



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 5, 2024

Those Present:

Council: Council Members: Liz Stinson, Marty Rugo, Mari Jo Olsen, Eric Hulse and Jim Burnside

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte, Building Inspector Todd Cole.

Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Pro-temp Marty Rugo called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Gabe Becklin was absent

Motion: Jim moved to excuse Gabe. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Approval:

Motion: Jim moved to approve the agenda. Mari Jo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for January 16, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount – 4320-4324- \$33,402.02
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount – 65034-65057-\$121,979.98
- Review State Transmittal – \$47,467.53

Motion: Mari Jo moved to approve the consent agenda. Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

George Stolp- Discussion was held on the short plot map presented to the Council.
No action was taken.

Rob Slagle- Rob discussed a T-Mobile Grant that could be used to improve the lighting on main street, the infrastructure is there to put more lights in. Rob

is also concerned about the presentation of Main Street that has been approved. The Western Victoria theme is not being followed; he would like to see another Citizen Committee formed to help address this issue. He offered to redo the City Hall Sign with new stain and paint, he was just asking if the Public Works crew wouldn't mind taking it down for him. Finally, Rob gave some history on the water wells to the council just for their information.

Emily Burt gave an update Friends of the Library grant progress.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Rochelle Osborne with Ferry County Weed Department discussed the cost of weed control for the city streets and sidewalks.

Motion: Liz moved to approve \$2,500 for weed control with maps showing where the weed spraying was happening, Eric seconded: motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Resolution 2024-01 Garbage Rates

Motion: Mari Jo moved to approve Ordinance 2024-01 Garbage Rates; Jim seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Nick Olsen, Clerk-Treasurer – Nick reported on the following:

- The City Park and Recreation Plan needs to be approved by the end of the month so we can apply for an RCO Grant later this year.
- The next council meeting is on Tuesday, February 20th due to Monday being a holiday.
- City hall has been working on the Sport Court rules. City Council received a copy and they will need to give their input next.

Todd Cole, Building Inspector – Todd reported that there are grants out there for charging stations for electric vehicles. Stonerose will be getting a new roof and the old cop shop requires a new roof as well. Todd thought it might be possible to piggyback with the contractor that is doing Stonerose building to get the City roof done. EMS building permit has been issued.

Robyn Turcotte, Deputy Clerk- The pipe locator has been purchased and has arrived. It will go into service after training.

RJ Plaster, PW Director- RJ submitted a written report.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Liz Stinson- Nothing to report on.

Marty Rugo- TEDD is really on top of the grants for the vehicle charging stations to put in across the state.

Mari Jo Olsen- Inquire about timers for the lights and a fence around the Basketball Court.


Eric Hulse- The Housing Authority is doing great. They held a meeting about the low-income housing that Commerce is presenting.

Jim Burnside- Jim is still working with Johnson Controls and the TV Association to get the final details for the water tower controls online and installed. Parts for the controls will take the longest time frame. Jim also mentioned that we have a group called BRNW in town in July. This tour will bring in approximately 300 bicyclists and they will be using the school as a common area. We just need to inform the business to prepare for the influx of population in town.


Motion: Liz moved to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded, motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK