Town of Rosalia
Regular Council Meeting
June 13,2023
7:30 – 8:50

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:30

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

John Goyke moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 3023 meeting and claims 959 – 1036 totaling \$49,289.76. **Eric Eilertson** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

GUESTS:

Ken Wilkes thanked the town for providing signage for F street and working on water lines in the area.

Bob Weber was present to report on airport board activity. He noted that while it was previously thought that there was an Airport Operational Plan (AOP) in place with FAA, he discovered that a new plan had to be submitted. The plan is under review by FAA. The plan covers items such as safety rules, types of aircraft, fuels, taxi way requirements.

Mr. Weber indicated that a Capital Improvement plan (CHIPS)was also prepared for 2022-2027. No plan was submitted in 2020. There are requests from 2 people who wish to put hangers at the airport.

There is an ongoing problem with Tony Peterson who is an out of area spray pilot who wants to use the airport for the spray season. There is no approved space for the additional operator. He has filed a complaint with the FAA because the board will not permit him to use a taxi way as a base and give him full access to the airport. Mr. Root and Mr. Weber explained the situation to Mr. Peterson. Communications regarding this matter are attached to these minutes. At the present time, the board is awaiting FAA response to Mr. Peterson's complaints. Rosalia is not the first small airport Mr. Peterson has had difficulty with.

Other items discussed were construction of a hanger on the old hanger site by Justin Kerns. Plans are under review. The fuel system needs updating and the possibilities are being reviewed. There is research with WSDOT to see if there is assistance with the process.

There are proposed environmental changes to aviation fuel in the future which are complicating the process of securing a supplier and the exact type of facilities needed to comply. Port of Whitman has been contacted. There will be an inspection of the current tank. Mr. Hale suggested some possible suppliers.

Airport funding is tied to the number of tail numbers of planes based at the airport. At the present time, the airport is slightly below the requirement.

There needs to be an animal deterrent fence six feet high around the perimeter of the airport which will come at \$74 per linear foot. Also, a camera system needs to be installed. The airport operational plan as requested by the council will be presented when the AOP is approved by the FAA.

Mr. Root thanked Mr. Weber and Mr. Diamond for their extra effort with the airport.

MAYORS REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS:

John Goyke asked about supporting documents on the JUB payments. He would like to see more information attached to the requests for payment. If Barb Leighton had been present, his questions could have been more fully addressed. He would like to see prior approval for work done.

Battle Days was a successful celebration. Attendance at Car Show was adequate, but down from last year. There was less advertising this year, and there was threat of rain on the day of the show which deters some entries.

The John Deere tractor that went into the lagoon was covered by insurance. The town bought it back and it is operational and will be used for mowing.

Town has not heard back form Brian Wilson on timing for crack seal work.

There are issues with abandoned vehicle and problems with sewage hook up for a couple of properties that will be addressed. The repaired water pump is not currently installed but should be soon.

Community Center has roof leaks which are causing damage. The rain gutters need to be replaced and bricks falling create safety hazard. A decision needs to be made about the future of the building.

Mike Day has requested air conditioning for Texaco Station. No action taken.

Marcy Campbell has requested assistance for cleaning the library since she has physical limitations that limit her ability to do it. She requested four hours per month plus a professional carpet cleaning once per year. The consensus was that Chad could be assigned to the one hour per week for cleaning. Whether the cleaning would be professionally done, or the town would purchase a shampooer will be decided later.

The status of the ballpark fence repair is now in the school's hands. The excess dirt has been removed from the pool parking lot.

There are two places in town where the dirt is disappearing from under pavement that need to be checked. They are 303 Brockway and south Whitman.

The RV Park still has requirement to move every 30 days. Some concerns have been reported, but have been addressed. There is also some discussion about the tennis court surface that needs to be replaced. The costs are limiting the project.

There is still a need for a detailed map of the town with the water and sewer lines showing.

ADJOURNMENT:

John Goyke made motion to adjourn and **Eric Eilertson** seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Lee Root, Mayor

Judith Littleton, Council Member
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