

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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MAY 20TH, 2019

The Whitehall Town Council held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Street, Monday, May 20th 2019.

PRESENT: Council Members: Gary Housman, Jason Good, Francine Janik, Roy McBride, Mayor Mary Hensleigh, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Summer Fellows.

VISITORS: Marty Keogh, Katy James, Susan Pullman, Lori Young, Dale Morse, Bridget Morse, Jenny Scott, Vera Jensen, Shane Perry and Maxine Samuelson.

Mayor Mary Hensleigh called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken. All Council Members were present except for Logan Reiff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Francine Janik made a Motion to approve the Agenda. Jason Good seconded the Motion.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Francine Janik made a Motion to approve the Agenda. Jason Good seconded the Motion.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discuss and vote on appointment of two new Council Members to Ward 2 Katy James and Ward 3 Roy McBride.

Mary Hensleigh: They will be filling these positions until the end of the year because the term is up at the end of the year.

Francine Janik made a motion to approve with Jason Good seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Roy BcBride and Katy James were sworn in.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Mary Hensleigh: The Clerks and I attended Clerk and Mayor School in Bozeman May 5th-10th. We always learn so much. I want to congratulate Summer. She graduated this year and I think a round of applause is in order. So, Monday is Memorial Day so the offices will be closed and trash pickup will be on Tuesday. Last April 29th, was the budget workshop and no one showed up except for two community members. This was an important meeting and this date was picked by the Council. So we will go ahead with the budget and hopefully we will have some input before we have to go onto the final budget. One thing I learned at school was cell phones. No cell phones during meetings. It is an activity that is considered public knowledge and the public at any time during a meeting can ask for your cell phone to be turned over. Just a little heads up on that. I had NorthWestern Energy in here today and they wanted me to announce that they will be installing a power cable on Kountz road. The road won't be blocked but they would appreciate it if people would slow down. They are hoping to start tomorrow and construction will take a week.

Officer's Reports:

Attorney's Report:

Ed Guza: I also attended the Bozeman classes for the Town attorneys. You learn so much by the experience of others. It was well worth attending for sure and I took a lot of notes and kept all the materials. I was really glad I went. I don't have anything else to report.

Clerk / Treasurer's Report:

Summer Fellows: We went to school and like Ed said we learned lots of stuff and things are always changing. This legislation year is a big year. We still haven't gotten to the changes that are taking effect in August. July 1st there is a big one for the fire fighters that are not so good for the Town's that pay for workman's comp. So there are some things going on with that right now. They haven't come up with a final number that they will have to pay but I can guarantee you it's going up for pay department and volunteer department. Francine have you heard anything about that?

Francine: No I've just heard that it's the cancer thing that's going to drive insurance up for workman's comp. That is a huge thing.

Summer: The people that are out there fighting fires is a huge thing. Problem is MMIA is going to share that cost with all, the Towns and Cities. Something everyone should start thinking about. Next is garbage. I'm going to pass this around, these are pictures of local Town garbage's. This is not okay. Car

engines, car parts, this is what's tearing up our garbage truck. So if you guys want to take a look, I have the list of names of these people but I chose not to put them on there. We can however according to public record, that's another thing that's on past due utility bills can be mentioned at the Council meetings now. I don't know if this is the way this Town wants to go. There were some things I learned and I was terrified. Go ahead and pass the pictures around to the audience. If you see your neighbors doing this you have to call it in or it's going to tear up our brand new garbage truck that the Ladies of the Country Store just spent \$37,000 dollars on.

Public Work's Report:

Kory Klapan: This last month, I turned on all the sprinklers. We do have a couple sprinkler breaks in the Cemetery and we got them fixed. I'm waiting for a few sprinklers for the Whitehall Boulevard and it will be up and going and everything else came on pretty well. I haven't gotten to the Baseball fields yet but I'll try to get to it this week. We've been trying to fix up some pot holes this week along the Fire Hall. It was really rough. We did some work on Stanley Street where it was washing up along the street in the alley. We put in a culvert and fixed it up a little bit. We trimmed all the trees in the Cemetery and we filled about 35 grave sites and straightened about 15 head stones. So that was quite a bit of time. The dump truck does go in for repairs tomorrow and we should have it back Thursday. So hopefully we can get on some pot holes when we get it back in. The front of the Cemetery is seeded and Mark Nelson put in sprinklers.

