

Town of Rosalia  
Regular Council Meeting  
**April 13, 2021**  
Rosalia Council Chambers  
**7:30pm – 9:08pm**

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:

**Robert Ward moved** for approval of the March 23, 2021 minutes and transactions #506-649 totaling \$37,500.75 **Eric Eilertson seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS:

Jay Scholz, Rose Garage – Requested permission to have car show and band on June 5, 2021. Car show will not be as big as previous years, perhaps 50 or so cars. Requesting street closures for approximately 2 blocks along Whitman Ave. Would also like to have beer garden again. **John Goyke moved** to approve car show, band/beer garden and the requested road closures for June 5, 2021 **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no.

Sam Mineer, JUB – DOE project update – Waiting for closeout approval from L&I and Employment Security. Discussed warranty follow-up items. Phase 2 of the project has 50%-60% of design completed. Will be meeting with PNW and railroad to discuss project impacts. Went over data regarding inflow & infiltration from 2016 to present. Councilman Ward asked about town water supply. Discussed Small Water System Management Plan. Councilman Hale asked if it's possible that this project has not been successful. Sam stated that this one project may not have fixed all the problems in the system, but it has made a positive impact to reduce inflow & infiltration. Discussed cost estimates, supply issues and shortages for Phase 2 of project. Costs could end up being \$230.00 or more per linear foot.

TIB Whitman Ave – Received bid authorization from TIB to place ad in newspaper for bids. Will hold pre-bid meeting 4/27/21 and bid opening 5/6/21. TIB funds will pay for roadway and Town funds for stormwater and waterlines. Sam will bring Additional Service Agreement with JUB to the next council meeting. Work could begin in June or July 2021. Discussed detour plans and ways of notifying residents/businesses. CDBG Application – Application will focus on emergency power improvements, may include some waterline replacement. Will have public meeting on 4/27/21 before the regular council meeting. Funding is 100% grant up to \$900,000.00.

Water Reservoir Repl. – Discussed rehabilitate vs replace, perhaps upsize from 300,000 gallons to 500,000 gallons. Replacement cost estimate of \$1.8 million. Seeking funding from Dept of Health and other funding sources. Need to update Small Water System Mgmt Plan. Looking to replace in perhaps 5-10 years. Sam will check with Eljay regarding inspections/cleaning schedule for reservoir.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: John Hale – Apologized for behavior at previous council meeting. Would like it on record that he did not quit as Airport Manager, but believes he was fired for doing his job. His primary concern was for safety. Stated he had brought safety issues to the attention of the Mayor three times before with no changes. Discussed previous efforts regarding hangars and leases as well as current state of contacts. Discussed his side of the most recent issues with ag pilots.

Robert Ward – Discussed most recent issue with ag pilots as he was with John Hale at the airport that day. Spoke regarding John Hale's experience and knowledge regarding the airport and would be in favor of reinstating him as the airport manager.

Mayor Root – Discussed ag pilot issue and agrees with John Hale’s qualifications but felt he had no choice but to remove him as manager. Mayor has reached out to Town attorney regarding ordinance for regulating airport and airport board.

PUBLIC WORKS:

STREETS, WATER, SEWER:

Streets - Potholes – Need to wait until cold patch is available. Mayor will check with Eljay regarding availability.

Water – Public works will be working on leak by the rodeo grounds. Fire hydrant at Fifth & Whitman will be replaced/repared. May have to wait on parts, area could be coned off for a while.

Sewer -

AIRPORT FACILITIES:

Texaco building –

Community Center –

City Hall –

RV Park – Still do not have key for the drop box. Will need to have box re-keyed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Barn on 7<sup>th</sup> St – Town attorney advised against emergency declaration as the date of first windstorm was 1/13/21. Will see if we can still use small works roster for demolition. Discussed salvage of wood and value.

Avista upgrades – Can upgrade furnace in City shop to 95% efficiency at a town cost of approximately \$5,000.00 **John Goyke moved** to approve Avista upgrade to furnace in City shop **Robert Ward seconded the motion**, the motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no. Discussed possibly installing insulation in City shop thru Avista rebate program. **John Goyke moved** to approve installation of insulation, if needed, at City shop through Avista Rebate program up to \$3,000.00 **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no.

Building Permits – Discussed updating building permit ordinance regarding fees. Discussed inconsistencies in building permits. Council would like to see Whitman County fee schedule and see what it’s based on and how to apply it to Rosalia.

Electric charging station – Green lines and handicap lines need to be repainted. Mayor will check with Paul Kimmell at Avista.

Turnley Building – Discussed condition of building and mess left outside by tenant.

**John Goyke moved** to adjourn the regular council meeting, **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. The regular council meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leland Root, Mayor

Barb Leighton Clerk/Treasurer  
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