

Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2021
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30pm – 8:59pm

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm

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 August 24, 2021 minutes and transactions #1446-1581 totaling \$572,490.77 **Janet Strohl seconded the motion** with correction to Misc. section of minutes, the motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS:

Pat Atchison, Harvest Church – Seeking variance to RV Ordinance regarding having someone living in an RV church property. Person lost their home in Malden fire and then had to leave the Rosalia RV park. Waiting on disability approval. Has no income right now. Mayor asked how long the variance would be for. Pastor Pat asked for two months. Council discussed pros and cons of allowing variance and asked what, if any, church facilities he is using. Discussed if there was any possibility of moving him into the church. **John Goyke moved** to approve variance for RV at Harvest Church provided there are no legitimate complaints to be revisited at the 2nd council meeting in November 2021 **Eric Eilertson seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Parish – Disputing water consumption charges on his water/sewer bill. Discussed average water usage for households of his size and comparisons with neighbor's usage. Council explained to Mr. Parish that the Town is currently investigating his past meter reads and will notify him when that investigation is completed. Mr. Parish became more animated/agitated and threatened Town with lawyer and the federal government. Council explained to Mr. Parish again that the Town is investigating his meter reads. Mr. Parish left the meeting.

Mayor Root – Presented request from resident, Ron Hilfiker – Mr. Hilfiker is requesting use of the Community Center free of charge for community card games on Thursday nights 6:00pm to 9:30pm from Oct-May. Council discussed the cost of utilities. Proposed possibility of discount cost or having a sponsor. Council consensus is to charge regular rate for rental and suggest getting sponsor(s).

Layne Merritt, Sam Mineer JUB – Project updates:

Whitman Ave TIB project – TIB funding for turn radius at 3rd St. & Whitman Ave. TIB sees this area as a design omission and would prefer not to pay for omissions. Layne spoke with Chris Workman at TIB who then spoke with Ashley Probart at TIB regarding funding. TIB will pay 50% of cost and JUB will pay the other 50%. NNAC can begin work at 3rd St/Whitman Ave and the area at 1st St/Josephine on 10/7/21 or 10/8/21. JUB will bring change order to the next council meeting.

DOE Sewer Project – Field meetings are still on Tuesdays at noon. PNW easements are revised and ready for Town and PNW attorneys to review. Presented Pay App #2 to S & L Underground for \$354,116.02 for work completed 8/4/21-9/4/21. \$329,580.74 is Ecology Grant & \$24,535.28 will be from either American Rescue Funds or Ecology loan. **John Goyke moved** to approve Pay App #2 to S&L Underground for \$354,116.02 **Robert Ward seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. JUB estimate for railroad restoration was \$70,000.00. SS&P Railroad removed extra section of track that was not included in plans. Sam gave timeline of discussions with railroad. Stated railroad did state that they did not completely look at exhibits supplied by JUB. JUB asked railroad to talk to supervisor regarding reducing charges (extra charges are approx. \$8,000.00) due to railroad error. JUB is still waiting to hear back. Council asked if JUB observer was there at the time the extra section of rail was removed. JUB stated observer was at the 1st Street location and by the time he made it to the 4th St. location the track had already been removed. Discussed water lines at PNW flat house. Discussed troubleshooting issues and contractor being behind schedule. JUB will be meeting

with contractor regarding schedule. Council asked if contract has "penalties" for failure to complete on time. JUB stated there is "liquidated damages" in the contract for failure to complete. Additive Alternate 2 may be put off until next year. DOE funds expire 12/2022. Council asked if we would still have to use S&L Underground for Add Alt 2 next year. JUB will mention that fact to S&L Underground at their meeting. **John Goyke moved** to have S&L Underground finish the base bid project at PNW and railroad and put off Add Alt 2 until next year, with performance review and no additional costs **John Hale seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously.

CDBG 2021 General Purpose Grant – Town has been awarded grant for approx. \$600,000.00 from Dept of Commerce for emergency power improvements to the Town water system.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Hale would like different format for budget comparisons, each year appropriated and actual amounts and budget position report for 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS:

STREETS, WATER, SEWER:

Streets –

Water –

Sewer –

AIRPORT

Still waiting for response from Town attorney regarding leases.

FACILITIES:

Texaco building –.

Community Center –

City Hall –

RV Park –

City Shop –

Website – Needs to be updated and Facebook page taken down.

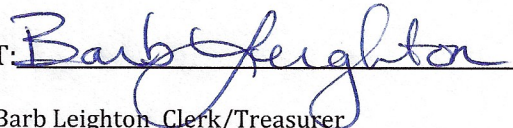
MISCELLANEOUS:

John Goyke moved to adjourn the regular council meeting, **Janet Strohl seconded the motion**, the motion passed unanimously. The regular council meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.



Leland Root, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barb Leighton, Clerk/Treasurer

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