jung: Okay.

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Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Any other questions from counsel? Open it up to the public. Any comments, concerns, anything about chickens? You just need to come up to the podium.

Vaia Errett: Okay. So you can hear me okay? Good? My name is Vaia Errett. Some of you know me as Vaia. V-A-I-A E-R-R-E-T-T. Thank you for your interest in looking at this issue in town and updating our outdated ordinance. That's really valuable and I appreciate it.

I think keeping chickens is a valuable pursuit. I'm glad we're allowed to do that in Whitehall, in town. Eggs are expensive, they're getting more expensive. Extending your garden this way is valuable. Being self-sufficient is valuable. Living in a community with rural character is valuable. I think it's something we pride ourselves on here in Whitehall.

Upon reading these three pages, my first reaction was that it's pretty prescriptive. It's three pages of rules and I guess I didn't know there was something that needed regulation when it came to chickens. I'm wondering what initiated the ordinance, what kind of complaints there are and what necessitated regulation of just about every aspect from building to materials to location to approval of neighbors to number of chickens.

I understand this is an issue in municipalities. I'm wondering what model you used to draft this and I'm wondering if you looked at the community of Boulder, which is very like to us in value and size, who is also recently going through this process. Has also recently heard from their community and is working with their residents to have more flexibility in the ordinance, various aspects of it to make sure that management problems are addressed while allowing flexibility to keep the rural character of our small town and the value of self-sufficiency that we're all really proud of here.

If you're looking to attract residents, I think a flexible ordinance is more attractive than an overly regulated ordinance. And if you're looking to maintain and promote pride in our character, I also think more flexibility in this ordinance would help with that. Right now, the way I see it, it's a little bit stifling to self-sufficiency and it detracts a little bit from the pride in my neighborhood to know that there's three pages of regulations for a problem I didn't know existed.

So in summary, I feel that the way this is written, three pages worth of rules is overly prescriptive. I feel like I and a lot of other people take great pride in the value of our rural character and the value and independent spirit. And I urge you to pause before passing this and maybe consider other alternatives such as what Boulder is looking at that might allow for more flexibility while keeping the safety and harmony that is stated at the beginning of this ordinance. I guess that's about it. Thank you again for your interest and attention and I do appreciate that this does... This is an improvement on what we had already and yeah, I guess. Thank you.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: So I can tell you that I've had no complaints about chickens and the only problem that I've had is a roaming dog that killed someone's chickens. But yeah, there hasn't been any complaints about anyone's chickens in town. Linda might want to address because we had to go through the planning board first. Right?

Linda Jung: Right. When I looked at the ordinance that Alyssa had written, or not... The proposed ordinance, I wanted to make sure she was balanced with the planning board and how we did our setbacks and that and so I worked on that with her. So that is why some of it, as far as what we're building, how far from the fence lines is the way it is in the ordinance. But I can't really talk to the rest of us.

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Vaia Errett:I think it's 25 feet from fence lines.

Linda Jung: From the front of your property.

Vaia Errett:From the front of the property. Okay. I'd have to look at it again. I'm sure I need it. I need to look at it in more detail. I guess I just think if it's modeled after more developed and urbanized municipalities, I think we're a different municipality with different values, maybe even different average size lots. I think the one blanket ordinance of multiple regulations does not necessarily suit every property. Some properties are set up that can handle more chickens. Some properties are set up that there's no way you could have six chickens 25 feet from your fence line.

I'm not taking issue specifically with six chickens or with... I just think maybe more flexibility or consideration of an alternative model before jumping straight on this one that might take into consideration that chicken keeping as a garden extender is actually of high value. And if it's not a problem, why do we need three pages of rules?

Roy McBride:This is Roy. I have a question for you. So what are you asking us not to do?

Vaia Errett:I would say not to pass this today as it stands without considering with public input, an alternative that allows for more flexibility that considers the value our community places on self-sufficiency in rural character. I feel that this is more suitable for a more highly developed urbanized municipality and I don't think that's us. I don't think it reflects the values of Whitehall.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:And so as a homeowner, you always have the option of requesting a variance. They can get a variance for fences and it goes before the planning board. So say your house was on two lots.

Vaia Errett:Right.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Then you could come in and say, "Well, my house is on two lots even though there's just one house, so can I have 12 chickens?"

Vaia Errett:Oh, okay.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:And so you just ask for a variance.

Vaia Errett:Okay, I'm learning.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Okay. So that's always an option-

Vaia Errett:Okay.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:... to homeowners, whether it's with fences, chickens, whatever that doesn't quite mesh with what you had in mind. You can always come in and ask for a variance and then usually it goes to the planning board and then comes to the council for approval. So you do have options.

Vaia Errett:Thank you. That actually makes a big difference.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Yes.

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Vaia Errett:And I think that's valuable. I guess I would urge you to look at... At least take a little extra time and maybe look into the way Boulder is handling it as like-sized and like-valued municipality who's had the exact... A very similar proposal to start with some input from the community and some modification based on that input. And I think what they're working on, I would be prouder to see here in my town instead of just taking this first draft of something. I don't know how much public input you've received so far, but maybe there'll be more tonight. I don't know. But perhaps consider a more flexible alternative before voting.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:And none of us pretend to be chicken experts. And what we did was we just checked other similar sized towns, what they had, if they had anything and tried to make it fit Whitehall as much as possible.

Vaia Errett:I actually appreciate the value of sideboards, especially in town. I understand the need for them. I like to feel that I live in a town that's not overly regulated without need and I'm not sure if there's a need for this depth of regulation right now, the way it's written.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Okay. Well, thank you.

Vaia Errett:Thank you, everyone.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:We have three minutes left of the public hearing, so is there more public that would like to talk?

