

Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
January 9, 2018
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm – 9:00pm

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:

Rick Lau **moved** for approval of the December 26, 2017 minutes, and transactions #40-57 totaling \$45,804.35, Bob Hill **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

GUESTS:

Trevor with JUB Engineers gave background on tort claim filed against Town of Rosalia, JUB Engineering and Sandry Construction by Rosalia resident Barbara McKinney.

Layne with JUB Engineers stated that with regards to the claim, JUB lawyers and AWC/RMSA agree that responsibility lies with Sandry Construction. JUB, Mayor Root, Public Works & surveyors walked the area of upcoming project & surveying was completed. Robert Ward asked JUB about advanced notice on different stages of the upcoming project. JUB stated they will be available to council and residents for any questions. Regarding the pavers at Roseanna Hester's residence; JUB has put out calls to landscapers, none have responded. JUB will try contacting them again. Hopes to have pavers completed this spring.

Stephen Bishop introduced his son-in-law, Eric Hanson, who will be taking over for Stephen when he retires. Stephen also agrees the claim from Ms. McKinney is a matter for Sandry Construction.

Tanya Charles requested that the city does not install time-limited parking spaces in front of the Post Office, she does not agree that they are necessary. Also suggested the city stop using postcards for utility billing, citing problems with sorting machinery as well as the extra time and costs involved. Recommends mailing bills with a newsletter and using bulk/marketing rate.

Ken Wilkes responded to Tanya Charles. Stated there has been times when cars were parked on both Sides of the street in front of the post office and he had nowhere to park to get his mail

Mayor Root stated decision has already been made by council regarding the signs.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Robert Ward presented estimate to repair dump truck. Council members would like more information on mechanical issues and usage as well as looking into state surplus equipment. Mayor Root will ask Eljay to research these areas.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Streets, Water, Sewer:

Mayor Root spoke about water leak on 8th Street. Eljay & Eric repaired leak, then had another blow-out in the line. Water was turned off & a new line put in. Barricades have been placed around the hole. Will be filled in when it has dried out enough. Issue with Gayle Prouty's sewer line. Eric & Eljay checked manholes, problem is not with our line. Eljay put acid in the clean-out to alleviate the problem. Mayor Root explained to resident that the problem is in her sewer line and therefore her responsibility. Mayor will follow-up. Robert Casey informed Council that 7th St. has water percolating out & running down the hill. Mayor Root asked clerk to inform

Public Work Dept.

AIRPORT:

Robert Ward will ask Eric Hanson of Bishop Law Office to send a certified letter to Al Founts. Will also ask what can be done with Mr. Fount's equipment that is still at the airport. Robert met with Rob McGuire to discuss possible lease. Robert will schedule meeting with JUB and possible future leaseholders.

FACILITIES:

Clerk was asked to get information on Medical Clinic and Performing Arts Center real estate listings. Mayor Root mentioned doing a 20-year lease on the PAC building with lessee doing repairs. Eric Eilertson reminded Mayor of the liability involved and recommended selling the building.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Robert Casey asked to address Council. He would like the city to fix/maintain the road to his house or release the road to him. Stephen Bishop stated the road could be vacated, but he would not recommend doing that. Mr. Casey stated he is open to suggestions on how to remedy the situation, but will seek penalties if this is not resolved. Robert Ward stated we will speak to our attorneys regarding this matter.

Robert Ward brought up the issue of length of term for Mayor Pro-Tem. He could not locate any rules on how long term should be, suggested 2-year terms. Eric Eilertson and Matt Floyd stated a 4-year term and Rick Lau has no problem with 2-year term.

Rick Lau **moved** for approval to add Mayor Lee Root and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Leighton as signers for the INB checking account, Eric Eilertson **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Matt Floyd **moved** for approval to obtain a new INB Visa card with Mayor Lee Root's name, to be kept at City Hall, Eric Eilertson **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Robert Ward **moved** to pay for new replacement streetlight and to bill Candy Brown, Matt Floyd seconded **the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Matt Floyd **moved** to delay the annual utility rate increase from January 2018 to February 2018, Rick Lau **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Leland Root, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Barbara Leighton, Clerk/Treasurer
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