

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL
P.O. BOX 529
WHITEHALL, MT 59759
August 17th, 2023 (Posted)**

All meetings will be held at the Town Council Chambers located at 207 E Legion Ave.

There was a budget amendment hearing at 6:30 PM held prior to the Town Council Meeting.

The minutes are as follows:

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Because that is supposed to be in the revenue account and I put it in the wrong one

Linda Jung: Which one was that?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: The Town Pump grant.

Linda Jung: Right, that's what I was wondering. Okay.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I put that in the wrong line item, that's my bad. And the mower. And then the water with IRS penalties at \$11,262.37. Again, the water with the firehouse pump replacement of \$20,935.80. Water key extension of \$41,515.56. Sewer, IRS penalties at \$11,262.37 Hydrovac purchase, which was voted on to take out of reserves, of \$87,957.72. The TB sewer extension, which was also voted to take out of reserves at \$76,760. IRS penalties for the garbage at \$11,262.37. And the fire relief needs to go on revenue too. So those are the expenditure accounts that got hit this year. The majority of these were voted on to pull from reserves, but you have to do an amendment to add them to your budget. So that's what we're doing. It's just adding them to the budget. Let's see. And then... We had, for revenue, we brought in \$22,958 more on unexpected tax revenues that we didn't budget for. We got \$12,000 granted to us by the county for the rec complex under general, which paid for wages and maintenance at the rec. We got a grant from Town Pump of \$6,000 that went into the fire. Our user fees for the pool came in \$8,047.50 more than what we expected. We got a grant for the car seat... Thing that we did here at Town Hall from Town Pump of \$5,000. We did not allocate any of our interest last year. So, in the general we got \$7,700 allocated. We didn't allocate enough money for our TIF, so we got \$17,828.37 more than we expected. TIF interest allocation came in at \$8,050.98. Pool donations came in at \$2,626. Our street improvement account got \$2.96 in interest. Our perpetual care account got \$4,092.13 in interest. The county granted us money for the rec and \$23,000 of that went directly into the rec complex fund for improvements on the rec complex. There was \$71.11 interest allocated at the rec. There was \$1,004.22 interest in the all-purpose fund. \$1,126.63 in gas tax fund and \$0.44 of unanticipated revenue. And then our severance pay account got \$201 in interest allocation. Our sidewalk got \$1.30 in interest allocation. Our fire fund got \$329.66 in interest allocation. We got \$35,000 as a grant for our playground. We got \$5,000 for the transportation grant for our sidewalks, and the Fire Relief Association got \$54.05 in interest allocation. Any questions? Oh, and we got \$6,000 in revenue from Town Pump,

mower purchase of \$5,000. And then we didn't account for the fire relief fund that we get in every year to pay for their retirement.

Roy McBride: Do we motion for that?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: No, we don't have to do anything. I just had to tell you all about it.

Roy McBride: Okay.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We can't do anything yet.

Roy McBride: Okay. When do you want to do it? When do we do it? At the meeting, or...?

Roy McBride: We'll do two hearings, right?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah, we have to do two hearings. So, this was the first hearing. The second hearing is going to be on August 30th, and we'll probably do it at 6:30 again.

Bill Lanes: Is there any word if Tebay is going to do anything with that building?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I haven't heard anything.

Bill Lanes: Because, you know, we threw \$76,000 on something...

Roy McBride: What's that?

Bill Lanes: To tie that sewer in.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Tebay's that vet clinic, their old Rice Ford building.

Bill Lanes: Because that's a big expense that we threw out there...

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah, it is. Yep.

Bill Lanes: And then it's just going to sit?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I don't know. I haven't heard anything.

Bill Lanes: I'll reach out and ask him. It'd be nice to know.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Sure. Is there any other quest-

Bill Lanes: That's one of the biggest chunks of money even in there.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Right.

Shawn Hoagland: Also, when's the second reading, is...

Linda Jung: August 30th?

Shawn Hoagland: 30th? Yeah.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: August 30th. So, it's Thursday.

Linda Jung: Yeah.

Shawn Hoagland: Okay.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Thursday, August 30th, I think.

Linda Jung: Yeah.

Katy James: August 30th is what we see.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: At 6:30?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Maybe it says 31st. I'm pretty sure I scheduled it for Thursday.

Katy James: Because this says...I'm just punching it in my phone, and it says Wednesday.

Bill Lanes: Yeah, the 31st.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I'll double check. See where we're at.

Bill Lanes: I have the 31st as a...

Roy McBride: That's what I thought it was too, was the 31st.

Bill Lanes: Yeah.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Okay. I think that's it, scheduled on the 31st.

Linda Jung: I think it got changed to the 31st, because...

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We talked about changing it to the 30th, 'cause I thought Sean would be here, but he's not going to be here anyway, so.

Linda Jung: All right, well I'll put it on the 31st.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: 31st I think, is what I put.

Bill Lanes: Six o'clock?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I'll double check and let you guys know.

Pat Peterson: Six o'clock?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: 6:30.

Shawn Hoagland: 6:30.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I got to look at what I put in the paper, because now I can't remember what I put in the paper.

Shawn Hoagland: Whatever it is, that is, whatever it is.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Whatever's on the paper, that's what I did.

Shawn Hoagland: Okay.

Katy James: Right around the 31st...

Roy McBride: Any questions on this? Comments?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I'll send out an email too, so you guys are aware.

Roy McBride: No.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Questions from the audience?

Roy McBride: No.

Speaker 1: No? Okay.

There was a second budget hearing held prior to the Town Council Meeting at 6:45 PM.

The minutes are as follows:

Roy McBride: ... held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:45 immediately after at the buddy hearing.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Okay, so we just did our workshop and we did some discussing on the budget. We did receive our taxable valuation information from the county and I did the calculations and it looks like we will be receiving 155,162 from the county for taxes. I am still working on trying to get the TIF number. It was 151,000 last year and I'm not sure if TIF goes down slowly or if it goes up slowly. I'm not sure how the TIF works, so we discussed that as well. We also get roughly \$80,000 from a motor vehicle tax co-op that we have with the county as well as an online share of 12,000 that we have with the county as well. And then that is in our general fund. Our general fund, again, we get the entitlement share payment and this year, it's approximately 210,851.25. And that's it for our guaranteed revenues in the general. If anybody would like to see what we have