Sandy Kraha:My name's **Sandy Kraha**. I have chickens. I'm the most irresponsible chicken owner on my end of town. We also have very few bugs and nobody has ever complained, but they do need their wings clipped and they do need to stay in their own home. It's of huge value to me to be able to have chickens, for Tia to be able to feed chickens, to collect eggs, to learn and to grow. We are here in town, we're not moving out of town. So I just want to say thank you, Vaia for your kind words because I was going to come here and say, "If it's about me, I'll cut their heads off so everybody else can keep their chickens." But Tia got really upset and I overreacted and so I think she did a very well-balanced job of saying, "Could you please consider and let's get some information and letting other people know?"

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:We've never had any complaints about your chickens.

Sandy Kraha:They should, because I do. But, thank you. But, we are bug free.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Yeah.

Jeff Errett: All right. I understand that we're short on time. My name is Jeff Errett, I'm the husband of Vaia Errett, living here in town and that's our daughter, Daphne. Anyway, husbands and wives aren't always perfectly aligned, but this one we're pretty aligned and I'd say even our daughter's aligned with this too. And one of the things I do want to say is we live in a small town and it's pretty heartwarming to see your little daughter go out and collect eggs out of the henhouse and bring it back in and we cook it up.

It's a nice character. It's a good place to live. We like Whitehall. We've been here a long time and we're proud of Whitehall. We talk it up to everybody. So one of the things that I always sit there and say, "In a small town, the beauty of it is deal with your neighbors." I think we actually have a really good relationship with our neighbors. I see some women here today and I count even a block and a half, you're a neighbor too.

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Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:That's right.

Jeff Errett: The whole town's a neighbor to me. And we try to be good neighbors and we actually do it here to these regulations. Our issue is that I don't like regulations for being overly prescriptive. That's one of the best ways of saying it. I think people should be able to live with their neighbors, not have laws and rules that tell you what to do other than you do have... Because we are law-abiding, actually and I just don't think you need to have something telling you, "You should do this, you should do this. You need to tell your neighbor you're going to be having chickens." It seems a little bit, I don't know, just a little bit too...

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Too much.

Jeff Errett: Too much.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Yeah.

Jeff Errett: And that's one of the best ways to say it. Matter of fact, two of the lots, they're not even residents of Whitehall. They are residents of Montana and we know them both actually, as far as that, but one of them hasn't ever lived there since, I don't know, it's almost 20 years now. And the other one left and we still keep in touch with them because they're good neighbors. But I just think overly prescriptive and really just something a little bit more simpler, maybe look at the guidance of the town of Boulder, the size of Boulder and try to keep the community feel.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh:Okay. Thank you very much.

The Whitehall Town Council held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Ave, Monday, April 17th, 2023.

Present: Mayor Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh, Kennedy Kleinsasser, Linda Jung, **Roy McBride**, Shawn Hoagland, Bill Lanes, **Pat Peterson**, **Katy James**, Kory Klapan, Vaia and Jeff Errett, Will and Heidi Austin, Joe Granvold, Dan Hagerty, Ron Roginski, Barbara Lien, **Liz Pullman** Pullman, Stan and **Reagan** Olson, Sandy and Tia Kraha, Bridget Morse, Patty Morse.

I. Call to Order

II. Introductions

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Agenda Approval

Linda Jung: ... on the agenda I would like done and that would be under planning board consent agenda on the second page. This NAHN should be down under J on new business. :After the variance. Also, H, count the determination on scheduling public hearings of the planning board bylaws. It should also say one ordinance correction.

Roy motioned, Linda seconding.

Motion carries unanimously.

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V. Approval of Minutes from March 13th Meeting 2023

Linda motioned, Pat seconding.

Motion carries unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Mayor's Report and Public Service Announcements

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: So next week is spring-clean week. Hopefully we'll have some wonderful weather. So spring-clean is April 25th through the 28th. That's Tuesday through Friday. For those of you who don't know, the freshman class starts out on Tuesday and then we end with the seniors on Friday and we welcome any community help, anybody who would like to help us. It's good, clean, fun and the town always looks wonderful afterwards, so it's a great event and we couldn't do it without the kids. They do an excellent job.

Also that week we'll be celebrating Arbor Day. They're having festivities down at the community center from 12:00 to 3:00. And so I'll be there and read the proclamation and that's also a wonderful event. Ron [inaudible 00:19:11] and the Garden Club put that together and it's just a great event. So the first week of May, Kennedy will be at clerk school, so that'll be great. Our next meeting is May 22nd. Okay, clerk.

B. Officer's Reports

i. Attorney

ii. Clerk / Treasurer

Kennedy Kleinsasser:All righty. It's my second official day and it was Jen's first day today. She did really awesome. I worked on bank recs with Todd and he did some training with that and we're going to start doing daily reconciliations rather than monthly on bank recs. Todd is coming back on Monday to show me some tips regarding the budget and to help Jen with our UB and accounting programs. Like Mary said, clerk school starts May 1st in Bozeman and then we got good news from our local government services, our AFR was accepted and we're good to go.

iii. Public Works

Kory Klapan:Yep. So I'll start with water. We took water samples April 4th for bacteria and our quarterly RADs out of the well. Sewer we didn't have to sample. Lagoon levels are looking actually quite well. Cell one is four, cell two is five, cell three is seven feet. So we're going to have quite a bit of water this summer to irrigate. We might have a water leak on East 1st. We're keeping an eye on that. There's a big puddle. The manor and [inaudible 00:20:53] annexation should go out to bid either late this week or the first part of next week. We finally got that all put together and organized, so it should be rolling here pretty good.

We are fixing the sprinkler in Legion Park. We blew the main line apart the end of last year, so it should be all up and fixed by the end of the week. So Kelly, the new pole manager/old pole manager, Carson McMillan, public Works and Corey, we all passed our

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CPO certified pull operator class. So there's three certified operators and that's good for five years. We started mowing and vacuuming up the cemetery today. I don't think we're going to get to continue tomorrow, but at least we got a start on it. The TA grant was submitted last week and we've been sweeping streets.

iv. Fire Chief

Joe Granvold: Joe Granville, fire chief, Whitehall Fire. Calls so far from last town meeting, in town we have had four gas calls. On the rural side we have had 18 MV motor vehicle accidents, one structure fire and one vehicle fire. The Whitehall Baptist Church in a straight shoot, a guy out of... That has his own TV show held a benefit for the fire department a couple, two or three weeks ago and it was a pretty huge success. I think there was around 250 to 300 people there that showed up and supported that. Yesterday we got presented with the check for \$10,000, so one of the things that we're buying with that is a-

Joe Granvold: One of the things that we're buying with that is a new thermal imager camera. Ours is like 25 years old and it was pretty welcome news if we get to get that updated. So thank you to the Whitehall Baptist Church. All their members thank you to all the businesses that participated in giving things [inaudible 00:23:27] for this. It was very well received. So I think the pastor said it's going to be bigger and better next year. I'm not sure who it's going to be, but I mean it was a great thing for people if you can attend it. They do a great job. So thank you. The city truck, the two water valves have been fixed and replaced. We'll be doing some SCBA flow testing and we are getting ready for annual raffle for Frontier Days. There's going to be four guns and a Chico trip for prizes. I don't have the gun list with me, but tickets. I think are, they should be printed here. And then one other thing we're going to do for Frontier Days is going to try to raise some money doing a duck race. I'm not sure where we're going to do that at, but that's something we're looking at doing.

We're... Training is ongoing. We're actually going to do a live burn last Saturday up at Corey's place, but we can't get in there with structured trucks so there's too much snow. So we want to put that off. We have had three new requests for new members, which is really awesome. I think they'll all be good guys. I've talked to every one of them, so that's going to be the big benefit for the fire department. I just want to let everybody know burn permits are required to burn. So if you're burning debris, you have to have a burn permit or you will get a citation for it. If you're having a recreational campfire, that does not require a burn permit. You can call the Montana DQ for burn permits and/or the non-emergency number at the sheriff's office and they will help you with it if they have time.

This a big thing, if you see emergency vehicles on the highway, please remember to move over and slow down. I mean that's been a huge issue on just the lot of scenes lately. So somebody's going to get killed around here if people don't do that. So that's all I got.

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v. Sheriff

Tom Grimsrud: We're still above water at the sheriff's office, barely. We've recently hired on four new deputies and I think we talked before about how I was trying to get one of the deputies down on this end and we actually had one very close to here. Gave him a conditional offer of employment and unfortunately last two requirements of our hiring process, he didn't make it through. So it's going to have to be the next go round. I think in the future, we're just going to hire for the Whitehall area, not necessarily for Jefferson County, so they'll have to get it in their head that they're going to have to move. And housing's been a huge issue, but we're going to have to require some folks to buy some property and to do some building.

So we are short on dispatchers. We are running through dispatchers left and right. It's a tough job. If you know of anybody that would be interested in a challenging work environment for 20 bucks an hour, have them give us a call. It is a front seat to the world's greatest show. So besides that, the four folks that we hired, great dispositions. I know that we've had some what we call hard chargers in the past and the four that we've hired on, two of them are currently employees with Jefferson County in different sections of the county. One was the admin for the sheriff and the other was the IT for the county. And then we picked up another paramedic that's a sheriff's deputy and let's see, an LCS, a deputy that's been trying to get on with Jefferson County for about five years. So originally from Powell County, but all very good dispositions, all very family orientated and I'm looking forward to their impact in the county.

And I'm just want to remind everybody that communication with the sheriff's office is so important. If you have something that you want or you want to see improved upon or throw some ideas out, the door and the phone are always available. I encourage everyone to reach out if they have concerns or ideas or how we could look at a new direction for something that's not happening or is up to par. And does anybody have any questions from the council or?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Do you get any chicken complaints over in Boulder

Sandy Kraha: about my chickens?

Tom Grimsrud: That's interesting because I think they're going through the same process with our council and now that the price of the egg has risen, so I try to stay out of that, religion, politics,

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: And chickens.

Tom Grimsrud:The whole thing.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: All right. Any other questions for the sheriff?

Tom Grimsrud: Even from the crowd? Anybody have anything they want to bring up or like I say, open door, give us a call, wave over one of the deputies and meet him because we have some good folks coming on.

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Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Who's better behaved, a resident of Whitehall or the residents of Boulder?

Tom Grimsrud: Can we throw Basin in there?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Sure.

Speaker 4: Basin has kept us busy. Mostly the people traveling through Basin on the interstate have kept us busy. So I think it's pretty widespread anymore. One of the bigger complaints that we're dealing with, and I haven't heard so much down here, but really with a lot of speeders around the county, we have folks moving in that are not from this part of the country and they're in a hurry. They've been in a hurry all their lives and I know that some of the subdivisions are dealing with issues, people traveling two, three times faster than the speed limit trying to get to work instead of leaving 15 minutes earlier. So we're going to go out and educate them folks.

Pat Peterson: I do have one question. This is **Pat Peterson** about the new pot shop that's going to be opening just outside of Whitehall. Have you any reservations about that or anything that you want us to watch out for?

Tom Grimsrud: I think we've experienced on the law enforcement side and the public safety side, everything that we're going to experience with marijuana becoming legal **Liz Pullman**ed... Impaired, driving opportunities for the kiddos to get ahold of it and that introduction into another drug. So I think we are not going to see anything new beyond what we're seeing right now. I have a lot to say about it. It's just not really in a public forum that... I'm real hesitant about more intoxicants being ingested into the system. Our increase in wrong way drivers has gone up. So when we pull those folks over, there's alcohol on board, there's marijuana on board, there's whatever they can get ahold of on board in their system. So that requires a lot of update and a lot of training with the troopers and with the deputies and yeah, it's just a evolving mess.

