

Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
August 25, 2020
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm – 8:50 pm

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm

ROLL CALL: Mayor Lee Root, Council members: Bob Hill, Matt Floyd, John Hale, Janet Strohl and Eric Eilertson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Eric Eilertson moved for approval of the August 11, 2020 minutes and transactions #1392-1511 totaling \$89,454.73 **Matt Floyd seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS:

Bryan Jensen, JUB – Discussed pricing for change order #2 for DOE water/sewer project. Don't have exact pricing as of yet due to more issues arising. Large amount of unsuitable material along portion of project, too moist, based on compaction testing. Still working on pricing for retaining wall along west side of Whitman Avenue close to First St., ecology blocks would be the least expensive option. Waterline break approx. two weeks ago resulted in having to replace approx. 300ft of service line and casings. East side of Whitman Avenue – discovered water line (old?) approx. 1ft under the sewer line.

Layne Merritt, JUB – Discussed natural spring situation (Whitman Ave & Celebration) causing the unsuitable material mentioned above. Would like to install piping, storm drain and catch basin to take excess water out past the wells. Need verbal approval for Change order #2, will send e-mail as soon as possible with costs, with formal approval at the next council meeting. JUB estimate is \$100,000.00, appropriation money (grant) from the State would cover the cost. Goal is to use grant/appropriation monies before any loan money.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC WORKS:

STREETS – Discussed purchase of 2015 Dodge 5500 pickup truck. Truck has only 349 miles and has a PTO for a dump bed. Will also have snow plow installed. Town will retain the Chevy 1 ton for sanding/salting, back-up plowing and mosquito spraying.

WATER – Town waterline project on Brockway may be finished this week.

SEWER – Discussed issues with lane closure on Whitman Ave. due to sewer project.

AIRPORT

FACILITIES: Discussed options for hangars at airport since bids came in too high. Discussed possibly using bond to finance hangar construction. Airport Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated, perhaps add improving the well. Discussed obtaining surplus lights from Pullman Airport and putting the installation on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Community Center – Discussed possibility of replacing the tile floor.

City Hall –

Texaco Station – Mayor spoke with Paul Kimmell from Avista regarding installation of vinyl fencing at electric charging station.

RV Park -

MISCELLANEOUS:

CARES Act funding \$25,000.00 – Mayor has spoken with Port of Whitman and Whitman County Library regarding partnering with them to facilitate use of CARES funding. Possible use of funds for Laptops and wifi hotspots for the school as well as cleaning supplies and PPE for the town.

Discussed also partnering with Whitman County for additional Corona Virus Funding. Funds would be distributed to Town residents through Community Action. Rosalia is eligible for \$4,242.00, Whitman County will add \$3,000.00 to each participating town’s balance, plus a share of \$16,000.00 in additional funds awarded to the county because of the consortium arrangement. Council consensus is to join the Whitman County Consortium for additional funding.

League of Women Voters 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment proclamation and list of local women who have served in elected office for the town. Need to add Paige Collins.

Bob Hill moved to adjourn the regular council meeting, **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. The regular council meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Leland Root, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Leighton Clerk/Treasurer
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