approximately in all the rest of it, I do have copies of this here, if anybody would like to go over that. And then, we got our BaRSAA allocations, our Senate Bill 536, and our House Bill 76 projected costs, and all of those costs totaling \$215,008.63 and that is for the road and street projects that we get in for that. And then, we just went over the revenue budget, like I discussed. Approximate revenue for some of our separate funds like the pool, we guessed about \$4,500. That typically is all in donations. Perpetual care for the cemetery. And last year, we came in, let's see, at like 3,000. We guesstimated around 5,000, so I just kept the guesstimation there. We got some revenue from the rec complex that carried over from last year of \$13,000. And then, all-purpose fund, we projected we'll get some interest allocations because we don't really add anything to that fund. I went over gas tax and BARSAA. Our ARPA grants are kind of hard to guesstimate because we did get a lot of money in for different ARPA grants, but it's hard to guesstimate exactly how much I'm going to get in throughout the whole year, depending on how fast our projects move along. And then, we did not add anything to any of the CIPs this year other than for Joe's Fire CIP. We did add what he didn't use in his general budget last year as he requested, and we talked about that earlier. We were successful with our sidewalk improvement project, which I forgot to mention that earlier. The documentation I got said that we got \$722,000 for our sidewalk project to renovate all the sidewalks. Ask Cory which ones they are because I'm not exactly sure. Approximate revenue coming in for our water is 294,470. Water treatment plant. Again, hard to guesstimate exactly how much money we're going to get in there because we have, I think, 10 different grant funding sources that I have to... depends on what they pull from when they're doing the water treatment plant project. Sewer, approximately \$355,000. Again, with the Liberty Place annexations and the manor projects, revenue's kind of hard to guesstimate, so I just left it at a blank and we can do an amendment next year when those come in. And garbage is approximately going to be \$187,000 in revenue this year.

Roy McBride: We're locked in on that garbage contract for another year. Aren't we?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yes. What did I do here? Oh, I apparently printed this twice for myself. Just ignore that. Our expenditure budgets, those are a little bit easier to predict. The council and I did talk at our workshop and we are going to cut back on our expenditure budgets. Our operation and maintenance is gone up substantially over the past year or two and unfortunately, our revenue budgets just don't hold up as well as our expenditure budgets do. So, we talked and we're going to have to do some cutting on the general budget, the water budget, sewer and garbage because we are approximately, with our budget sitting, we're approximately 20,000 over budget compared to our revenues. So, we're going to go through with fine-tooth comb and cut those down. I'll just go over our guesstimated expenditure right now without those being taken out of that. So, the general, we had guesstimated at 540,470. Our TIF, we had guesstimated at \$471,500. Again, I don't have exactly what we'll be getting in this year for that TIF, so that's a guesstimate there. Swimming pool, our expenditure budget at 16,640. Rec complex is 32,500 roughly. That includes the grants that we got in and the monies that we got in for the rodeo. All-purpose account sitting at 38,606. There's salaries and wages set aside for severance pay if anybody ever decides to leave of 8,500. I didn't label these accounts, so I'm trying to remember them

offhand. I set up \$10,000 for machinery and equipment out of this account and I can't remember what it is. Public works account. I think it's a public works CIP we set up a couple years ago. What?

Linda Jung: 2,706? Isn't that the all-purpose account?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: No, you're way behind me.

Linda Jung: I am?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah. I'm on account 4,000 right now.

Linda Jung: Oh. Okay. I'm still there.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I'm just zipping through it, Linda.

Linda Jung: You are. Okay. [inaudible].

Kennedy Kleinsasser: So, account 4,000, I believe, is a CIP that we set up for public works for machinery and equipment last year, the year before? \$10,000 still remains in there. CIP for the swimming pool is sitting at 50,000 like we talked about. Fire is sitting at \$26,000, sorry, \$26,028. The playground expenditure, we have \$18,312 left to spend in that to finish the playground. Our water expenditure account came in at 375,164. That 5211 account is the water treatment plant account. And I just put all of our funds in there that we could possibly get. That way, I don't have to do a budget amendment at the end of the year. So that's 7,694,822. Sewer account. We did talk about this earlier about the potential ARPA that is going to be voted on tonight. So, this potentially will change by 295,000 taken out of this account. But anyway, right now, we have it guesstimated at 646,427, pending about 295,000 being taken out of there. These other sewer accounts are the Liberty Place annexation and the Meadowlark Manor annexation. The 5211 is the Liberty Place set at \$1,011,426. And the Meadowlark Manor's set at 281,405. 5410 is the garbage account and that garbage account is set at 200,986. And then, I set the fire protection for the retirement that comes in at 2,500. I don't know what it's going to be, but somewhere in there. But like we talked, we'll do some cutting on that one. Are there any questions from the audience or council?

Pat Peterson: No, we had talked about doing it across the board.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yep. Yep. To make all those, even with our revenue accounts.

Katy James: Did you say something about the playground equipment? Is there extra money in there or...

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I wouldn't say extra.

Katy James: Okay. What was it?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We have to pay for the dirt work guy. We have to pay for the fencing guy. We have to pay for the fence.

Kory Klapan: So, there's \$18,300 approximately in there now.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: 12. Yeah.

Kory Klapan: The fence is going to be 8,000. The dirt contractor is 5,000. And then, we have to buy a plastic border to hold the mulch in the area and that's \$3,700.

Katy James: If I understand it right, we have a question down the road about installation? There's going to be a possible additional cost there. Is that correct?

Kory Klapan: Correct and I did get that cost on a hard number today at 265. That is not funded right now.

Liz Pullman: Can you clarify? Is that 26,000 or 26 [inaudible].

Roy McBride: 26,000.

Katy James: 26,500.

Roy McBride: Somebody didn't do their math very well.

Roy McBride: But we're looking at TIF to fund that.

Liz Pullman: I was really thinking that was going to be like [inaudible] 650.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Listen. It could be the ledger playground and you could give us \$26,000.

Roy McBride: So, is there any other questions? If not, this portion of the meeting is over. Our regular council meeting will start at 7:00.

A regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Monday, August 21st, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

The minutes are as follows:

I. Call to order/Introductions

Roy McBride: Instructions.

Linda Jung: Linda Jung, Ward Two.

Shawn Hoagland: Shawn Hoagland, Ward Three.

Pat Peterson: Pat Peterson, Ward One.

Bill Lanes: Bill Lanes, Ward One.

Katy James: Katy James, Ward Two.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Kennedy Kleinsasser, clerk treasurer.

Roy McBride: Roy McBride, Ward Three, acting mayor. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge recited by all.

III. Agenda Approval

Roy McBride: A motion to approve agenda. Shawn?

Shawn Hoagland: I make a motion to approve with amendments, which I'm just going to go through, there's three, three that we need to do. Point nine presentations, Section A, Change None to Visionary Communications for presentation. Point 10, Unfinished Business, Sub Point B, just strike that. It's discussion termination of tele system service TIF application of 95,000 for fiber internet. Just strike that off of there. And then the third one, it's a small one, but 11C. That resolution is 23-13, not 23-12.

Pat Peterson: Which one? The first or the second?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: The very bottom one.

Linda Jung: The last one.

Bill Lanes: C.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: The bottom one.

Shawn Hoagland: C.

Bill Lanes: C.