But there's good sides of things too though. I mean we live in an awesome county, in an awesome area, so we'll deal with that. I know that they were looking at putting in a big distributor in Boulder in the River, used to be the River Restaurant and that fell through. I know that the owner of the restaurant was not really on board with them being there and the more it went along, the more requirements they had. So the owner called it off and so I believe that's a huge plus. I don't have to smell that right next to the office. So everybody has their thing. Do it at home, don't do it on the road. Stay safe. Anything else?

Vaia Errett: I live here in Whitehall. I'm also on Jefferson County Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission.

Tom Grimsrud: We're going to be visiting.

Vaia Errett: Oh are we? Well maybe I can ask you there, but I was just wondering quickly, what's your level of concern over increased use in the Pipestone area and challenges to the Sheriff's Department there?

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Tom Grimsrud: That's just going to keep growing up there and recreation is great. Public use is great. I'm all for that. I think we should obviously support that, but it's like I say, you get so many people up there and it's so fast and people are partaking and it can turn into quite a mess. I mean, so I've worked here what, 24 years. Delmo and Pipestone of those been a very interesting area because they come from one side of the hill or they come from further that way. And rarely are we up there dealing with somebody that's from the community of Whitehall. Honestly, it's typically folks from the west side of the hill and if they're just recreating, that is great. But speaking with Forest Service this year and Fish and Game, I'm encouraging our reserve program and our reserves and our other deputies that don't know the country real well to take our side-by-side and some of our four-wheelers and get up into that country. And I know that we have a plan for some saturation patrols this year, so not only on side-by-sides but patrol vehicles also. We have to send a message and some people won't like that message, but we hopefully calm it down and slow it down a little bit.

vi. County Commissioner

Dan Hagerty: Good evening. How is everyone? I'm **Dan Hagerty**, Jefferson County Commissioner. April 4th, which was a Tuesday, the voting precincts, the clerk and recorder, Ginger Koontz advised that there will be 12 voting precincts in the next election cycle. One more in the most northwestern part of the county, which is the Montana City area and the other is in the most southeastern part of the county, Whitehall Cardwell area. Here's the map. I'll show everybody right here and right here, right here, right here. The reason they did it is because they don't want any more than 2,500 for a population in each district. So that's why they changed it and it has to do with probably the Senate and everything else. So that was the legislature. So that is going to happen.

Then on Tuesday the 11th at our county commissioner's meeting. The meeting was held at the Volunteer Hall, which is at the Boulder fairgrounds. The public was invited to attend the meeting and voice their opinion about the purchase of the River Building on South Main Street for the Jefferson County Health Department. Chairman Commissioner Kirch explained to the audience there was currently a feasibility study being done on building five but wouldn't have the results back until the first part of September of this year. Being concerned for the Health Department needing a building and due to the time constraints involved, the concern was that there might not be any building readily available for the Health Department to expand. The owner of the River made an offer to the county to consider on the sale of the building. Commissioner Kirsten explained it for the few months needed for the feasibility that the county wanted to lease the River until the feasibility results came back with the option to buy. After discussion and voting it was agreed upon to accept the lease. That's all I have. Any questions or comments or concerns? Anybody?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: One concern is solid waste and since they've started charging for mattresses.

Dan Hagerty: Correct.

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Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: We're now finding mattresses around town and I've seen mattresses on the side of the road in the county, too. So I'm sure you've probably already heard about this.

Dan Hagerty:Have not.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: You have not. Okay. So that's a concern along with tires because they charge extra for tires. A lot of people can't afford the \$10 for the mattress or the \$3 per tire. I don't know what the county can do about that, but that spills over into the town. So if we could explore that, that would be helpful.

Dan Hagerty:I can explain a little bit to you on the mattresses, what's going on as they're charging for them to get rid of them. They're charging the county, that's why. So that's why the \$10 to help cover the costs and it's still below. I think they're actually charging 20 but 10 to help sort of even it out. That's why.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Dan Hagerty: But the tires, I don't know about that, but I'll look into it for you.

C. Committee/Board Reports

i. Planning Board

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ii. Sewer, Water, and Garbage

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iii. Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks

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iv. Parks, Trees, and Cemetery

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v. Pool Board

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vi. Rec Complex

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vii. Whitehall Tax Incremental Finance District

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VII. Public Comment

Maxine Samuelson:Maxine Samuelson. I live in Ward three. Northwest Energy is in town right now. Do you know if they are putting a new pole at the pool because that was something that's been discussed?

Speaker 9:They are not putting a new light pole at the pool, as far as I know.

Maxine Samuelson:Are they going to put a light there?

Speaker 9:Not that I believe. They're replacing power poles in town. I believe there's 37 of them in total.

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Maxine Samuelson: It was my understanding that this was something that was discussed with them I think three years ago. Even when I was still on the pool board. I don't know what has happened to that. But anyway, I do see that we're going to have another presentation on that wall. Not the expensive wall.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Maxine. Anyone else?

Bridget Morse: So Mary, the bus moved, but that opened a whole new can of worms. So then I looked where the bus moved to and they moved the camper out. And then I looked at all those other cars and I realized that you have three cars over there parked on city property.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Bridget Morse: As far as I can tell, everything behind the trees is city property.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Bridget Morse: So it's not within the tiff, but maybe it's something like a nice four-foot tall chain link fence that went across behind the trees. Not to interfere with the car wash or any of that stuff. But something to delineate the property lines. Maybe some privacy slaps so people who live right there don't have to look at a vacant lot and have some privacy for their homes. I think that would clean up some blight that's there.

Stan Olson: Stan Olson. 401 South Cedar or I mean East Second Street. Sorry. Slightly confused today. A lot of things... Last time I was in here I spoke out about tree vigilantes coming through my neighborhood and I was rather upset about it as I was carting around my oxygen bottle. And I just thought I would come in and let the city know that that unsightly god awful tree that you hated is dead. It's down. It's chopped up. It's toothpicks. You don't have to worry about it anymore. I went out to killed it last week.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Great.

Stan Olson: Yeah. I butchered it up; chopped it into little pieces. Sent it on its way. And so just to put this out there, the great horned owls that we had in our neighborhood, the trees that they nested in are no longer there. So we don't have our great horned owls that we used to like. But there is apparently a tree in town that is so old, so dead, so petrified that it has no bark on it. That I will be petitioning the Audubon Society to have it tacked with a world heritage tree bird sanctuary so that nobody has to come and remove it from that person's backyard. So that's all I have to say. Thank you for your time.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Business Licenses

S&H Aluminum Products
Alpine House Services, LLC
Garden Gifts
Maiden Rock Arts
Montana Country Gal Store
Western Legacy Center
Reghans Store

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Pool Board

Allissa Christensen – Pool Board

Kelley Seccomb – Resignation from Pool Board

Parks, Trees, Cemetery

Arbor Day Proclamation

Planning Board

Pat Peterson – Resignation from Planning Board

Marc and Bobbi Wagner – Fencing and Shed – Recommending approval

Bryan Binder - Relocation of fence to property line – Recommending approval

Jeni Garcin – Application and Variance Requests – Recommending Approval

Volunteer Fire

Kyle Ronsberg

Jonathan Eisele

Philip Dooley

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you Pat. And I think we have a presentation on one of the business license requests. You'd like to come up to the podium and state your name and what your business is going to be called.

Reagan:Hi, I'm **Reagan** and I would like to have three businesses in my Papa's driveway.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: And what would these businesses be?

Reagan:Number one is a yard sale. Number two would be a craft store and number three is going to be a lemonade stand.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Great. And so this would be **Reagan's** store?

Reagan:Yes.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Do you have a wonderful recipe for lemonade?

Reagan:Yes.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Great. Not too sweet? Not too sour?

Reagan:Yes.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. And are you going to do this on a weekly basis? Daily basis?

Reagan:It's going to be Monday through Friday.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. All right. And is it just going to be for your yard sale? Are you going to consign with other people or is it just going to be things that you want to sell?

Reagan:Mostly things that I'm just going to sell.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

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Reagan:That we don't want anymore.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Great idea. We all have too much stuff. That's for sure. That's for sure. Anything else you'd like to tell us about? When are you going to have your first lemonade stand?

Reagan:Well, my lemonade stand is probably going to start at a Monday.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. As soon as school's out?

Reagan:Yes.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. All right. And do you know how much you're going to be charging for lemonade? I see those commercials on TV where they're charging \$5 a glass. Is your lemonade going to be that expensive?

Reagan:I was thinking like \$1.25.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Yeah. I find it easier if you keep it at an even thing because people always have dollars and they don't want a bunch of change. So give that some thought. But that sounds like a great plan and a great idea. Anything else you'd like to tell the council about your new business?

Reagan:About the yard or?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Just anything.

Reagan:The craft store?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Yeah.

Reagan:It's mostly bird houses and things like that.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Reagan:Things that people would want in their yard, and that's mostly it.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Well, that sounds wonderful. Thank you very much. Maxine?

Maxine Samuelson:**Reagan**, now that that tree is gone from your yard. That lemonade's really going to be good.

Linda JungWell, I have one more question for-

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, Linda.

Linda JungThis is Linda. So what are your hours of business on Monday through Friday?

Reagan:It's going to be ten to two.

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Linda JungTen to two. That sounds like a good time to have a-

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Wonderful.

Linda JungLemonade stand. Yeah.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Linda JungVery good.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Any other questions. **Liz Pullman?**

Liz Pullman:Yeah. So because of **Reagan's** idea and kind of talking to Stan and everything. The chamber is going to start offering anyone under 18, a business membership, an entrepreneurial membership for a dollar year until you're 18. So we-

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Oh that sounds nice.

Liz Pullman:Would like you to come to chamber meetings and learn how to run businesses and get to know some of the local business people. And that's available to anybody under the age of 18.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: That's a great idea! Wonderful. All right. Any other questions for **Reagan?** Thank you very much. You did an excellent job.

Reagan:Thank you.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, I see a motion to approve.

Roy motioned, Linda seconding.

Motion carries unanimously.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Any discussion? All is in favor?

IX. PRESENTATIONS

Scott Wade with AirGrids - no show

Bill Lanes – Rec Complex

Bill Lanes: Okay, let me get this ready to roll. All right, so my name is Bill Lanis. I've served on town council for roughly the past two years. Been a resident of White Hall for 23 years, as well as graduating back in 18. 18... (laughter inaudible). For the past year, roughly or a little less there's been some contention regarding some matters with the rec board and so forth. Adding additional

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members to the rec board, including how that process went about. As well as some of the planning regarding a general proposal that Kennedy put together during the Rec Complex discussion in January. As we all know, the White Hall Valley is growing. Residential development is moving forward and new community projects are vital to everybody.

I'm going to be brief this evening, but I'd like to propose a simple conflict resolution plan or action step. I'm speaking on behalf of myself, not the whole town council. Just one of the members. I believe that 99% of the voices on this matter share a common goal. A vibrant and functional recreational complex. That's my take from previous meetings, multiple phone calls and casual conversations that includes people from the Saddle Club. Includes baseball leaders and parents. That also includes town staff and council community and valley residents.

This goal, however, is being impeded by some various obstacles. I kind of will refer to this obstacle as the cycle of confusion. This has caused us to be stuck. We're simply spinning our wheels. Some of the contributing factors as you can see, and there's others that I haven't listed there. Include a lack of funding, lack of volunteers, and various organizations associated with the complex over many years. Definitely poor communication and understanding. To be honest, I've personally heard a litany of past grievances and you add of course in there some major personality conflicts. These are different factors I'm sure you could state to others. What does it do? It's impeding us and it's creating relational issues. It's definitely created non-productive arguments in meetings, a lot of emotional stress. I would venture to guess that I'm not the only one who says, "You haven't slept well." Many people have wrestled this day after day. It's a lot of talk and creates a lot of rumors. Frankly, I would venture to guess that a hundred percent of people are tired of this confusion. We might agree on that.

