

Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
January 23, 2018
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm – 9:07pm

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30PM

ROLL CALL: Mayor Lee Root, Council members: Robert Ward, Eric Eilertson, Matt Floyd, Rick Lau, and Bob Hill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Robert Ward **moved** for approval of the January 9, 2018 minutes, and transactions 69-149 totaling \$48532.62, Matt Floyd **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

GUESTS:

Larry Keller, Superintendent of Rosalia School, spoke about upcoming school levy. Asked for support and handed out information.

Al Faunce spoke regarding Jan. 18, 2018 letter from the Town terminating his lease privileges at the airport. Mr. Faunce went over past issues of leases, payments and insurance. Robert Ward stated we sent a new lease out last year & it was returned to us unsigned. Mayor Root stated that council has already decided to cancel the lease. Al asked if he would be able to fly for someone else out of the Rosalia airport. Mayor Root said he would need to speak to our attorney. Several farmers in the audience asked about paying Al's payment and contracting with the Town/airport to have Al fly for them as they rely on him for crop spraying. Mayor Root said he would have to talk to our lawyers. Robert Ward mentioned the possibility of a new pilot from Pullman to service the farmers. Farmers left contact information for council.

Robert Casey had questions for council regarding any town ordinances, regulations, etc., regarding gambling & signs. He is looking into opening an arcade in Rosalia & due to redemption tickets on the games, it is considered gambling. Bob Hill mentioned that the town has a sign permit fee.

Layne with JUB Engineering spoke regarding the water/sewer project. Dept of Ecology funding for water quality project. Sewer improvement project is rated #1 in the state. With this project our water/sewer rates will significantly increase due to what the remaining loan amount would be. Layne is discussing water funding with USDA-RD – will probably not be as good as Dept of Ecology funding. Layne suggested having a workshop with council & residents along with Dept of Ecology and USDA-RD.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Robert Ward mentioned projects in the last 6 months and grants we've received.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Streets, Water, Sewer:

Eljay reported on research done on dump truck. He's not aware of any major mechanical issues. There are no public surplus auctions right now that he can find. The recently repaired plow only fits that truck and his opinion is that the truck would be a good asset to have. Mayor Root spoke with Tim Brown and he is willing to give an estimate.

Due to the rain/snow we are currently violating our discharge permit from Dept of Ecology. Eljay spoke with Cynthia @ DOE and she approved the increase. Eljay discussed the need to educate the public on cross-connection/backflow and the need for enforcement & testing.

AIRPORT:

Rick Lau stated we need an airport board. Mayor Root would also like to reinstate an airport board.

FACILITIES:

Clerk will get realtor contact information from Jenna. Mayor Root will contact other Real estate agents. Mayor will get with Eljay regarding parking signs for Post Office.

Texaco Station – Diane Nebel discussed the need for 24/7 restrooms at the Texaco Station to meet the DOT requirements for signage on I-195. She handed out information on companies that could install restrooms. She would also like to see a kiosk with soldiers names engraved on a plaque at either the Texaco Station or Steptoe Battlefield Park.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mayor Root believes Resolution 17-12 violates RCW 35.27.060 and RCW 35.27.170 and that the resolution needs to be modified or parts of it recinded. Mayor will bring revisions to next council meeting.

Rick Lau **moved** to adjourn the regular council meeting, Matt Floyd **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously**. The regular council meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Leland Root, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Barbara Leighton, Clerk/Treasurer
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