Mayor Mary: I just want to thank Kory, Arnie and Don. We've gotten so many compliments on how the Cemetery looks.

Francine Janik: Question, maybe I'm not seeing it but is that company coming back to do the streets? They were supposed to do it first thing.

Kory: Yes, they won't chip seal until July or August.

Francine: I just want to make sure we are on their agenda. Small jobs get tossed to the side a lot.

Kory: I believe they are fully aware. We met three or four months ago and he had it on the schedule.

Fire Chief's Report:

No report.

Sheriff's Report:

No report.

Committee / Board Reports:

Planning Board:

Lori Young: We had our meeting on the 6th of May and all Board members were present. We discussed new business of Michelle Tanner on her new fence and it was approved. Colton Anderson's storage shed

that he had already started construction on and he had come and applied after the fact. Gary asked him to check on the location of his property and the width of the street and the shed needs to be 24ft from the property line and he was unsure of where the location was so he decided to dismantle and remove the shed. No further action was taken. John Janik came in to discuss the new ambulance building on his property. He handed me a new photo of the one story lot not the two story building that we were considering and therefore our Board voted we could not act on this as there is no public notice of change in the plans prior to our meeting. Ron Hunt with the museum came in and we passed that. Brian French he came in for an 8ft fence and as for the variance of that we did ask him if from the front of his street if he would taper it from 4ft to 5ft. The reason is there is a burned trailer next door that he has the privilege of looking at everyday so we voted to pass that. Craig Hansen was a no show at our meeting but he told us that he was going to be gone. We did have questions and I called him and I put him on speaker phone. He answered all our questions and we passed his placement of his fence. Chris Hafer was also not present at our meeting. He wanted to put mobile homes and RV's on his lot across from the Town Pump and our Board voted no RV's but mobile homes 20 years or newer could be placed on the two lots. So that was passed with that stipulation. David Soennichsen dismissed his application until further notice. Joe Schlemmer is putting in a fence and that passed. Unfinished business we discussed the City boundary updates. Pat, Bonnie and I went to Boulder and we met with LaDana with a box full of documents and we were able to go through the documents that we had found to date and clarify many of the boundary areas and we did find that we need to have an attorney get a document for the zoning in Mountain Horizons before that annexation is to full completion. We also want with the zoning in there then we're also going to apply that toward our Wards too to make sure that's all proper. There was also a question on the Museum. There is a pie piece shaped property that doesn't show if it's in our boundary or out so we are going to have to get that legal description drawn out on a map to determine that area of boundary. We are pretty much wrapping up our boundary. For our budget update we are asking \$10,000 for boundary mapping. That is most likely what it's going to cost to get our new boundary mapping completed. And we also need the boundary mapping for our zoning and wards to be completed. LaDana also suggested that some of our smaller pieces of land that were in question we can compile them and annex them in one.

Recreational Complex Board Meeting:

Jason Good: We had a Rec Complex meeting on April 29th. Baseball submitted their schedule and we discussed our new bylaws. We are still discussing new handicap parking spots. Baseball is getting a lot more donation from the City and Spring Clean has been done. We also discussed our new budget.

Pool Commission:

Mary Hensleigh: The Pool Commission met on April 16th. Old business was the budget. The Pool's budget was \$37,674 for the 2018 season and the balance left was \$4,891. Bills were for Certified Pool Operator class but has yet been cancelled. The Manager has applied for the Black Tie Blue Jeans Grant to purchase a new robot vacuum for the Pool. Under the T.I.F.F. grant, the trees have been removed from the south side of the parking area. Kory has contacted NorthWestern Energy about installing lights at the Pool and fiberglass reinforced board will be installed in the maintenance room. Steve has started pumping out the pool and purchased chemicals needed to clean the Pool. New umbrellas for the tables have been purchased and are on order from Ace. And a non-slip floor mat is needed by the front desk area. A