I'm sure you're familiar with this adage, "The devil is in the details." I'm sure you've heard it before and used it. I did some recent research on that adage for other reasons, and I came across this gentleman, Gary Martin, and he describes it this way. A way to understand it. "The details of a plan, while seemingly insignificant, may contain hidden problems that threaten its overall feasibility." I'm just acknowledging those problems here tonight. And they're no longer hidden. They're well-spoken in public, but I wish to see us move forward. Our shared goal has been stymied and our community is suffering for that. The focus has been on the obstacles.

What we need to do is focus on the accomplishments and the goal. So who has contributed? The Saddle Club members have dedicated years of service over there. Various coaches and family members, ball players, past and current town employees, and a multiple array of other volunteers have all poured into that complex. So in order to reach that goal. And it's the big goal. We need to celebrate some of those accomplishments and we need to definitely collaborate better together for the improvement of that facility. I would state, I hope that we can refrain from getting caught in that cycle of confusion because that's what's been going on for months. I want to be known as a collaborator and I would encourage you to do so. So here are just some simple action steps.

Number one, grant the Saddle Club a time extension on their clubhouse building lease that's extending it to 180 days. The only lease terminated last week on April 10th. The special meeting. Is the clubhouse lease setting on that slab. That's the only lease that was terminated. Well I'm suggesting we extend that. That way they don't have to remove that within 60 days. Number two, compile and report all lease agreements associated with the Rec Complex to determine the true legal standing for all interested parties. Here lies probably the biggest bone of contention from my viewpoint. As a town council member, I'm led to believe by only the documents we have on file

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here at the town office that all the land included the arena our property of the town turned over from the county. Saddle Club members state that they owned the clubhouse building, which we understand that and the arena and various panels, et cetera, et cetera. So we need clarification on this matter. We need to understand it legally and we need to be clarified.

I have two leases right here that are on a file here in the office. One of them is the March 18th 2014 lease that we discovered or discussed last week. The other is a second lease dated June 2008 which is unsigned by the acting mayor at that time. It's basically a lease regarding some exhibits of various items that the town was looking at. Possibly leasing from the Saddle Club. So that's what we have on file. Number three, the Saddle Club needs to provide any lease documents by April 21st. We've requested some of this previously. I'm suggesting this needs to be an action step. So we can review all of those documents and report to the general public all the information at next month's regular town meeting.

Number four, report past grant findings which have garnered money for the complex or any organization on behalf of the complex to also be presented at next month's town council meeting. Also, was the grant specified for the town or any specific organization? I'll give you an example. I just know of a few. The Montana Tourism grant, there's been discussion about the middle mines, there's multiple other ones out there. We need to report those and have those present to all the public. Number five, develop an inventory list of all the equipment, fencing, panels, seating, lighting, et cetera on the complex. Any disputed items should be noted clearly. I appreciate the Saddle Club did provide this weekend with us with a list. We need to investigate that a little bit and if there's any disputes on those items.

Most importantly, we need to continue to apply for additional grants for the purpose of maintenance, design, development, improvements. That's what was presented in January. I think we should continue for... Excuse me. Forward with that. So we have had meeting after meeting. We've been caught in this cycle of various people airing grievances and accusations. I would suggest we get our heads together and focus on the end goal. This is precisely what is the intention of our mayor, town staff, town council. Saddle Club members, you have a seat at the table on the Rec Board that's been well established. No one has taken that away. Other valuable members have been brought on board to expand this vision as well. So I hope that we can get the needed clarification so we can clear this matter up as quickly as possible.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you very much, Bill.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Council determination on applying for Whitehall Sustainability Committee (WSC) funds to build on an extension to Town Hall so the library can utilize Pullmane and expand into the current City Court building.

**Pat motioned, Linda seconding
Motion carries unanimously**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council determination on Resolution 2023-06, Intent to trade Whitehall Real Property with real property owned by the school.

**Roy motioned, Pat seconding
Motion carries unanimously**

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B. Council determination on Resolution 2023-05, giving authority to the town attorney to file litigation and take other necessary steps to acquire real property in the name of the town.

**Roy motioned, Linda seconding
Motion carries unanimously**

C. Council determination on Resolution 2023-07, donating old Ford to Liberty Place.

**Pat motioned, Roy seconding
Motion carries unanimously**

D. Council determination on Planning Board moving their monthly meetings to the 2nd Monday of the month.

Pat motioned, Linda seconding

Roy McBride: why?

Linda Jung Okay, I can answer that. This is Linda. The council meeting has been moved to the third Monday. And if we're approving things on the planning board and bringing it to you as an advisory that and bringing it to you as an advisory that doesn't hold people up two weeks. It would only hold them up one week.

Motion carries unanimously

E. Council determination on allowing the planning board to transcribe their minutes.

Pat motioned, Linda seconding

Pat Peterson:The reason we're looking to do transcription is in part because I am resigning from the board and I was secretary. And this way it makes it easier because it's a real tight window of just three days in which to get the minutes done to be in time for the council packet.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Yeah, I think it's a good way. But just like here at those meetings people, just have to get used to saying their name before they speak so that your minutes come out correctly.

Pat Peterson:And we decided on the planning board that the verbatim minutes would be used for a while until we see how it went.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Right.

Pat Peterson:Planning board is a lot less formal. We're a lot goofier in some of our meetings and at first we said, "No, we'll do just the summary minutes," but we thought "No, you could miss something there."

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Now, I can get goofier here if you want. Okay. [inaudible 01:10:25] our discussion.