Shawn Hoagland: Yeah.

Pat Peterson: I move to approve with the amendments. Well, you say that, I second.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: [inaudible].

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Council: Aye.

Roy McBride: Motion carries. Approval of the minutes.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Roy McBride: Motion carries. Approval of the minutes.

Katy James: Motion to approve.

Bill Lanes: Motion second.

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Council: Aye.

V. Reports

A. Mayors Report and Public Service Announcements

Roy McBride: Reports? I don't have one.

B. Officer Reports

A. Attorney
None

B. Clerk / Treasurer

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Okay, that means I'm up.

Roy McBride: Do you have one?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah. Well, kind of. It's going to be short and sweet because my brain's fried. Anyway, I have been working on bank recs and getting year-end completed. Bank recs are finally starting to get a little bit easier. There's a lot of components to it that I have to add up and make sure everything is okay. So that's been taking up a lot of my time as well as finishing the budget. I had to talk to a ton of people about how to do budget calculations and where to get the numbers. There's like 50 different websites to get the numbers, so I've been spending the majority of my time on that. Day-to-day stuff's been going well. Our UB online stuff is going really well. People seem to really like it, so that's good news. Other than that, I think I'm good.

C. Public Works

Roy McBride: Any other reports? Oh. Kory?

Kory Klappan: So, I'll start with water. We took water samples. We did take our lead, and copper, and nitrate, and bacteria sample, the heat. Firehouse well starter was replaced, but I do not have it hooked up to the telemetry system yet. I'm waiting on a company out of Three Forks to come over and tie that in because it's a little different than the one we took out. Sewer, we had a sanitary survey, 8/10, haven't got the results back on it to know where exactly we're at. The pivot pump didn't start 8/18, I called [inaudible]. We ain't sure, we just took a bunch of stuff apart, motor savers apart, put them back together and it worked. So, we ain't sure what the problem was. We're thinking it was just not tight wires is what we're hoping. So hopefully it's fixed. But we went to start the pivot today and it didn't seem to have the same problem so we'll probably be working on that. We did break an axle on tower two on the pivot and Watson came in and fixed that. The manor annexation, sewer is in, pretty much everybody up there is hooked up to sewer. I don't believe the

manor's hooked up to sewer quite yet, but the houses are hooked up to sewer. Water, we just passed the bacteria sample so it'll get hooked on and turned on now that we did that. Streets, we did paint by the school. We painted a center line and the whole curb at the school. It was done. We reevaluated potholes. We do have about 20 potholes in the shoulders of Whitetail Drive to fix still. I think it'll come out. Hopefully, we'll have just enough material. We started where the playground's going to go. We did move the horseshoe pits, the grass, brought gravel in, bedded the whole thing with gravel, so it's pretty much ready to go. When we can, we will put the horseshoe pits back in next spring at a different location. I ain't totally sure where yet, but the cemetery, we had four cremations. We did have one full grave. We have put out a total of 12 loads of wheat spray, one call out, 27 locate tickets. We were successful on the sidewalk transportation grant. So just really quick, the sidewalks that are going to be done in that grant are from the Forest Service to IGA all the way down Division Street, minus the railroad easement. We haven't got that sorted out yet, so there'll be a little space there that's not done. From the creek on Yellowstone all the way to Whitetail Drive, we'll have a sidewalk. First Street, both sides of First Street from Bill's church, across the street from the church that the whole block will be done on the church side, it'll just be the corner around division will be done. What else am I missing? Is that it? I believe that's all the sidewalks that fall within that project. But it's a good deal. They'll be engineered, drawn, and done next summer.

Roy McBride: Next?

Kory Klapan: Yep. They'll engineer it this winter, break ground on it in the spring.

Linda Jung: So, one question, Kory.

Kory Klapan: Yep.

Linda Jung: What was the second one? It was from across the tracks there over to?

Kory Klapan: Yep. So, Division Street, it'll go down past the T-shirt shop in front of Ron Fuller's all the way down to the museum to the end of the road. We'll probably stop before where the multi-dwelling is proposed just because we don't know where that's going to fall. There's no sense of putting it in and tearing it out, so it'll at least be to there.

Linda Jung: Okay. Thanks.

Shawn Hoagland: Is it both sides or the museum side only?

Kory Klapan: Nope. The opposite side of the street is the museum.

Shawn Hoagland: Oh, okay. Rodeo side.

Linda Jung: Rodeo side.

Kory Klapan: Yep.

Roy McBride: Are we going east into the Rodeo grounds?

Kory Klapan: I don't believe so.

Roy McBride: When we took that out a little bit.

Kory Klapan: We did. We had to downsize it a little bit. But that one from the Forest Service to IGA and Yellowstone rotors is critical. And there's a ton of people that travel on that, so I'm excited for that.

Linda Jung: We have a lot of kids [inaudible] that road at Yellowstone there.

Kory Klapan: Yep, walking down the street. So that should fix that.

Roy McBride: Anybody else?

D. Fire Chief
None

E. Sheriff
None

F. County Commissioner

Kennedy Kleinsasser: County Commissioner.

Roy McBride: Mr. Commissioner?

Katy James: Doesn't he have an agenda?

County Commissioner Dan Haggerty: Good evening everyone. Okay. August 10th, which was a Thursday, we had a we board meeting. Jill Allen who is the director, advised the council that all the noxious weed spraining should now be completed within Jefferson County. And then on this same month, on the 15th, which was a Tuesday, we had the county commissioners meeting. The commissioners were advised that the county is received from the Department of Revenue, the evaluations which are being reviewed from the clerk and recorder's office to see what one mill is going to be worth. The results are forthcoming. The county commissioner's agenda on Tuesday, August 29th, which is next Tuesday will be the preliminary budget hearing for the public's input, concerns, questions, and the county budget will be available for review to the public on Tuesday, September 5th of

the Tuesday after two weeks from this Tuesday. On the 15th of that same day, there's a DUI Task force meeting. Montana Highway Patrol representative reported that during the month of July 2023, there were a total of 10 DUIs in Jefferson County, which two of them were under 21 years of age. Eight of those DUIs were from the south end of the county on Interstate 90 and Secondary Highways. And then on Thursday the 17th, the library board meeting, the board met at the Whitehall library. There was discussion about the Boulder and Whitehall library employees accepting gifts from the public. The board chose to utilize Jefferson County's policy of accepting gifts up to \$50 in reference to staff gifts from a donation received from the public since the two libraries or county entities. That's all I have. Any questions or concerns?

Roy McBride: Thank you. Okay. If there's no other reports, mayor is on vacation.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: The planning board.

C. Committee / Board Reports

Roy McBride: Not much going on just besides getting the budget lined out.

Everything's kind of running smooth as far as I can see. So, we'll go from there.

Officer's report, attorney's not here, unless you have something for me, Kennedy?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We already went over that, Roy?