reduced number of items will be available for sale at the concession area. New business was Pool Commission Bylaws, budget for the upcoming fiscal year advertising, applications received and lifeguard training is being conducted at the YMCA in Butte. The projected interviewing time frame was the week of May 13th. Allissa and I have conducted those and I think we will have a good crew. They will be on the Agenda in June for your approval. Open floor items was Mary announced a new price for daily admission. It will be \$5 per day and ages 2 and under are free. Mary and Allissa had a group of students clean up around the Pool during Spring Clean and they did an excellent job. The Pool will be closed Sundays and Mondays. This is to help with the budget and cut costs and the Pool will be available on Sundays for private parties. All Purchase Orders need to be signed and Maxine moved to adjourn at 7:58pm. Another meeting was held on May 10th. Old business was balance, budget, old bills, Grant information and mostly everything we already went over.

Maxine: I fully intended to do these.

Mary: I thought you resigned?

Maxine: When I resigned I said that I would write the minutes and I would present at the Council.

Mary: That didn't get to me. I'm sorry but thank you, you did an excellent job.

Water/Sewer/Garbage: No meeting.

Streets/Alley/Sidewalks: No meeting.

Whitehall Tax Incremental Finance District:

Bridget Morse: Since you guys last met I think we have met three times. I'm going to condense that into one report. We had our applications come in for our Grant and then we decided on those at the next meeting. Then we had the contract finished by Ed and we thought that was good so it's all been sent out and I don't know if any have come back yet, Mary?

Mary Hensleigh: No I hand delivered them.

Bridget: Ok. I expect them back and we had six that we picked. Unfortunately, I don't have the list in front of me but I think it's more appropriate when we get them back signed with their contacts. We did \$21,000 on that so that will be very exciting, these are good projects. One of our budget items was a flag pole for about \$5,000 and Mary got a great deal at May Fair and got a Flag and a pole installed out there for \$513.10 which she paid for out of her own pocket and would like to be compensated. So, since she saved us all that money, she came up with a little laundry list of other projects that are just little ones that would need to be included tonight so I'll go over those. There were umbrellas for the Pool and we budgeted \$180 for that. For gazebo painting we budgeted \$100. I guess it needs stained. Beach volleyball to cover poles, nets, pole covers and volleyballs. And then a fence east of Town Hall to protect the drainage from overflow and that is \$300-500. \$1,500 for flowers and pots to make the park look good again. That was all one section and that came to \$2,180. As an additional thought we were thinking that we should budget some money (which we haven't done in the past) for administration fees. Example, we had Ed write up the contract that obviously cost the Town something. It's either going to flow through on the regular lawyer budget or the T.I.F.F. could pay for that individually which is really where it should come from. And since it was for the Grants, we could have said well, that was part of the Grants but I almost think it's more of administration stuff. So, if we need some folders or binders or if

we need Summer to spend a whole day working on something for us it would be stuff like that. With the rules of T.I.F.F. we can pay employees for things like that. So, that was a thought to do \$1,500 for that. We also had a request, we broke the Museum out of being within the Grant cycle since it didn't really apply to the Grant. It was more like the project that we normally do. So they are improving their building. And I've heard it's been approved by the Planning Board. And we had some money in our "to be determined" fund and we made a motion to allocate \$20,000 of that to the Museum to help them get started. They are actually looking for about \$40,000 so we'll see how they do. They need to move a power pole and make their building bigger to display the old cars and fire truck. That's about everything we talked about. Are there any questions?

Parks/Trees/Cemetery:

Mary Hensleigh: They met on April 30th. Mary said the Chamber of Commerce wants dog clean up stations at Legion Park. Kory suggested that one in each Park. Tourists mostly use the west parks to walk dogs. Some people use the stations and some don't. An item on the Agenda is to take down the "Dogs Prohibited" signs. Hannah Nieskins the soon to be Superintendent will ask student's ideas on what can be done with the Bike Park and she will have information at the next Board meeting. Under old business, Spring Clean it went well. The weather was good and the kids were helpful. Kory said we need more adult help next year. He said he thinks he made about 16 trips to the dump on Friday alone. The sand volleyball court at the Pool is clean. "Thank you" notes were sent out to Superintendent Sullivan for allowing the kids to help with Spring Clean again this year because we just couldn't do it without them. Notes were also sent out to Ms. Walter and Mr. Harris for the new Christmas decorations that they and their students made for Legion Park and they will be going up this year for Christmas. The Cemetery grave stones have been straightened, the kids picked rocks during Spring Clean and like Kory said, Mark will put in the sprinklers and they are ready to seed which has already been done. The Farmers Market 2019 application was approved. The Highway department says you cannot put signs in the middle of Legion Street so they have been informed of that. Arbor Day was April 26th. The tree planting with Head Start was May 14th. Budget requests need to be in the office by May 1st and they completed that.

