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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 16, 2019

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results. Councilwomen Michelle DeGiorgio and Bonnie Emly, present. Councilmen, John Higgins and Steve Ahlborn, present. Mayor, David Porterfield and City Attorney, Todd Lakey also present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Concerns, Comments

NONE

5. Consent Agenda, Action Items

5.1 Disbursement List

Emly motioned to pay the disbursements and have Marie check out why the South Fork Hardware statement shows discrepancy. \$207.90 instead of \$187.91. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Higgins; yes. Motion passed.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Ahlborn motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Aug. 19 and Sept. 3, 2019. Higgins seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Higgins; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motioned passed.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events Committee

NONE

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Marie shared that the street sign order has been received and shared pictures with Council of new street signs in place. This was paid for with a sign grant from COMPASS. She also handed out the expense and revenue report to Council.

7. Professional's Reports

7.1 Engineer: Mountain Waterworks

NONE

8. Business, Action Items

8.1 Approval of Tentative Fee Increase Resolution for Community Center Fee's

Council reviews proposed fees. City attorney suggests deleting the last sentence. DeGiorgio suggests removing the kitchen use fee. Public hearing for community center fees will be held Oct. 7th at 7:00. Higgins motioned to approve the tentative fee's with the elimination of the kitchen use fee and deletion of the last sentence. DeGiorgio seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Higgins; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

8.2 City Fee Schedule: Utilities/Community Center/Misc.

Current fee schedule reviewed. Some wording is out dated. City Attorney, Lakey clarified some of the fees for planning and zoning. City Clerk will review and update some wording and bring back.

8.3 Well #4 Building Construction

Mayor stated that BC Company can't start this fall but can next spring. Higgins suggested looking for a new contractor that could start sooner but stay within the approved bid amount of \$13,440.00 and bring that name back to the next meeting.

**8.4 Sewer Lagoon Projects:
Entrance Road Conditions/Gravel
Fencing Upgrades**

Mayor shared pictures of the lagoon area. The current fence is in very poor shape and overgrown so bad in some areas that it can't even be seen. A safety fence is required to keep the public out of restricted areas. Mayor stated that we will use the County work crew when possible but this area needs to be cleared of overgrowth and poison hemlock. Its needs a proper fence and signage. Mayor is looking into the USDA funding to see if there is any left from the construction portion to pay for gravel on the entrance roadway.

8.5 Full Time Maintenance Position

Mayor asked Council if they have any comment on the job posting that DeGiorgio handed out last meeting.

DeGiorgio stated that she asked for the maintenance records and that she felt that they show our current guys do not have the knowledge needed. They do their best but... She is concerned about paying (professionals) \$100.00 an hour for general maintenance plus parts. Ahlborn acknowledges that not every person knows how to do automotive maintenance and should seek professional help if needed.

DeGiorgio believes there is someone out there willing to work for the City for \$15.00 per hour and work their way up to be able to cover the water system. Stating that anyone can "google" how to videos to learn how to do anything.

Mayor commented that it takes some general knowledge and expertise but we don't have the facility conducive to be able to do repairs. We don't have the tools or any place out of the weather to work on equipment. His preference is to keep current employees, restructure hours and hire a full time person who can supervise, plan, do maintenance and monitor the water and waste water systems. He will add DeGiorgio suggestions to his job posting.

Higgins stated that position would cost more than \$15.00 per hour.

9. Executive Session (Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f)) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

NONE

10 Mayor & Council Comment

NONE

11. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Ahlborn seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

David Porterfield, Mayor _____