Roy McBride: Okay. Clerk Kleinsasser?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah, we're here.

Roy McBride: Oh, we're here?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah.

Roy McBride: Now we're here, are we? The attorneys? We're right here?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We already did all that.

Roy McBride: Oh, did we? Okay. I'm sorry. I'm out of whack here. I Guess planning board?

Linda Jung: Yep. Okay.

Roy McBride: I'm sitting next to Linda so she can't kick this.

A. Planning Board

Linda Jung: I know. [inaudible]. I'm not going to talk about what's on the consent agenda. That's pretty clear. And Pat will. I did want to just touch briefly on Jeremy Fadness came. He is our city planner. We're starting to kick off our zoning updating. I'm pretty excited about that. We've been working hard the last couple of years and we're going to get it organized. We are using East Helena's format. He will institute our ordinances into it, and then we will start looking at it, and adding and subtracting,

and trying to get it clearer and more concise. The next thing is we did have a presentation from Garrett Schultz with Headwaters Engineering Incorporated. He came to share CCK properties, multifamily development, conceptual layout proposal. That would be Steve Warman's property at 300 South Division. It's going to be 40 units, 40 apartments. The proposed layout will be two-or three-bedroom apartments. We've been able to get the parking up to about 77 plus before he left our meeting. And according to our ordinances, he only has to have one parking spot per unit, so he's made a lot of conceptions. He's working well with us. He's working well with Kory. Kory's going to be working with him on the water and sewer. It's nothing set in stone, but it promises good housing for people that need it in this town. We also, Jenna had brought up about having a loading zone and he's also looking at that for when UPS man comes. And I've never lived in an apartment house but Jenna had.

Jenna McNew: [inaudible]. Yeah.

Linda Jung: Yes. So, it was interesting. If anybody wants the layout, I have it. I can get you a copy before the meeting's out. Okay. And then the last thing, we did have in public comment, Shylia Wargard. She represents the NRC floodplain and she is working with Kennedy on floodplain changes that are going to be affecting our area, especially our southern end, southern part of the town. And working with her to get those instituted. She was pretty helpful and she has a wealth of information and other people that can be helping us navigate all of this because Kennedy's going to have a work cut out. She has to look at a lot of our planning board applications before we even do to make sure they're not in the flood plain. And then there's a different set of rules. So that was it basically on the planning board. Any questions?

Shawn Hoagland: No.

B. Water, Sewer, Garbage

Roy McBride: Water sewer and garbage. Katy?

Katy James: Okay. It's called order by Roy. We bet on August 7th. July 2023, Reddit approved, minutes approved, the agenda, no public comment. Financial report, water budget is \$308,342.71. 50,000 has been taken out of reserve for the Manor annexation. Kory would like to have Jason come in and talk to the board about moving funds and take it out of reserves. 292,000 is in the pot a. Save pot A for matching grants. ARPA

money committed to 2024 and spent by 2026. Kory is asking that we use funds out of water and sewer reserves. We still have a contract with McCree Trucking, so no increase in the cost. Katy made a motion to forward to the council and they can request Jason to come and explain. We all second and in favor. Old business, water treatment plan is getting closer. DEQ has started. Approving releasing some of the deviations. Water tower bids came in over budget. No presentations. New business, no bill adjustments, no complaints. Fiber optic, Kory reported that we received the pedestals Mark Nelson to install. Public works, Kory reported that they hit several systems on startup. It's been an eyeopener and that's up towards the manor in discussion about the bike, park, and Jefferson Fresh Foods fourplexes. Meeting adjourned, 13:40.

C. Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks

Roy McBride: Okay. Do you want to do the streets, alley, and sidewalks or was that all in there?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We're still working on the streets, alley, and sidewalks. That was me.

Roy McBride: Okay.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I'll get those done.

D. Parks, Trees, Cemetery

None

E. Pool Board

None

F. Recreation Complex Board

Roy McBride: Okay. Rec complex. Kennedy?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: The last time the rec met was towards the end of July before Frontier Days we kind of talked about what we were needing for the rodeo and all that kind of stuff. Frontier Days, rodeo was super successful. We approximately made \$10,000, which will be put towards the recreation complex, which is super great news. We have a meeting on Monday, next Monday. So, we will go over all of that stuff and work from there.

G. Whitehall Tax Increment Finance District

Roy McBride: Thank you. TIF?

Katy James: I'll do it.

Roy McBride: Okay.

Katy James: Okay. TIF board met on... It was like August 16th. Roy called the meeting to order. Katy, Roy, Candace, and Jenna in attendance. Jenna moved to approve the July minutes. Katy seconded the motion, all voted in favor. And it was mentioned that 407,000 is in the TIF budget. No public comment. Old business, no discussion. No motion. Jenna motion to pay out the John Christ Methodist Church project. Candace second the motion. All in favor. There is no motion on no discussion on the next two individuals. Discussion progress is being made on this no motion. The TIF board is aware of another agency that has secured funding to run fiber to the proposed locations. Therefore, we do not have reason to collect bids for the proposed work. Jenna motion to reject Lee Good's fiber internet application. Kennedy seconded. All in favor. Jenna noticed to motion to pay Rodney Wheeler. Katy second. All in favor. Jenna moved to table Terry Wisener's application until the September meeting to allow time for updates to his proposal. Katy seconded. All in favor. Jenna motion to table Lee Good's old cheese factory application. Candace seconded. All in favor. Additionally, Jenna mentioned that the board collaborated with the clerk to send Lee Good a letter asking him to fix his paperwork. He needs to apply for a matching grant due to the total cost of the project. Furthermore, we wish to informally good that the board would like to ask him questions about his project. Candice second the motion. All in favor. And let's see. The board will review the budget at the September meeting to determine whether we anticipate needing a budget amendment. The board will collaborate with the clerk to determine what changes would simplify the application process and result in a letter in a better experience for applicants. Katy moved to move the TIF board meeting to the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM to commence September 2023. Jenna has second the motion. All in favor. In a new business, Jenna motion that in collaboration with the town clerks, the board assembled the basic packet for TIF grants and a draft of a standard operating procedure to bring to Ed Guza for the purpose of attaining his professional advice on making the proposed changes. Katy seconded. All in favor. And this letter will be included in the packet sent to Ed Guza to review and the discussion was largely in favor of recording meetings. No motion was made and we adjourned at 8:19.

VI. Public Comment

Roy McBride: Thank you. Okay, next item is public comment. Nothing is debated or voted on during this, so if you want to speak to something that's not on the agenda. Maxine?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Are you up?

Maxine Samuelson: You look right at me, Roy. What's that about?

Roy McBride: Just know you.

Maxine Samuelson: I know you probably breathed the sigh of relief when I wasn't here at the very beginning.

Roy McBride: I'm not even going down that road badly.

Maxine Samuelson: Maxine Samuelson. I live in Ward Three. And I just have a couple comments. I don't know if this is correct procedure or whatever. This seems really high tonight.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: It does.

Maxine Samuelson: But in other cases where there's an elected official, that official may have been on a committee previously, but then that official would have to relinquish that position on that committee. The mayor's name is listed under the TIF district and also under the parks, trees and cemetery district. And I'm just wondering if that's something that has been overlooked or what the thing is. I understand that it's not always easy to have people come and volunteer. People don't always wish to volunteer, but that's just something to think about. Another thing about the mayor is, when I've been at meetings where she is not on that board, she sits at her mayor chair and desk. And I think that gives an unreal expectation about her position on that meeting as a guest. And I think that is something that could be looked at. There's one other thing I was going to say and I can't think of what. So, I guess I'll end right here.

Roy McBride: Okay. Thank you, Maxine.

Maxine Samuelson: Oh, I know. I hate the way this room is set up for meetings. And I've mentioned it before in front of the mayor and she has not commented because she's not supposed to comment after my public comment. But I've heard other people on the council say that this is really not the best layout and I know she's very enamored with Bozeman things. So, I could probably find a picture of the Bozeman board and whatever they call their head person, mayor or whatever in Bozeman, that person is going to be seated at the center and three council members on either side. And I hate this layout where you have to jiggle around everything to get to the podium. It was a lot better when the podium was over there. Just saying. Thank you.

Roy McBride: Thanks, Maxine. Okay, consent agenda.

Liz Pullman: Hold on.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Is there anybody else?

Liz Pullman: [inaudible].

Roy McBride: Pardon? Someone else?

Liz Pullman: [inaudible].

Roy McBride: Okay. I didn't want to listen to you.

Liz Pullman: I know. Okay, Liz Pullman, not speaking as the ledger, the chamber, anything, speaking as the person that runs the haunted house. Talk to the fire marshal today. The fire marshal is the state fire marshal, is very adamant that without a fire suppression system inside of the Whitehall Community Center, that is most likely that the haunted house is not going to happen this year. As I'm sure everybody knows, last year we made national news as the top haunted house in Montana. I know it doesn't seem like that big of a deal, but we bring 4,800 people into town over the course of four days. This is a huge business, impactful thing. I would ask anybody that's willing and able to write a letter of support in regard to the haunted house. I'm asking the town council. I'm going to ask the commissioners. I'm going to go to the governor level for this because there is no special permit for events such as haunted houses. You have to follow the state ordinances even if it's for a temporary structure. So, I'm going to take it to the governor to try to get a special permit. So, if anybody would be interested in writing a letter of support, I would greatly appreciate it. This is something that's been five years, I mean, 10 years in the making, but this is our fifth year. It gives the kids something to do. It gives the adults something to do. It raises a lot of money for Gold Junction. Gold Junction runs off of the haunted house so that we can present community theater, all the movie series, just a plethora of other things. And it is a nonprofit.

And I do have a fire inspector coming in on Friday. It's going to be between 25 and \$45,000 to put in a fire suppression system into a building that I don't own. So, any support would be greatly appreciated. Not only will the letters of support be helpful for the governor, but it'll also be helpful if I start applying for grants to pay for the suppression system. So just something I ask you to think about.

Roy McBride: Thanks Liz. Sorry I didn't mean to.

Liz Pullman: That's okay.

Roy McBride: Does anybody else have any comments?

Rebecca Turk: Hi. I'm Dr. Turk. I live on West 1st. And I really wanted to just start coming and being an observer and seeing how things work. I've been in town a little over about a year, so probably don't know too many people, but nice to meet you. And I really wanted, like I said, to sit back and just watch the process and watch how things work. But my property is something was brought up here tonight that made me want to share. So, my property is directly impacted by the proposed fourplex behind the IGA. So, I've talked to Kory at length and I've talked to the mayor about my concerns, and they suggested I come to the meetings. I went to the planning meeting last week, but hearing that this particular topic was discussed at a different meeting I wasn't aware of. I'm just even more concerned that I'm missing out on the conversation or plans that, again, will directly impact me and my property and my property value. So, I just want to kind of make that known, I guess, in public comment. And if you see me after and have suggestions of where I can be more involved and more active so that I know what's going on, it kind of took me by surprise to discover these plans were in place. So again, just doing my due diligence by coming and listening, but I was taken aback hearing that something was discussed last week

and I didn't have the opportunity or chance or knowledge to just listen and like I said, sit and hear what's going on. So just wanted to make myself known and nice to meet you.

Roy McBride: [inaudible]. Any other public comment? Not? We'll move on to consent agenda.

VII. Consent Agenda

Pat Peterson: Okay, consent agenda. The planning board. Will Austin put in an application to install a container on his property. The board recommends approval. Bernice Nicholson put in an application for gazebo. The board recommends approval. Sean McClure application for a gazebo with a variance request. The board recommends approval. Bernice Nicholson put in application for a carport and a variance request. The board recommends approval. Rosalie Figgins put in an application for a fence and the board recommends approval. Business licenses, continental fence and supply, fencing products, water sewer, garbage board, request to allocations, ARPA pot a funds of 295,000 to the Liberty Place annexation project. And Kory mentioned that. And the fire department volunteer Jody Climer has put in an application. That's it.

Roy McBride: Okay. Need a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Pat Peterson: I move. I move to approve the agenda.

Roy McBride: Is there a second?

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Roy McBride: Motion carries. Presentations.

VIII. Presentations

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Visionary Communications.

Roy McBride: We lost his name already.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Thank you.

Roy McBride: [inaudible].

Pat Peterson: Thank you.

Roy McBride: Visionary?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Communications.

Roy McBride: Visionary Communications. Sorry.

Katy James: Broadband.

Kory Klapan: Thank you.

Brian Worthen: Acting mayor, members of council, my name is Brian Worthen. I'm the CEO of Visionary Broadband at Gillette, Wyoming. With me tonight is John Keeley, who works at a Butte who I've known for 17 years, for better or worse. Last year, we sought from the town a letter of support to go to the state who was putting together an ARPA based grant system for broadband in the packet and we received a letter of support. I'm here tonight to say we received an award. We have completed an agreement with the attorney general and the Department of Commerce. And we plan to proceed with that project here.

The second page of this packet is how simple we started, just a couple of guys in a two-story house in Gillette, Wyoming. We are a provider of broadband for residential, small business enterprise, schools. We actually service from Butte, Montana and Red Lodge down through Decker, Montana, and through Wyoming into Western Colorado and into Farmington, New Mexico. We are 200 employees. We started out with five dial up lines in 1994. We designed for the future. We build fiber through communities. Fiber lasts quite a long time. We're using fiber in Colorado that was put in during the Gerald Ford administration. Once it's placed, you don't have to disturb the ground again. It's a more reliable technology than most others which are copper-based like coax or DSL. We also offer wireless in our network, so we're very familiar with that technology. And fiber is by far the better technology.

We always plan for the future and we build it in such a way that, like I said, we don't have to disturb it again, but we can put equipment on it and upgrade. There have been previous grants near Whitehall. I've got a map here of what's called the RDOF fund or Rural Digital Opportunity Fund that the FCC ran a couple of years ago. You'll see the first page, CenturyLink received funds outside of Whitehall. They did not receive funds within Whitehall. The next page is SpaceX, which is Starlink, a dish I saw on the building next to Napa when I drove into town. That's their service by Elon Musk. They also receive funds south of Whitehall, so neither of these FCC funds provided funding to improve service in Whitehall itself. The third map is what we're planning on building in the first phase of fiber construction. You'll see a total here for the grant, which is a combination of Montana funds that are dedicated to broadband. It can't be used for other services. And then our own funds, which roughly is comprised of a quarter, we're matching a quarter of that. And so, we're planning on spending \$2.8 million on this project over the course of the next couple of years. That directly translates into fuel, rooms, meals, sales tax. Long-term is property tax. I bring all this up because we're here. We have an ask and we've been working with staff on this, but this is my formal request for the town council to understand what we're trying to do and then be informational as well. But we need to establish a way to use your rights of way along city streets and alleyways. In some communities that's done through a use agreement. In some communities that's done with a license agreement. We've got a perpetual license. We did a use agreement in Butte-Silver Bow a year ago for that purpose. Sometimes franchise agreements are used, but we cannot find any franchise ordinances in your records either with a phone company or other providers. So, we're just asking for guidance from you and from staff to understand how best to proceed. It's better to ask now and that's we're introducing ourselves to say, here we are. Tell us how best to work with you. We want to be a good corporate citizen and complete this project. The positive to what we're proposing is this is quite a bit of funds dedicated to broadband and it brings your community up the same level as a Boulder, Colorado or somewhere like that. It's good for economic development, for remote learning, remote work, business retention and items like that. So, I'm here to answer any questions. This would be a service that

offers 300 meg symmetric in a gig symmetric, so just like you can get in the big community. We have a habit or a history of building smaller towns, Yoder, Wyoming being one. We just built Walden, Colorado. We just built Lusk, Wyoming. This funding will fund service to 543 structures in Whitehall. So, I'm here to answer any questions and introduce myself like I said.

Kory Klapan: So, I have questions for you.

Brian Worthen: Yes sir.

Kory Klapan: I talked to Kyle, I believe, was who I talked to. When we talked, he said a lot of it was going to go in the air, not buried. Is that still long course?

Brian Worthen: That's correct. It's just like any project that you work with regards to water sewer, you have to engineer it. And so, we started engineering it, we'll engineer it through the winter and then hope to construct next year. The vast majority of the construction we plan to be overhead.

Kory Klapan: Overhead. Perfect. Where TSS has fiber now, are you going to duplicate that and you're both going to be there? How's that going to work?

Brian Worthen: I met with Mr. Good and we are discussing that. I'm meeting with him again, post meeting. I believe there's a way where the companies can work together. This funding, if not spent, goes back to the feds. So, there is an incentive on both parties to use these funds for that purpose. And the most interesting thing about this, and I've been in many meetings like this, you want to treat the hometown provider with the respect and recognize the work they've already done. I believe there's a way to do that. And I'll be continuing to work with Mr. Good. The fact of the matter is, there's no reason to duplicate this, but I also am a believer in if I'm paying my federal taxes, I want to see it. I want to see it put to good use. And so, I think this is a good use of it.

Kory Klapan: Definitely. I was just asking. So, you can't put on the holes in the air. I mean, I know it still has to be engineered. Are you thinking alley access or you thinking shoulder right away for the buried stuff?

Brian Worthen: And knowing your position within the community, this is where our staff would come meet with you and understand that best drive off the community and incorporate that into engineering. A lot of times, we'll try to use alleyways just because we don't want put stuff on the front of the property lines and the easement. The goal is to be as low impact as possible. We're actually using a new technology called missiling, which uses compressed air, cut back the dirt, go down a foot or two feet, use compressed air to shoot a missile, and it pulls a conduit through, very, very easy, quick and it interrupts the least amount of ground, and we're able to do 8,000 feet of that a day. So, the goal is to create as little impact to the community. And obviously, during any construction project, there's a little inconvenience, there's heavy equipment around, there's dirt disturbed, there's lawns disturbed. We try to restore that as quickly as possible. We actually have a person on staff that just fields requests from town and city councils for that purpose.

Kory Klapan: So, when you do that, do you have trouble hitting sewer service lines?

Brian Worthen: We try not to hit sewer service lines.

Kory Klapan: When you do, how do you know?

Brian Worthen: Well, it's pretty quick that everybody knows. And then the goal is just to repair that as soon as possible. And there has been situations where we'll actually use an outside contractor. And if the contractor drags their feet, we just step in, pay the bill to get that repaired with whoever is hired to repair that, whether it's that contractor, whether it's another contractor or city staff. There have been situations where even with a retaining wall or something like that, we have stepped up and paid that even though it's the contractor's fiscal responsibility. Again, the goal is to create a relationship within the community and to maintain that relationship and not be on [inaudible].

Kory Klapan: So, the reason I asked that question, CenturyLink, when they put this fiber line down, First Street Alley hit several service lines and it took about five years before we found the hole. What happens in five years, you still go good on that?

Brian Worthen: The nice thing about it is, we actually have operations in Butte, and we believe that we can hire here to service our operation in Butte, which we're servicing right now out of Sheridan, Wyoming. And so, our goal is actually creating jobs here in addition to this project. So, we're not a fly by night, we're not planning on coming and then leaving. We want to have a relationship. I have an office in Torrington, Wyoming, Buffalo, Wyoming. The plan would be to have a local representative that would have a communication line open with you especially.

Kory Klapan: Yeah, because that's the problem with CenturyLink. How do you get ahold? I mean, if you don't sit seriously. And then we end up fixing the service line and moving on. But it's kind of pits because they bore right through the service line.

Brian Worthen: I used to say, CenturyLink was my greatest salesperson. I just have to show up to a meeting and we get the business.

Shawn Hoagland: We still do say that.

Brian Worthen: We still do say that.

Kory Klapan: Yeah. No, I think it's great. I'm liking that a lot of it is going [inaudible].

Pat Peterson: So, you are targeting next year for this?

Brian Worthen: We'll start next year in the spring.

Pat Peterson: Engineering during the winter and targeting in the spring?

Brian Worthen: Yeah.

Pat Peterson: Okay.

Shawn Hoagland: And when you say overhead, you're saying fiber overhead?

Brian Worthen: Yes.

Shawn Hoagland: Like strung lines?

Brian Worthen: Attached to the utility poles.

Shawn Hoagland: All right. Nice.

Kory Klapan: And so, did you get all that worked out with Northwestern Energy and [inaudible].

Brian Worthen: We have an agreement with them already in Butte-Silver Bow, and we would just need to use their engineering firm to work on that.

Kory Klapan: Cool.

Roy McBride: Any other questions for the gentleman? Comments? Concerns?

Shawn Hoagland: How long, timeframe, once you do get it engineered, come in next spring? Do you have any feel yet for the timeline?

Brian Worthen: I would throw out that we would build these 543 locations within two years. I can tell you in Lusk, Wyoming, we did that project for 920 homes in four months. So, I don't want to over promise, under deliver, but we have a history of delivering ahead of schedule. And in fact, in that community, 25% of the community in the last six months is already in our service. So, I think we did a good job there. Obviously, we didn't upset too many people if they turned into customers.

Shawn Hoagland: I was just thinking 8,000 feet a day, that ought to be. Thanks.

Roy McBride: Any other comments, questions? No? Thank you so much.

Brian Worthen: Thank you for having me. Thank you for explaining you're the acting mayor because I thought you might've had very adventurous parents, in the name of Mary.

Shawn Hoagland: Young Mary. Nice.

Roy McBride: I should have flipped that over, I guess. Okay. Thank you for your presentation. Appreciate it. Unfinished business. Council discussion on termination of the Saddle Club MOU.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Council discussion and determination on Saddle Club MOU

Pat Peterson: I move.

Roy McBride: Move?

Pat Peterson: I have a question on this. We have the list here.

Roy McBride: We need a motion to second so we can discuss it.

Pat Peterson: Oh, [inaudible].

Linda Jung: I'll make a motion to...

Roy McBride: Discuss?

Linda Jung: Can I say discuss? I'll make a motion...

Pat Peterson: Just second my motion.

Linda Jung: I'll second it. Here we go.

Pat Peterson: Thank you.

Roy McBride: Okay. The motion on the table to look at the MOU.

Pat Peterson: Okay. We've gotten the list. Has this list been verified and if so by whom?

Roy McBride: As far as I'm aware, no, it has not been verified.

Pat Peterson: So, in that case, I move that we table the discussion on this until this list can be verified and accepted.

Roy McBride: I think we can-

Kennedy Kleinsasser: It's whom do we want it to be verified?

Roy McBride: What was it?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Like what do you mean?

Pat Peterson: Well, I know this-

Shawn Hoagland: Has the rec board looked at this yet?

Roy McBride: No.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: This hasn't gotten to the rec board yet. No.

Roy McBride: So, it needs to go to the rec board next?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah.

Pat Peterson: Yes. Somebody needs to look at this list and verify it, because some of these things to me look like they would be connected to the ground and their poor town property. So, I don't know. And I was not able to go the time we did the walkthrough with it.

Roy McBride: I think this really needs to go back to rec board so they can work on it.

Shawn Hoagland: And you have a meeting on Monday, right?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We have a meeting on Monday. Yep.

Shawn Hoagland: We have a meeting on Monday so we can do...

Pat Peterson: So, I'll table it until...

Shawn Hoagland: Until the rec board can review.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Okay.

Shawn Hoagland: Okay. And make their recommendation.

Roy McBride: Okay. Is that a motion, Shawn?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Well, Pat has to [inaudible].

Shawn Hoagland: Pat has to amend the [inaudible].

Katy James: It'll close the [inaudible].

Pat Peterson: I amend my motion to say that we table this and give it to the rec board and they can verify the list.

Roy McBride: Okay. Is there a second?

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Council: Aye.

Roy McBride: Thank you. It's going. Okay. New business. Council discussion and termination of resolution in 2023-11 adopting a new PO policy.

X. New Business

A. Council discussion and determination of Resolution 2023-11 adopting a new PO Policy

Roy McBride: Thank you. It's going. Okay. New business. Council discussion and termination of resolution in 2023-11 adopting a new PO policy.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Nope.

Roy McBride: Nope?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: PO Policy. Yep, you're right.

Katy James: PO Policy.

Roy McBride: Okay. Need a motion to approve.

Linda Jung: I move to discuss.

Roy McBride: Okay, there's a motion.

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Roy McBride: Okay. Discussion.

Linda Jung: Okay. PO policy is the same as what we have been using that wasn't legal. Tonight, we'll make it legal because the resolution reads that if we adopt this tonight, it starts immediately. I went through it to make sure it was the same PO policy and it is.

Pat Peterson: I just have one question, where it says in case of emergency, they can purchase up to a thousand dollars. I think we need to clarify a little bit more about what's called an emergency.

Kory Klapan: [inaudible].

Pat Peterson: I think it's a little too vague.

Kory Klapan: Yep. And I don't care how you word it or whatever. If there's ever a water leak, I don't have time to call all six agents and say, "Hey, can I fix this?" It needs to be fixed.

Pat Peterson: Mm-hmm.

Kory Klapan: That's strictly all that is for.

Pat Peterson: But see, to me, that's involving the council. And our approval or disapproval is noted and recorded electronically.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: It still happens. But basically, when there's a water leak, he's going to act on it immediately. He's going to call people; he calls us and then we send out an immediate-

Pat Peterson: Right.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: ... response to you.

Kory Klapan: But we get the process going, Pat, so fast.

Pat Peterson: Well, yeah. That I understand.

Kory Klapan: I don't want to get approval from six people-

Pat Peterson: We get phone calls, we get texts, we get emails.

Kory Klapan: ... from something that has to be fixed.

Pat Peterson: Because it says, you can... Where is it? It's up to \$50 or up to a hundred dollars, no approval needed. But if there's an emergency you can go up to a thousand dollars without approval.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: It does say, within 48 hours they have to complete the normal process cycle.

Pat Peterson: Yeah. And what if we then say, no, that was an emergency? See, I just want the term emergency better clarify.

Kory Klapan: You could totally make the emergency something that affects water or sewer.

Roy McBride: Is there anything else?

Kory Klapan: If my lift station goes down, one, it has to be fixed. And two, I'm not going to take the time to call you guys. It's going to get fixed.

Pat Peterson: No, you call them and they call us.

Kory Klapan: And I'm not being disrespectful.

Pat Peterson: No, you're not.

Kory Klapan: I'm just telling you, the last time the lift station went down, it was two o'clock in the morning.

Roy McBride: Yeah. And you aren't calling me at two o'clock.

Kory Klapan: I'm not going to call you guys to fix it. It has to be fixed.

Katy James: Because you'll get a no.

Kory Klapan: Well, yeah. I'm just saying. So, if you want to make it water and sewer emergencies, I'm good with that.

Bill Lanes: Is there any other?

Shawn Hoagland: There you go.