CTAC: No report.

Public Comment:

Marty Keogh: There is 50 foot junk trailer parked on 1st Street and you can't see going south on Noble because of the way it is parked. You have to go almost half way into the intersection to see. They are also storing junk underneath the junk trailer.

Maxine Samuelson: I'd like to read my resignation letter that I submitted at the Town Pool Commission meeting.

Mary: You are on the Consent Agenda so just hold on.

Maxine: I'd like to read a letter from my Brother in Law. He's not feeling well and he asked me if I would read it. (See attached letter)

Consent Agenda:

Maxine: I'd like to read my notice to the Town Council about why I resigned from the Pool Commission. (See attached resignation letter) I'd like to add, it's not easy to get people to volunteer and for nine

years, that's a lengthy volunteer time. And when you get good people, don't take over their jobs. They have been doing a good job for so many years and no one has ever complained to me about the job I've done. I've always been told I've been doing a good job and I am sorry but, my job has been taken over by our Mayor and I don't appreciate that. Thank you.

Mary Hensleigh: Thank you for your nine years on the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Development Permit

Replacement fence for Michelle Tanner/ 5 Kelly Rd/ Approved.

Museum expansion of Jardine Building / Approved.

Brian French / 400 West Olive / New fence / Approved.

Craig Hansen / 110 North Whitehall Street / Fence Replacement / Approved.

Chris Hafer / 408 and 410 North Pyfer / Not Approved for RV / Approved for Mobile Homes only.

Jow Schlemmer / 110 North Division / Fence / Approved.

Parks, Street and Cemetery

Farmer's Market / Saturdays / June 15th, 2019 through October 12th, 2019.

Rec Complex

Approved Baseball Schedule

Appoint Shawn Hoagland

T.I.F.F. District

Museum expansion for \$20,000

Resignations

Maxine Samuelson Pool Board

Barb Gagnon Council Members Ward 2

Business License

Lances Honey-Do Handyman Services

Chief 7 Springs LLC

JAM Fireworks

DeBuff Repair

Francine moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Jason seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Presentations:

Shane Perry with Evergreen Bio Solutions: I have a few things for you to read and I am the owner of Evergreen Bio Solutions. I have met with Kory and we have talked about waste water in Whitehall. We've talked about our collection system, lift stations and our mains. Some of the challenges we've identified in these are fats, oils and grease, odors including hydrogen sulfide which is obnoxious, dangerous and does cause corrosion. Some of the challenge areas consist of what we are calling commercial. We've got a lot of fats, oils and grease coming from the school. Second Street where we have some H₂S emitting and then First Street with fats oils and grease and currently Kory has a program to jet some of the lines each year by forcing water for the lines to clean out the fats, oils and grease. And this will also help with odors when Kory does that. Addressing all these fats, oils, grease and H₂S is pushing everything down stream going toward our Lagoon system. Our Lagoon system I designed to naturally digest a lot of our waste. In front of you, there is a proposal. I've already ran some numbers and come up with a proposal for the Town of Whitehall of application methods and costs of how we would address these challenges and also how we would measure the results with a return on investments. One option for the lift station program that Evergreen Bio Solutions offers is to have three pumps in the three locations. Commercial, 1st street and 2nd street and we would dose approximately 10 ounces each day in each one of these drains and this will clean away the fats, oils, grease and odor. (See recording.)