Pat Peterson:That's why we wanted verbatim minutes.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

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Linda Jung And I do think that having verbatim, especially with the planning board, the things we have to decide would be better so that it could never be said that we left something out or didn't understand it. It will be verbatim. So, there's no misunderstandings that way.

Motion carries unanimously

F. Council determination on accepting WWC Engineering bid for CDBG Planning Grant. (Only proposal submitted)

Linda motioned, Pat seconding

Motion carried unanimously

G. Council determination on accepting Poultry Ordinance.

Roy motioned to table it for 60 days to get more community involvement, Linda seconding

Linda Jung :I think we need the community involved in this and so I would ask that you folks... I can't remember your names, sorry. You two would be involved in that and get your input since you were kind enough to come and explain this. We've already had one hearing and nothing was commented on. So if this is a concern of our citizens, I believe that we need to take a step back and get some involvement from the town.

Motion carried unanimously

H. Council determination of scheduling Public Hearings for the Planning Board By-Laws and ordinances.

Pat motioned, Linda seconding

Motion carried unanimously

I. Council determination on getting a Permit Imprint through the Post office.

Pat motioned, Roy seconding

Kennedy Kleinsasser: A permit imprint is basically, I'm sure you guys have seen it on your mail or whatever, where the postcard stamp goes. It says that it's already a prepaid stamp. So basically all of our monthly bills would have a prepaid stamp on there so I don't have to sit there and stamp 534 things. It would be nice to not do that. So, it actually does cheapen the cost of your postcard stamps as well. There's a couple counts that do it and they save about 10 cents per postcard.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Any more discussion? Bridget.

Bridget Morse:What's the permit fee?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I think it's \$200 a year to have the whole permit fee.

Motion carries unanimously

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J. Council determination of Mount Horizons Variance Request.

Linda motioned, Pat seconding

Linda Jung Yes. And I would like you to speak to this if you would, answer some of the questions from the last hearing.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, go ahead.

Todd Hunkler:I'm **Todd Hunkler**, construction project manager for National Affordable Housing Network.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Todd Hunkler:And I could speak to any questions you have.

Linda JungOkay. So some of the questions that came up was a park on that corner of lot three and four, that little point.

Todd Hunkler:There is a designated parkland on the north side of the site. There's not designated parkland on the particular lot under discussion for development.

Linda Jung Okay. The next question was on carports compared to garages. There was a complaint about that from somebody in the audience that was wondering why.

Todd Hunkler:It's just a budgetary question for the homeowners. So all of these folks participating in the construction and the subdivision are income qualified for the programs and therefore they're become budgetary constraints of whether or not we can fully enclose a parking structure for them. Obviously everyone in Montana would like to have a covered parking area if possible. But what we can offer each of those homeowners varies.

Linda JungOkay. And I believe one of the other questions was fences. Are fences required?

Todd Hunkler:Fences are not required. And similar answer to the makeup of the garages and covered parking. It just becomes a budgetary restriction of what each homeowner can afford within their budget. Each individual homeowner has their own finite amount of funds and it just depends on how far that can go in the build and, where possible, we try to help the homeowners after the fact with the expert help to be able to do it if they can at some point supply the materials

Linda JungLike in after it's built.

Todd Hunkler:Yeah. Yes.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Any other questions from counsel? Okay. From public? Joe, did you have a question?

Joe Granvold:Yep, I got a couple questions, Todd. So has all this been approved through the state fire marshal? I'm not sure. I've not got a plaque from you guys on

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positioning of the house, distance between houses, where we can get water to and from. I know where the hydrants are up there.

Todd Hunkler:The subdivision went wholly through the county subdivision process where it got reviewed by all of the necessary entities to be able to prove the development.

Joe Granvold:But this is different. We were doing a fourplex, now we're putting on four houses. So there's this different setbacks and different rules for... I believe.

Todd Hunkler:And once this particular variance goes through, there's another approval process through the county that they'll verify that this is sufficient.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: And is it going to be a fourplex or four separate houses?

Todd Hunkler:Four single-family houses.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, so we're not talking fourplex.

Todd Hunkler:We're not talking fourplex, no.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Four-

Todd Hunkler:Single family houses.

Joe Granvold:So with the room, I'm assuming that their house is going to be very similar to the last two you built?

Todd Hunkler:Mm-hmm.

Joe Granvold:Where would be the carports for those if people wanted them?

Todd Hunkler:The carports would all be accessed from our infrastructure. That was one of the requirements when we developed the subdivision. All of the access to those will be from developed infrastructure in the subdivision. Nothing's going to be accessed from the other road that is behind those lots.

Joe Granvold:Okay. And then the question on the park was from me because when Barbara promised this when this got started, and I know it's not in there, but that's something she promised us up there, the neighbors that came to this, the park in that area.

Todd Hunkler:And there's still a park on the north side, they're designated parkland on the north side of the site kind of between some of the develop-able lots, but nothing that's been developed yet.

Joe Granvold:So and then I know on the east side of my house and the horizon property there's a utility easement there. So how does that affect your... I believe that's 15 foot on each side for... I'm not really sure, but I think that's what it is, 30 foot easement.

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Todd Hunkler: Yeah. And that's something that we will be taking into account when we develop those particular sites. We'll have setback requirements of how close we can put the buildings to those.

Joe Granvold: So is that something that you'll provide for us, the residents up there to see that? Before everything is laid out and you're going through the approval process before it goes to Jefferson County, that we can get copies of that so we can see what's going on with that in case we have any concerns?

Todd Hunkler: Yeah. And we'll continue to go through all of the necessary county processes through all the development as we have historically and make sure that we meet all the necessary requirements of the state and the city of Whitehall and Jefferson County.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, thank you. Did you have anything else, Joe?

Joe Granvold: I don't think I do.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Barbara Lien: Well, yeah. I-

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: You need to stand up and say your name, Barbara.

Barbara Lien: Yeah, okay. I'm Barbara Lee. I live in the subdivision just west of Mount Horizon. And I think a lot of my neighbors who could not be here tonight have some concerns about how that development started and how everybody was a hundred thousand percent behind it and how it's going. And little things like not requiring a fence anymore and not requiring a garage so that from the skyline, we'll see the stuff stored behind people's houses. This is among our concerns.

And then the idea of four houses, if for instance, they looked like the last two houses that were built there, which are narrow north-south-oriented to put four more of the identical floor plan. I'm not saying that that's necessarily what's going to happen, but it's going to start to look, I'm sorry, like a trailer park. Very closely spaced, obviously not built for the passive [inaudible 01:21:29] solar and some of the residences there are just beautiful and well-kept up. And there are only a few that don't meet those standards. So we're also concerned about whether there is a HOA there and whether they're kind of enforcing some standards.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: So Barbara, their lots that they're proposing these four houses on are actually larger than the town lots. And in town, we don't require people to have garages. There's nothing in our ordinances and we don't require people to have fences. That's not in our ordinances either. So just so you know, those aren't required and we don't have anything in our ordinances to-

Barbara Lien: Right, but even that's-

Joe Granvold: But those are things that were brought up at the start of this subdivision up there. And that's what people are aggravated about is they're promised that every

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house is going to have a fence and a garage. And so now that's what we're getting away from. And there's a lot of homes up there that are one acre lots that... This subdivision just don't fit in with that.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Right. And so you're perfectly within your... To put up a fence if you don't like what you're seeing, you can put up a fence, there's no problem there.

Joe Granvold: Right.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: But promises are promises and if they're not written down and if they're not in any way that we can enforce them, we just can't go there.

Roy McBride: One of the issues with this, it was in the county before we got it. So now we're trying to fix, or you're asking us to fix things that we have no part of even doing. But we didn't have any say how that subdivision was designed. So now our ability to help is pretty nil, to be very honest with you. We can't enforce anything because it was already agreed to by another government entity, unless you can get the county to take it back. But I don't know what... I understand when they don't follow through or it was misunderstood. I don't know. I don't know. I wasn't around, I wasn't privy to any of that information.

Barbara Lien: I think one of our concerns is that it's not being built as it was designed. It always showed fourplexes. And I don't quite understand the concept of having a condominium association for just those four owners who don't want to share a building that would be a neater footprint properly. These are details that I don't really need to know, but there's just kind of a level of frustration in my neighborhood.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Pat Peterson: Yeah, this is Pat. I feel the idea of four single family homes fits in better with the area than a fourplex. They'll have nice size lots and you can't dictate how people take care of their lots. You can't say, "You must do this and you must do that." Within limits, we can. You can't have four foot high weeds, things like that.

But I think it's more desirable to people coming in to have a single family home that they can afford as opposed to having a condo in a fourplex. And that's what they're trying to do up there. And I think, in my personal opinion, it fits in better with the neighborhood to have the single family homes. And when we had a question several months ago about a multi-unit house being a multi-unit building being put up there, everybody was up in arms about it and said, "No. No way, no how."

So I think this fits in with what's up there and with the adjoining neighborhood, and I live in the adjoining neighborhood, so I... But that's my personal opinion.

Barbara Lien: I think even the neighborhood east of that, the lots are a quarter to half acre and single family with garages, with fences, and very traditional. So the core within the loop, of [inaudible 01:26:15] loop, of this subdivision was always meant to be small lots, six per acre. Around the edges, it was always designed to have larger lots with one fourplex and not stacked up houses.

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Todd Hunkler:One of the important points to remember here for us as an organization developing affordable housing, one of the key pieces of affordability in the state of Montana right now is just the cost. And we're trying to implement strategies that offer the folks of Whitehall and Jefferson County the best price point that we can offer them. And the decisions that we're making have been much based on market conditions and the interest of people wanting to come be a part of the subdivision. And I think there are things that we could improve on as working better as a homeowner's association to improve some of the aesthetics of the subdivision. I think that's something we could work with those residents to improve on and we're certainly willing to do that. And at no point are we trying to go against what the town of Whitehall wants.

We want housing that is for your community. And that's what we're trying to do. And I know no matter what we develop, not everybody is going to like it 100%. And we're just trying to do our best as an organization here to serve the people that want to participate and I hear your comments loud and clear, and I think that what we can do is be as transparent as possible with the planning board, with the town of Whitehall, with the county, make sure we meet the necessary requirements from a fire code standpoint. Those are all things that we're committed to. We just want to produce safe, affordable housing for folks.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Is there any more discussion?

Joe Granvold:Just one other thing. So I know that Barbara, last year, has talked to you about planting trees up in that neighborhood and that discussion has kind of went nowhere. You've been really hard to get a hold of and not answering emails or calls. So...

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: So was your question, "What's the status on the trees"?

Joe Granvold:Right.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: What's the status on the trees?

Todd Hunkler:That grant is still in place. It's something that I'm looking to get back to over the next several weeks and get back on board. I've got some new staff that have been getting oriented that hopefully can help participate in that, but those grant funds still exist. There's still a commitment to doing that project and it's our attention to execute that.

Motion carries unanimously..

K. Council determination of NAHN Development Application.

Linda motioned, Pat seconding

Motion carries unanimously

XII. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

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Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Are there any unscheduled matters that the council would like to bring up? I would just like to bring up the fact that on your water bills, if you see a service charge, just ignore that. That was a glitch in Black Mountain's computer program.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I do have something. So the bank now requires that it be in the minutes that I am the clerk treasurer and that I can be added to all the financials so I can do that, so...

Katy James: So do we need a motion on that or no?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: I think it just needs to be in the minutes.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah, I just think it needs to be stated, but-

Katy James: So the council recognizes it now that we have a new clerk treasurer that she's now to be included on all bank statements, et cetera?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: That covers it. Thank you, Katy.

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

Roy motioned, Pat seconding
Motion carries unanimously

XIV. ADJOURNMENT