

**Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2022
Rosalia Council Chambers
7:30 p.m. – 9:20 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: John Hale, John Goyke, Eric Eilertson, Mayor Root, Judith Littleton, Ryan Diamond

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL

Corrections in the July 26th minutes are underlined below:

Under Guests:

Council suggested having Andrew from TIB come to the August 9, 2022 meeting.

John Goyke moved to instruct JUB Engineers to apply for all 4 projects. **Ryan Diamond** seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes and 2 no votes (John Goyke and John Hale)

John Goyke moved to approve the July 26, 2022 minutes as corrected and transactions #1248-1301 totaling \$240,388.30. **Eric Eilertson** seconded. The motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

John Goyke asked about the fact that the city clerk's office does not make change when needed for cash payments. He suggested that a change fund of at least \$40.00 be established because payments are only received by cash or check.

Status of report from Tina Coe was requested by John Hale. Mayor Root will have the report by next meeting.

John Hale expressed concerns that more detail needs to be included in summary of council discussions. The minutes currently meet the statute of action only minutes as required by law. At this meeting, a citizen has brought a recording device and the recording will be posted on the Rosalia Facebook page. It is not being officially used by the town for official minutes.

Status of pothole repairs was questioned by Eric Eilertson. Currently the city crew is reading meters and dealing with water repairs. The leaking hydrant will be capped. Then they will proceed to streets.

Status of the airport gate repair was questioned by John Hale. Mayor Root reported that an electrician who has done other work for the town has been contacted to complete hard wiring of the gate controller.

General concern was expressed over the activity at the old trailer park location. Since the previous owner had officially closed the park, the current owners need to seek permits to restore the status as a park. It appears that there is work in progress to establish parking sites. Previous information to the council indicated the property was to be used for a home or homes. Planning commission and town building inspector will investigate.

RV park occupants are currently paid to date.

Costs for the repairs in the park and at the city shop were presented by Mayor Root comparing bids from JU Contracting and Dynasty Roofing. Questions about the cost of metal roofing for the park restrooms will need further research before proceeding. Since this is an insurance claim, the net cost to the town will have to be determined. Mayor will email the quotes to council.

Repairs are needed to the door frames on the current city shop. Mayor Root will investigate costs.

GUESTS

Layne Merritt and Sam Mineer from JUB presented the drafts for pending grants. Because of the steep grade on 8th, the County does not think they can chip seal. The matter will be further discussed with Andrew at TIB. Other streets could be placed into the chip seal project. The conversion of Brockway to a street will be a detailed process. Perhaps there are some other sealing options through the county.

It was moved by **John Goyke** and seconded by **Eric Eilertson** to approve SCPP (Pavement Preservation) grant with the stipulation that Summit, Josephine, and 9th be given priority. The motion carried.

It was moved by **John Goyke** and seconded by **Eric Eilertson** to approve the SCAP (Arterial Program) grant application. Motion carried.

The ATP application work needs to consider the need for a sewer line in the future to cover potential development and to remove the need for pumping to reach the current sewer main. It was moved by **John Goyke** and seconded by **Ryan Diamond** to approve the ATP (Active Transportation Program) grant application. Motion carried.

Sam Mineer discussed his firm's investment in preparing grants for the town. Engineering fees are recouped in some approved applications, but not all have that option. He indicated that the current set of applications would be billed at \$10,000 based on time and materials. They would settle for a lesser amount to simply cover actual costs.

John Goyke moved and **Eric Eilertson** seconded to approve a \$4,000 payment to JUB for their services. The motion carried.

BUILDING CITY SHOP

To ensure receipt of full amount of insurance settlement, the funds must be obligated and have a construction contract finalized by the end of 2022. It was decided to advertise for bids September 15th with bid closing October 21, 2022.

In the event the bid process fails, the town will have to accept a reduced amount on the insurance settlement.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Mayor Root reported that he had contacted Brian Wilson on striping for the streets. Mr. Wilson is currently working with Whitman County on their painting which is on hold until after harvest and then town striping will be contingent on availability of paint.

DOE Sewer Project sign at the north end of town is to be removed and repurposed, possibly to the school. The posts will remain in the event a future project sign is needed.

The following variances presently in place are due to be reviewed:

Coffee Shop apartment

Hobby shop next to city hall

RV at Harvest Assembly

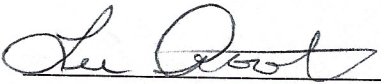
Lindhag 5th Wheel

Status of vacant property next to Post Office

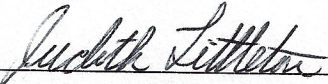
A residence in the food bank area of the Turnley building needs to be reviewed. The Planning Commission will contact the involved parties and bring information to the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by **John Goyke** and seconded by **Eric Eilertson** to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.



Mayor Lee Root

ATTEST: 

Judith Littleton, Council 1
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