

Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
October 22, 2019
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm –9:12pm

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Robert Ward moved for approval of the October 8, 2019 minutes and transactions #1850-2001 totaling \$46,915.64 **Eric Eilertson seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS:

Steve Lindhag – Currently renting a space (monthly) at the RV Park. Would like to place RV on property in Rosalia where family's house used to be located. Mayor discussed new RV Ordinance pertaining to temporary use. Ordinance allows 6 months of temporary use, would have to come to council for an extension after that time. Discussed other RV's in town. Discussed enforcing current ordinances to help clean up town.

Linda Peachee – Asking for approval to place an 8' X 40' shipping container on her property. Container will be placed on West side of property next to garage and screened from view by a fence. Council asked about any neighbor objections. **Robert Ward moved** to approve allowing the placement of an 8' X40' shipping container at 423 E F St. **Bob Hill seconded** the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Tensfeld – Discussed the upcoming WSRB (Wash. Surveying & Ratings Bureau) evaluation for the Town. Evaluations are done every 3-5 years and we are currently rated at "7". Evaluation will be done in the Spring. Handed out the WSRB Pre-Evaluation form, Public Works Dept. will have until approximately April to complete. If there are any questions regarding the form, contact Bill Tensfeld.

Nan Konishi – Troy Henderson from the Whitman County Health Dept. has asked Nan to help arrange a possible location for a mobile health clinic that would be in Town 2 days per month. Mobile clinic would be operated by Whitman County Health Dept. with teachers and students from WSU. Discussed possibility of using the parking lot by the pool. Nan will give county contact information to Mayor Root. Will need to check on any possible insurance issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Robert Ward stated that the Senior Lunch program needs to increase attendance numbers to be able to continue having the program in Rosalia. Would like to have a notice placed on the town website. Bob Hill mentioned more people might be able to go if they had transportation. COAST might be an option.

Discussed bagged fire hydrant at 5th St. & Whitman Ave. Public Works is trying to locate a re-build kit, if not available then will replace hydrant in the Spring. Will make a note of it on the WSRB Pre-Evaluation form.

PUBLIC WORKS:

STREETS, WATER, SEWER:

Sewer -

Streets - Gravel is being laid along shoulder of Fairview Avenue, should be completed in the next day or two.

Water - Discussed breakdown of overage charges from JUB. Could move real estate sales funds from current expense fund to water fund and pay this year or put charges in the budget for next year. Clerk will research which option is best.

AIRPORT
FACILITIES:

PAC Building -

Texaco building -

Community Center - Will be installing programmable thermostat. Will be obtaining insurance form from RMSA to transfer liability during wrestling practice from the Town to Rosalia School District.

City Hall -

RV Park - One park occupant still behind on payment. Received \$150.00 on 10/10/19. Stated they would pay again on 10/25/19. Bob Hill reminded them that they need to disconnect from the water at night.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ordinance #592, Recreational Vehicles - discussed contents of ordinance. Ordinance will be tabled until next council meeting to allow for more time for review.

Resolution #19-07, Rate Increase - Matt Floyd read Resolution #19-07 aloud. **Eric Eilertson moved** to approve Resolution #19-07 **Matt Floyd seconded** the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Healthcare costs - Discussed employer/employee share of healthcare costs for full-time town employees. Town currently pays full employer share for employees that have waived healthcare coverage but does not pay full employer share for employees that do have the coverage. The town has not increased the employer share since 2015. Raising the employer share across the board would make it equal for all employees. **Matt Floyd moved** to increase the employer share of healthcare costs for all employees to current PEBB rates **Robert Ward seconded** the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem - Mayor asked for input/thoughts on who would replace Rick Lau as Mayor Pro-tem when Rick's term expires at the end of this year. Would like recommendations by December.

Budget Workshop - Schedule for November 8, 2019 at 6:30pm at council chambers.

Rick Lau moved to adjourn the regular council meeting, **Matt Floyd seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. The regular council meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Leland Root, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Leighton Clerk/Treasurer
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