Sue Pullman with the Jefferson Valley Ambulance District: I'm here giving an update on what's going on. The Jefferson Valley Rural Ambulance District encompasses the Whitehall and Cardwell School District accepting the Town of Whitehall. That was a decision made by the Council a number of years ago. Our District is contracted with the Jefferson Valley Emergency Medical Services the ambulance crew to provide coverage for the District. I have to say we are very fortunate to have the services of the JVEMS here. They are very well trained and they do an awesome job in emergency services. We have to realize that in many rural areas are not fortunate to have ambulance services particularly of this caliber. But, this is part of the problem and that it's happening all over the Country that rural ambulance services are being formed because the ambulances cannot make it on the road anymore, they are struggling. And so, like Fire Districts were formed, same sort of reason and that's why we formed ours. This brings us to a predicament which is the Town of Whitehall is not in the District and the District is a County entity and we can't subsidize the Town. The annual fee for the people in the District is \$29, that's 6 cents a day. In the district we get services and other things that otherwise would not be charged. We need to start thinking about people that are not in the District, you don't get it for free and the County can't subsidize the Town. Some of these out of District fees can be things like the School District being charged coming to the football games, wrestling matches and rodeos and also the Fire Department rounds. These have not been charged in the past. But because there's no support from the Town and it's not for free anymore. So that's something that is potentially coming. I guess I just have to say is how do we fix this? If the Town at one point chose not to be in the District, it doesn't mean they can't choose to be in the district now and what I think needs to be done is to see if the Council will bring it to the people. I heard someone saying that trying to contract individually with the ambulance would be very difficult. Anyway, I've been in touch with Bonnie Remy who is the Clerk and Recorder of Jefferson County and her comment was, the running of the election is with the County but whether the election takes place or is cancelled is decided by the Town. They need to put this ballot issue on the Agenda to discuss and decide on whether they want to adopt a Resolution calling for an election on the issue. The ballad line which

should include the Resolution and they need to submit the Resolution to Bonnie by September 3rd. So, there is a timeline but it's like three months away. If that's something they want to do and if the Town chooses not to do it, or the Town Council chooses not to put it before the Board then we may be vulnerable to fees because you can't do it for free, the District can't subsidize the Town basically. The other thing is, if Whitehall joins they will have say on this Board. There's a couple of positions coming up just like all Boards and people in Whitehall can run for that and have a say in what the District does. Are there any questions?

Mary Hensleigh: It is my understanding that this has to be citizen driven so the people of Whitehall need to contact their Council members and then it's up to them to have it put on the Agenda.

Sue: That is the information that I got from Leonard Wortman.

Mary Hensleigh: So far, no one has because none of the Council members have brought it up to me to have it put on the Agenda so I would think that that would be or first step is to have citizens contact the Council members so that we can go from there.

Ed Guza: I have a few questions. I knew you were going to speak today so I took the opportunity to review the statutes and understand how an outside entity, in this case the Town can actually join into a District that was created through Resolution by the County. And I wasn't able to find anything and I know you were saying that perhaps the Town itself has some sort of Resolution. That might be the first step and perhaps go to the County and put something on the ballot. I understood what you were saying, can you elaborate on that?

Sue: Probably not really well. I do know that Leonard Wortman, the County Commissioner felt that if the Council brings it to a vote, the Town would vote on it. When you talk about a Resolution, I believe it would be considered an annexing.

Mary: And it would be the same \$29 fee that the District members pay?

Sue: Yes.

Roy McBride: What happens if they don't pay? What's the fee?

Sue: We don't have any numbers on that.

Roy: It's hard to sell something if you don't know how much it costs.

Sue: I believe it would be significant enough that you would probably want to join the District in the sense that it really is putting an unfair burden on those that are the neediest in the Community.

Mary: So at your next Board meeting, is something you'll discuss so the Council can have that information when people ask?

Sue: Yes, we can do that. The District will not set the fees, the ambulance will. It will be a collaboration of all that.

Ed: JVEMS would be the one that is actually charging extra fees or is it the District that is charging the extra fees?

Sue: The District is not going to charge the extra fees. The ambulance service would charge the extra fees because they are not getting support from the Town.

Maxine: I know you guys are not supposed to have a phone but I did get a text from a friend and she said there should be a public meeting for the people of Whitehall on this topic.

Sue: That sounds like a great idea. I don't live in the Town.