Kory Klapan: There shouldn't be. It should be strictly water and sewer.

Shawn Hoagland: Water and sewer emergencies are up to a thousand dollars.

Kory Klapan: But don't pin me down to a communal, that if I can't get ahold, it for you, I can't fix it.

Pat Peterson: Well, I also don't think you'll fix it for a thousand dollars.

Shawn Hoagland: Yeah, exactly.

Kory Klapan: We're not.

Pat Peterson: So that thousand dollars doesn't mean anything.

Kory Klapan: And that's what I was going to say. It should state water or sewer emergencies. Emergencies being broke, a sewer plug, I mean, that's an emergency. If your basement's filling up full of sewer.

Pat Peterson: That's what emergency is.

Kory Klapan: If it was your house, you don't want me calling people to see if we can fix it. You know what I'm saying?

Pat Peterson: Mm-hmm.

Bill Lanes: Take a thousand out and just put for any water and sewer emergency.

Shawn Hoagland: Yeah. And if you want to define it further, I mean broke lines, plugged lines, failing equipment, you probably [inaudible].

Kory Klapan: Something that's going to affect consumers, I'm good with that.

Shawn Hoagland: Okay.

Kory Klapan: Just however we have to do it too where...

Linda Jung: I think you say the effect service, because-

Shawn Hoagland: Disruptive service.

Linda Jung: ... what if there was a major catastrophic-

Kennedy Kleinsasser: A flood.

Linda Jung: ... earthquake or a flood or something? It could be more than a thousand that wouldn't be watered and sewer exactly.

Kory Klapan: Well, I mean, any water break we have or anything on the lift station is more than a thousand dollars. I mean, yeah, but like I said at two o'clock in the morning, I don't want to get four approvals before-

Shawn Hoagland: I understand.

Kory Klapan: ... I work on it. Yeah.

Shawn Hoagland: Can we change those and then prove it?

Kory Klapan: Are you good with that, Pat?

Pat Peterson: Yeah.

Kory Klapan: Okay.

Pat Peterson: As long as it's clarified.

Roy McBride: Linda, you had something you wanted to say?

Linda Jung: So how do we change that? How do we want to word that?

Shawn Hoagland: You can make your motion to approve with that amendment.

Linda Jung: And the amendment would be any emergency, but you don't want to put the thousand dollars.

Shawn Hoagland: Correct. A thousand dollars and add water and sewer emergency.

Linda Jung: Right. Water and sewer.

Katy James: So, are we putting Public Works as the only department within the town that would have emergencies as such that would fit under?

Shawn Hoagland: Will the future water plant, would that be...

Roy McBride: That'd be all stuck in there, I think.

Katy James: Yeah. So, it'd be like what Public Work's needs.

Roy McBride: Yeah. You could just put it in there.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Public Works.

Katy James: Yeah.

Roy McBride: Public Works [inaudible].

Linda Jung: I think Public Works would cover everything even flooding or anything like that.

Roy McBride: Yeah. Just put Public Works emergency.

Linda Jung: Public Works. Okay.

Roy McBride: Does that make sense, Kennedy?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Yeah. I'm just trying to... For occasions where circumstances dictate the immediate purchase of an item or service that will affect any users of the town utility services. That okay?

Bill Lanes: Yeah.

Linda Jung: Yeah. That sounds good.

Kory Klapan: You better put operation in there too.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: That will affect any operation.

Kory Klapan: I mean, like our pivot right now.

Shawn Hoagland: Right.

Kory Klapan: The pivot breaks, I got to discharge 30 million gallons of water in the next 25 days. It has to be fixed. I mean, this is DEQ, the state telling us we have to do this.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Okay. So that will affect any operations or any users of the town utility services.

Kory Klapan: Exactly.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Sounds good?

Kory Klapan: You guys good with that?

Linda Jung: That sounds good.

Roy McBride: We got to change of motion, Pat, please.

Pat Peterson: I change the motion to include the wording that Kennedy just put in.

Roy McBride: Is there a second?

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Council: Aye.

B. Council discussion and determination of Resolution 2023-12 Authorization to Submit MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application

Roy McBride: Cool. Okay. Council discussion on termination of resolution 2023-12 authorization to submit MCEP Employer Structure Planning Grant Applications. I need a motion.

Linda Jung: So, moved. I make the motion that resolution 2023-12 that we are authorizing to submit MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application.

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Roy McBride: Discussion? All in favor?

Council: Aye.

Roy McBride: Motion carries. Council discussion and termination of resolution 2023-13 resolution canceling the September 12th '23 primary election for certain council members. Need a motion?

C. Council discussion and determination of Resolution 2023-12 a Resolution cancelling the September 12th, 2023 primary election of certain council members

Katy James: Motion.

Linda Jung: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Council: Aye.

Roy McBride: Motion carries.

Pat Peterson: And this means that the people...

Kennedy Kleinsasser: The primary is canceled.

Pat Peterson: The primary is canceled.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: So, somebody decides to write in or whatever. In general, it might not be, but we don't have to do a primary election, I guess.
Roy McBride: Okay. Any other unscheduled matters?

XI. Unscheduled Matters

Linda Jung: Yeah. Back on the minutes for the water and sewer. We talked about the council made a motion to the council, that they request Jason come and explain. I'd like that to go on the agenda for next month if that would be possible, if Jason could come.

Roy McBride: Got that boss?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: [inaudible]

Kory Klapan: I encourage you to maybe make a phone call to him. He's extremely busy. And if he doesn't have to come and sit here and explain a simple maneuver of money, it might be very beneficial.

Linda Jung: You think he'll have time to take a phone call?

Kory Klapan: I talked to him 10 times a day.

Linda Jung: Okay.

Kory Klapan: And I've discussed this with him over. And I brought it to him and said, "I think we should do this." He said, "Great." And I said, if anybody had questions, you could call him.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: And I can ask him for an email breakdown too and then send you-

Linda Jung: That'd be great. And then you could just give it to all of us.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: ... you guys the email breakdown.

Kory Klapan: Yeah. I honestly tried to get him to come here tonight to just talk about it in this and they're so busy. It's unreal.

Linda Jung: I'd just like a little more summary of what's going on. It's been a while since we heard.

Kory Klapan: Yeah. He will be in town Wednesday. If you want me to set it up, you can chat with him then too.

Linda Jung: Yeah. Okay.

XII. Bill / Claim Approval

Roy McBride: I'll make a motion to pay bills.

Bill Lanes: So motioned.

Pat Peterson: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor.

Council: Aye.

XIII. Adjournment

Roy McBride: Any motion to adjourn? Next meeting is September 18th.

Shawn Hoagland: Motion to adjourn.

Pat Peterson: Second.

Roy McBride: All in favor?

Council: Aye.
Roy McBride: Motion carries.

Next Regular Meeting will be held on September 18th, 2023