

**Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015
Bainville Town Council.**

The regular meeting of the Bainville Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dennis Portra at the Bainville Town Hall, located at 211 Clark Avenue East. Present were: Matt Giese, Dennis Portra and Scott Ross. A **quorum** was established. Also present were Clerk, Nikki Rogers; Public Works Director, Lyle Lambert; City Attorney, Greg Hennessey. Guests included: John Gilligan, Chuck Hyatt, Officer Tim Lingle, Officer Joe Moore and David Norton.

Matt Giese moved to approve the agenda with the addition of payment to Murtagh Municipal Engineering and Dorsey & Whitney submitted by Clerk Rogers. Scott Ross seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Matt Giese moved to approve the minutes dated December 8, 2014 as submitted. Scott Ross seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Comment

David Norton asked if the Town of Bainville could get some street signs. Mayor Portra asked Mr. Lambert to look into the cost of street signs.

Sheriff's Department: Officer Lingle and Officer Moore were in attendance to give an update on the Sheriff's office. They are currently operating under a full staff of 13 officers. Sheriff Jason Fredericks would like to be on the next agenda to discuss with the council issues and cases in the Bainville area.

Public Works Report

Lyle Lambert, Public Works Director, gave an update on the Bobcat Skid Steer. He also indicated some water repairs will need to be made at 111 Evans Street this spring.

Mainstreet Restoration Report

Mr. Ross gave an update on the gun raffle. Mr. Jeff McGarvey from Billings won the gun.

Old Business

A. Zoning Permits:

1. Lyle Freed—Fence: Council would like to proceed with action. Mr. Hennessey will send a certified letter to Mr. Freed.

B. Approve land lease for Berwick Property—Patrick Murtagh and Greg Hennessey

Mr. Hennessey stated he is still reviewing the agreement and exhibits.

C. Local Government Study Commission—Council needs to choose 3 people willing to serve on the commission

Ms. Rogers stated John Gilligan and Toby Romo have expressed interest in being on the Study Commission. She will contact Melissa Brown, Jeff Holte, or Scott Sorenson to see if they are interested in being the third member of the commission.

New Business

A. Zoning Permits: None

Chuck Hyatt asked the council if the school or a Commercial building is held by the 10 foot setback rule too. Mayor Portra asked if the school currently has a plan.

B. Treasurer's Report: Approve Claims, JV for End Of Year and UB Vouchers —

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Scott Ross moved to approve the end of the year Journal Voucher, UB Vouchers and claims including paying Murtagh Municipal Engineering in the amount of \$15,345.50 and Dorsey & Whitney in the amount of \$8,000.00. Dennis Portra seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

- C. Travel approval for Lyle Lambert, Dan Lambert, and Nikki Rogers to Great Falls for Montana Rural Water Systems Conference February 17-20, 2015

Matt Giese moved to approve the travel for Lyle Lambert, Dan Lambert, and Nikki Rogers to attend Montana Rural Water Systems Conference in Great Falls, February 17-20, 2015. Scott Ross seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

- D. Discussion on standing committees and volunteer committees
Ms. Rogers brought up the standing committees according to the Town Code. She suggested the Town of Bainville consolidate the Standing committees from 5 committees to maybe 3 or 4. Mayor Portra stated he would like to do away with the committees and operate under a Committee of the Whole.

- E. Change of use in a structure: 205 Tubman Street
Ms. Rogers stated a concerned citizen brought it to the town's attention as a garage was turned into a living quarters and do we charge for an additional hookup. She asked the council who is responsible to check out the uses of structures. Mayor Portra stated there has been a hookup for 30+ years of water and sewer at this location.

- F. Theodore Roosevelt Expressway membership
Mayor Portra moved to pay the membership to the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association. Scott Ross seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

- G. BNSF crossing blockages
Ms. Rogers stated a concerned citizen brought it to the Town's attention regarding the length of time a vehicle spends at the crossings in Bainville. Mayor Portra stated the Town could send a letter of concern to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe regarding of the length of time the trains are blocking the crossings. He also asked for people to give feedback regarding the wait time at the crossing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Scott Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Dennis Portra seconded motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Attest:

Approved By:

/s/ Nikki Rogers
Nikki Rogers, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

/s/ Dennis Portra
Dennis Portra
Mayor