

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

**PRESENT: Deb Ranum, Chairman; Roy Rost, Steve Baldwin, Members; Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk/Secretary**

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was held in the Commissioner's Office to start off the week.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No one appeared for public comment.

**9:40 AM Robbie Christiaens, Parks Supervisor joined the meeting.**

**Parks Updates-** Robbie and the Fair Board will be taking down the tents that were used at the Fair. The Fair Board is deciding whether they would like to keep and store the tents, rather than the Parks Department. Discussion on the sizes of the tents and what they can be used for. Robbie is busy working on mowing and weed eating this week. The Splash Park will be closed after Labor Day weekend.

**9:55 AM Luke Holstein, City Public Works; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.**

**9:57 AM JoDee Pratt, City Mayor joined the meeting.**

**9:58 AM Robbie left the meeting.**

**Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the minutes from the week of August 5-9, 2019, as presented. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.**

**9:59 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.**

**Project on Streets Between Highway 7 and Baker Lake-** Luke and JoDee asked the Commission and Bobby what the County will be able to do for the City project on the streets between Highway 7 and Baker Lake. The streets are ready to be torn up. Bobby stated that he would rather put cold mix onto the streets instead of completely tearing them up. If they were going to be torn out to chip and seal, that would also be an option; however, he is not in favor of graveling them. JoDee explained that the City is moving forward with an SID on all City streets and they need to have a plan in place beforehand. They would like the County to do the initial removing of the surface. The Commission want to be sure that if the streets are ripped up, re-surfacing will be taking place. Commissioner Ranum asked Shannon questions about what the moisture will do to it over the winter if it were to be ripped up this fall. Patching would not be an option because of the moisture that will get in through the cracks. It may be better for both the moisture issue and the County time schedule to do it next spring instead of this fall. A road base gravel will be brought in by the City Crew this week for a temporary fix. It will be easier to remove gravel than cold mix, as gravel would last through the winter. The City does currently have gravel to use. The Commission questioned tearing up the streets before the SID is passed.

**10:14 AM Mary Grube, Assistant Administrative Planner joined the meeting.**

If it is going to be done with chip and seal, it would be best to put gravel in before the winter for the work to be done next fall. It is unknown if the County Road Crew will have time for the project this fall. Bobby will keep in touch with Luke and will move forward from there. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting for an initial discussion of the SID's with the taxpayers of Baker.

**Solar Bees-** JoDee would like to know how many solar bees the City will be given. The Commission stated that one is being used at the Golf Course right now. They will be using it until the end of the season and then the City will be given two for the Lagoon. Next summer it may be moved back to the Golf Course.

**10:28 AM JoDee and Luke left the meeting.**

**Road Department Updates-** The Road Crew is working on mowing right now. They are going to try to put a culvert in on the South Ismay Road. Bobby has not heard of anything regarding the culvert on Fletcher Creek yet. A cattle guard was taken out of the Hidden Water Road by the Keystone Pipeline yesterday. Trent has been contacted and the proper steps are taking place to have the issue fixed. Discussion on minimal maintenance and low maintenance roads, as the amount of moisture has taken a toll on a few of the culverts.

**10:47 AM Bobby left the meeting.**

**Sidewalk Project-** Shannon has completed the legal descriptions for the sidewalk extension project by the Old Beach, tying into Highway 7. He reviewed which easements are and are not required. The County will need to be in contact with the City before moving forward, as the project goes through City streets.

**11:03 AM Shannon and Mary left the meeting.**

**11:16 AM Tom Kachel, Manager of Landfill Operations joined the meeting.**

**Decision on Fuel Truck-** The Commission has decided that they will be putting a new engine into the old Ford pickup, which will be used as a fuel truck at the Landfill. The old one will go into County Auction. Tom reported that the oil heaters have been unhooked by an electrician and will also be in the County Auction.

**11:27 AM Tom left the meeting.**

**11:27 AM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**NOON RECESS**

**RECONVENE**

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**Commission Work Session**

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas. They also discussed and worked on remaining budget items for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**1:57 PM Beth Epley, Ashley Bonamie, Eastern Plains joined the meeting.**

**Baker Lake Signage-** The signage for each end of town, showing the direction to Baker Lake, Triangle Park, Iron Horse Park, the Gazebo, Splash Park and the Beach Area are now complete and ready to be put up. MDT rules and regulations were followed for each sign. The permits are in place as well. Beth and Ashley will be in contact with Robbie Christiaens, Parks Supervisor, about posting them. The content and interpretive signs for Baker Lake are being designed by Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager.

**Signage Opportunity-** The Department of Commerce does the Tourism Grant for tourism promotions in Eastern Montana. They are currently developing a motorcycle route loop that goes from Baker, Ekalaka, Alzada, Spearfish, Buffalo, Bowman, Wibaux and Medora. This grant includes signage, promotional pamphlets and website designs. It has been asked that a sign be put up in Fallon County for photo opportunities. Possible areas for the best photo locations were discussed, such as at Baker Lake. Ashley and Beth will work on getting input from motorcyclists of potential signage areas and bring it back to the Commission.

**2:27 PM Beth and Ashley left the meeting.**

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

**The Commission reviewed and approved the Mid-Month Claims in the amount of \$408,912.94 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.**

**4:54 PM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

s/Deb Ranum, Chairman

Minutes: s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

Attest: s/Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder