

Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2021
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm – 10:10pm

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30

ROLL CALL: Mayor Root, Eric Eilertson, Janet Strohl, John Hale, John Goyke and Robert Ward

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Eric Eilertson moved for approval of the March 9, 2021 minutes and transactions #344-545 totaling \$33,492.91 **Robert Ward seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS:

Chloe Place, Grace Ashworth

MaryJane Anderson, Mrs. Olsen – Rosalia Sr. Class – Discussed senior project to repair and repaint sign panels at softball field to support local businesses. Will be doing fundraisers (Krispy Kreme donuts and donations for name on panel) to help pay expenses. Will need to coordinate with Town regarding repair of panels in order to figure cost estimates. Project to start in May and finish before graduation in June. Senior class will be working with school maintenance on project. **John Goyke moved** to approve the 2021 Senior class project to repair/repaint signs at the softball field **Eric Eilertson seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

Pat Brown, Battle Days Association – Discussed the cancellation of Battle Days for 2021 due to the uncertainty and safety issues regarding Covid-19. The Association may sponsor some other events further into summer. Association members are: Lori Furman, Lisa Kuehne, Val Bryan, Mary Widman and Pat Brown.

Greg Herr, Brenda Herr, Deb Porter – Herr's have previously been approved for variance to build home/shop on their lot at Whitman Ave and Fifth St. They are now requesting a temporary variance to be able to live in their building located at 517 S Whitman Ave while they build on their lot. Deb Porter would like a temporary zoning variance for her building at 108 W Fifth St. She currently has a short-term renter in the building and would like to change from commercial to residential until tenant moves out. **John Goyke moved** to approve temporary variances for the Herr's and Deb Porter with the variances to be re-visited in one year **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no vote.

Eric Hanson, Bishop Law – Discussed “dangerous buildings” in town. Stated the Town has already adopted the Uniform Code for dangerous buildings. Building inspector would need to inspect buildings to see what needs to be done to bring them up to code and notify property owner. Statutory provision could allow Town to pass ordinance regarding dangerous buildings. This would involve forming a board, having a hearing and possible appeals board. Can be a long process and Town might not, in the end, be able to recoup any monies spent.

JUB Engineers –

Layne Merritt - Introduced guests from JUB to new council members.

Tim Ike – FAA grant for runway rehabilitation project is now closed. Discussed past and future plans for the airport. Discussed different funding opportunities. Need to have 9 based aircraft and master plan update to receive more FAA entitlement money.

Bryan Jensen – DOE Sewer Project – Discussed map for Phase 2 and cost of estimated 2,000 feet of pipe that will be needed. Phases of project are focused on reducing inflow and infiltration. Design for Phase 2 is 50% complete. Discussed project budget and reducing change orders for Phase 2. JUB will bring charts showing progress in reducing inflow and infiltration to next council meeting. Discussed supply shortages of PVC pipe and possibility that it could make bids unfavorable. If bids are unfavorable, there is a possibility to re-bid in 2022. TIB Whitman Ave project – Gave review of project. Public Works Dept will have to clean out some

storm drains/catch basins. There are three water lines that the Public Work Dept would like to replace while the road is opened up. TIB funds are not used for utilities, would have to use Town funds. Estimated cost is \$20,000 to \$25,000. Discussed possibility of using American Rescue Plan funds that the Town will be receiving to replace the water lines. **John Goyke moved** to approve replacing three water lines along Whitman Ave during the Whitman Ave 2nd-5th project with an estimated cost of \$20,000-\$25,000 to be paid with American Rescue Plan funds, if those funds are not available then Water Capital Improvement funds will be used, **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. Sam Mineer – Water line replacement and emergency power backup – Town applied last year for CDBG funding for this project but was not approved. JUB and the Town had a debriefing meeting in December and were encouraged to apply again in 2021. Council consensus is to reapply for CDBG funding.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Would like cost estimate for hiring building inspector for dangerous buildings.

PUBLIC WORKS:

STREETS, WATER, SEWER:

Streets -

Water -

Sewer -

AIRPORT

FACILITIES: Discussed issue at airport regarding flight pattern change and safety issues. John Hale stated that ag pilots are not using any flight pattern. Mayor proposes having a meeting with ag pilots to settle flight plan issues. Discussed history/pattern of issues between airport management and ag pilots. Councilman Hale had an outburst. Councilman Goyke repeatedly objected to Councilman Hale's behavior. Mayor requested that Councilman Hale excuse himself from the meeting. Councilman Hale left the meeting. Mayor will meet with ag pilots regarding flight plan.

Texaco building -

Community Center -

City Hall -

RV Park -

MISCELLANEOUS:

_Letter from Port of Whitman – Port of Whitman would like to know if the Town of Rosalia would like to sign on to a letter to the WA & ID Delegation opposing U.S. Rep Mike Simpson's Snake River dam breaching plan. **John Goyke moved** to approve having the Town sign on to letter to the WA & ID Delegation **Eric Eilertson seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

Eric Eilertson moved to adjourn the regular council meeting, **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. The regular council meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

ATTEST: _____

Leland Root, Mayor

Barb Leighton Clerk/Treasurer
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