Minutes of Sewer Impact Fee Committee Meeting 6/13/22

Present were: Matt Giese, Carol Rasmussen, Patti Mulkuch, Jo Bingham, Darrel Rasmussen, David Norton, Bree Strickland.

We reviewed the minutes of the 5/23/22 meeting and minutes were approved.

Discussion was as follows:

- Carol reported that she discussed with Nikki Rogers about impact fees being connected to a loan and Nikki advised that currently the fees are not connected to a loan.
- Carol reported that she discussed with Mayor Romo about his property connected to impact fees and if he has a partner in said property. Mayor Romo does not have a partner in said property.

After some discussion by committee members and those attending the meeting on sewer impact fees and the possibility of reducing impact fees, the council came to a unanimous consensus that it is not feasible to try to reduce impact fees at this time.

The Committee made the decision to make recommendations to the Town Council as follows:

- The impact fee program no longer conforms to all legal requirements.
- Do away with imposing sewer impact fees due to the reasoning that, 1.) The review and updates required by the Resolution dated November 25, 2013 establishing sewer impact fees were never completed in the required two-year time period, 2.) The demand and cost assumptions underlying such fees are no longer valid in that it was projected that the sewer system would need updated by 2020 as population was projected to grow to 1500. The population currently is less than 300.
- Sewer impact fees be refunded to each applicant. Forecasts for additional needs for service used to implement sewer impact fees are no longer valid and sewer impact fees must be refunded as required under MCA 7-6-1603.
- Concerning impact fees that would be refunded to Mayor Romo, a variance should be allowed so that any sum Mayor Romo would receive would not be allotted until such time as he is no longer Mayor of the Town of Bainville.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rasmusen