Maxine: That's something I think you should facilitate.

Sue: I'd be happy to attend.

Ed: I don't understand how the District and JVEMS work together to establish these out of District fees. It seems like the District wouldn't be involved with that. That would be a private matter with JVEMS.

Sue: Correct. I'm here to talk about getting the Town to think about joining the District.

Ed: You did mention the School District, I read your article in the Ledger as well and it seemed like you were suggesting that the School District would be charged some extra fee for ambulance service use.

Sue: I believe that the school is required to have an ambulance attend at a football game, rodeos, wrestling tournaments and so forth. And currently, they do that for no charge. It isn't really free to the ambulance to have someone go and sit there and run the ambulance and so forth.

Ed: Of course the School District is not part of Whitehall, it is separate entity if you will. They operate separate jurisdiction.

Sue: But they are in the Town.

Ed: Right. Some students are in the District and some are not.

Sue: Right. It does get very complicated. That's why it would be good to get everyone in the same thing.

Summer: What are the laws on an ambulance service charging a fee more so?

Sue: I don't know the laws but I do know that it does happen. I could be mistaken but Red Lodge is in an Ambulance District and they charge \$89 a year for the people that are in the District and there are additional fees for those they serve that are not in the District.

Summer: I'm just wondering because I'm just trying to understand when you talk about the Town needing to join the District because that fee and that money goes to the County entity. What does that \$29 fee cover? Infrastructure?

Sue: Yes.

Summer: And what else? You have rules you can only spend it on certain things.

Sue: Correct, we do not pay wages, we do not do those things. Our job is to help them find a place to put their ambulances. We bought some mannequins for them and we are currently paying rent for them and power bills to keep them out of the weather.

Summer: So I was wondering, the ambulance charges for services by themselves whether you are in the District or not.

Sue: Correct: If you need an ambulance you are going to get billed. Everyone has to pay, there's no way around that.

Summer: Absolutely, so that \$29 fee, is that going to be charged multiple times to someone not in the District? Or, what are the laws on price gauging?

Sue: I don't think there's going to be price gauging.

Summer: And I don't know, that's why I'm asking.

Sue: I can't answer that. The prices are not set.

Summer: If the County wants the Town to join, the \$29 fee is going to you guys and not the ambulance service because that ambulance service could be gone and you guys could get another one in two or three years, whenever your contract is up. You are contracted with the ambulance right?

Sue: Correct.

Summer: Ok, I'm just confused.

Mary: These are questions you should be prepared for at a Public Town Hall meeting.

Sue: Ok.

Francine: I just want to add, one thing she forgot is that the District is funding and providing support for all the community AED's and the Town owns them and so they would get those supported. Those AED's cost about \$2,000 a piece and every two years. And every year or two you have to spend \$200-300 upgrading the battery and pads and that's all stuff that saves lives that an ambulance service can't afford to pay so it's all community oriented. Another thing too is, if you have a District where people pay like the \$29 to, Medicare allows annual service just to write off those folks that can't pay off the balance bill on their account. So, if you are on Medicare and your ambulance bill was \$2,500 and Medicare only pays \$800, if you are in a District the ambulance service can write it off without any paperwork. If you are not in the District you have to write up all kinds of paperwork to have those fees forgiven. And so financially for some people it could be huge to belong to a District because of the gap of what insurance pays and doesn't cover or if you are uninsured. If you live in a District and you pay District fees you literally could get your ambulance services for free. They could write it off.

Lori Young: I read your letter in the paper and a couple things that were concerning to me and the Resolution that was voted upon by the County. You stated in there that there was a half an acre of land donated to the District, Summer do you have that?

Summer: Reads Resolution NO. 04-2017 from Jefferson County. (See attached highlighted paragraph). So, that was never undone.

Francine: I don't remember a final Resolution.

Sue: I don't know. I'd have to get a final Resolution from Bonnie.

Lori Young: So my question is, maybe that could be clarified because people have questioned why that hasn't transpired these past couple of years. Another thing that bothered me is Roy McBride was not sworn in as a Council Member and you had him listed on here.

Sue: I got that list from the Town Council. That was information that was given to me by the Town.

Lori: It just doesn't help your credibility with your letter.

Francine: I don't think it's her fault if the Town gives it to her.

Sue: I got the information from the Town.

Mary: From me, I said I was going to appoint him.

Lori Young: Let's just say, somebody is visiting my home and I am in the District. They don't reside at my house but the ambulance is called to my home. Are they going to be billed whatever your fee is or do they fall under the umbrella because they are at my home?

Mary: Good question.

Sue: I don't know.

Lori: There are just so many questions and that's one of them. Just like if I were at a basketball game and something happened to me and the ambulance was called and I am in District will I be charged?

Sue: Right and those are questions that will come up at the Town Hall meeting.

Bridget: Most people have asked my questions but do you have a copy of the contract that you have with the ambulance? I'm curious, it should be clearly stated in there how the two entities interact. I don't think they are 100% contracted to the District, they take other calls. So, I'm a little puzzled as to if they are 100% contracted to your District and they don't take other calls or they take other calls and they're using goods and equipment for other calls. That should be clearly stated in your contract and I'd like to see that.

Sue: Alright. We will get you a contract.

Mary: Maxine, did you have a final question?

Maxine: Nancy Antonioli asked me to ask "Harrison kids play football with Whitehall kids and we'd be paying for them. Out of Town kids or Whitehall kids are already paying for the ambulance. Then, there are the Whitehall students from out of Town in Madison and Silver Bow County that aren't paying. So there are a lot of questions that people will be asking you.

Sue: That's right we are in discussions with Madison County and Silver Bow County to annex.

Maxine: And another comment is that she has seen the ambulance vehicles at the schools on weekends so I don't know if whether they charge for use of the facility but it seems like there could be some sort of agreement for that and the ambulance also uses the pool for training and have them charged.

Francine: Not since we left the Town.

Maxine: You were part of the Town at that time.

Unfinished Business:

A. Discuss businesses license, Nuisances, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks. (Tabled)

B. Discuss and vote on Council By-Laws.

Gary moved to approve the Council By-Laws with Francine seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Discuss and vote on an Ordinance to not allow people to live in Recreational Vehicles unless they are a designated Trailer Park or R.V. park.

Katy James made a motion to approve the Ordinance with Francine seconding.

Summer: reads R.V. ordinance chapter 38 (See recording).

Francine: I move to have this at a public hearing prior to us doing any action on it. I just received this today and I think our new members haven't seen it and I think it's unfair to take action on it. Since it's going to effect a significant portion of the citizens of this Town and I think we should have a public hearing to come and talk about it.

Mary: We already have a motion on the floor.

Francine: This is an Amendment to the Motion in which it allows it to be tabled or be sent to some other committee and I want to send it to public hearing before we act on it.

Mary: Is there any discussion on the amended motion?

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mary: Is there a time you were thinking?

Francine: Probably at the next Council Meeting and maybe put an article in the paper.

New Business:

A. Discuss and vote on having dogs in the Parks. Lack of Motion.

B. Discuss and vote on a Town of Whitehall Facebook.

Jason made a motion to discuss and vote on a Town of Whitehall Facebook and Roy seconded.

Summer: Social media is more of a tool than a website these days for the public and they went over this with us at school. You each have a copy and I think it would be beneficial for the current Mayor, myself and a Council member to oversee the Facebook page to put things on there, to answer questions but have some rules. To not Bash the Town, not bash the individual because in the past social media has been very cruel. This is basically where we are moving to unfortunately.

Francine: I think it's effective I think I'd like to see the State of Montana's social media. They have several agencies that have pages and policies and I'd like to see those because I think they have ironed out some of those and they are very important.

Summer: Can you get us some of those?

Franine: I can get you addresses.

Summer: That would be great. The more samples the better. I think if we are going to do this, we need to have some very strict guidelines.

Franine: To use it more for announcing meeting dates and giving the public information. No negative chatter.

Summer: Right exactly.

Franine made a motion to table until there is more information about a Facebook with Jason seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bill / Claim approval list to be signed by all Council members.

Franine made a Motion to approve with Jason seconding.

Adjourn:

Franine Janik made a Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Jason Good seconded the Motion.

Mayor Hensleigh adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.