

Town of Rosalia
Public Hearings & Regular Council Meeting
November 27, 2018
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm –9:06pm

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Revenue Hearing regarding 1% property tax increase open at 7:30pm.

Discussed revenues and 1% increase in our share of property tax revenue.

Robert Ward moved to approve Resolution #18-03 to increase share of property tax revenue by 1%, **Bob Hill seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

Hearing closed at 7:32pm

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary Budget Hearing open at 7:32pm.

Mayor requested clarification of approval process for Preliminary Budget.

Council reviewed and discussed preliminary budget. All the changes council requested are reflected in the budget.

Hearing closed at 7:50pm

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:51pm

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Robert Ward moved for approval of the November 13, 2018 minutes and transactions #2006-2092 totaling \$35,611.21 **Bob Hill seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

GUESTS:

Patty Porter – Would like meters to be read every month that way people would know sooner if they have a leak. Asked if Council would waive remaining overage on one of her accounts. She has paid approximately \$3,000.00 in overages and repairs to water lines. Remaining overage is approximately \$100.00. **Rick Lau moved** to waive remaining overage charges on account #51630, **Matt Floyd seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor will speak to Eljay about reading meters monthly.

Layne Merritt (JUB) – Distributed and discussed updated letter to citizens, Mayor letter to Rep. Mary Dye and newsletter regarding upcoming water/sewer project. Council would like to have citizen letter and newsletter posted on the town website. Would like to see newsletter & citizen letter mailed out this week. Robert Ward suggested letters from citizens to Rep. Dye be handwritten.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council discussed snow plowing. Mayor has been in contact with Whitman County, they are willing to plow/sand 7th and 8th Streets when necessary. Question was raised as to how we compensate Public Works Dept. for extra hours spent plowing. Common practice in the past has been comp time. Council consensus is use time and ½ comp time. Bob Hill mentioned tree limbs partially blocking Col. Steptoe Way. Asked if Town could remove limbs and tree. Council discussed problems with enforcing ordinances i.e. certified mail not being pickup up. Eric Eilertson suggested hiring a process server. Mayor asked Council their thoughts on having the Town clean-up properties in violation of ordinances. Eric Eilertson asked of the town has anything to do with the pig barn on 1st Street.

PUBLIC WORKS:

STREETS, WATER, SEWER: Mayor asked Council opinion on using some of the \$90,000.00 fund transfer that is still in the budget to fund road projects in 2019. Projects would be in conjunction with Whitman County. Mayor gave some cost estimates given to him by the county. Will get recommendations from Eljay and Jacob on what streets should be done and will come back to council with cost estimates.

AIRPORT: Payment request #4 for \$32,755.04 to Colvico. Council consensus is to pay Colvico. Still working with town attorney on option regarding the manufactured home still at the airport.

FACILITIES:

RV Park -

PAC Building -

Texaco building -

Community Center -

MISCELLANEOUS: Schedule Executive Session for next council meeting. Schedule Public Hearing For Final Budget for 12/11/18. If there are no pending issues, cancel Council Meeting on 12/25/18.

Robert Ward moved to adjourn the regular council meeting, **Matt Floyd seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. The regular council meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Leland Root, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Barbara Leighton, Clerk/Treasurer
Regular Council Meeting, November 27, 2018