



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

Those Present:

Council: Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Marty Rugo, Eric Hulse and Jim Burnside

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte, Building Inspector Todd Cole & Public Works Director Ralph Plaster

Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Gabe Becklin called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Council Member Mari Jo Olsen absent.

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

Agenda Approval:

Motion: Marty moved to approve the agenda. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for July 15, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -4352-4356- \$35,234.22
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 62527-65285- \$62,540.44
- Review County Transmittal- \$3,066.60
- Review State Transmittal- \$45,307.09

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

Public Comment:

Mayor Becklin made a request on behalf of Danielle Becklin, for permission to display approximately nine Overdose Awareness banners on City Street Lights. Council had no issues with this.

Jane Jurgensen- Jane requested to dig a ditch across East 9th Street to lay a pipe to run a water hose through to get water to a garden area. Council agreed to allow the temporary ditch to water the old garden area.

Correspondence:

- Ferry County PUD grant letter awarding the City \$115,000 to use on the new Library project.

Old Business:

- 15 Kean Street Roof Repair discussion held on the full roof replacement or fix the damaged areas.

Motion: Liz moved to approve the 15 N Kean Roof Repair fix quote for \$11,124.00. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Michael Borden property and easement discussion involving a property line adjustment and filling in an area to move the City road easement to the correct location. Council asked Nick to start the paperwork on the Boundary Line Adjustment and also requested any City projects put any excess fill material to begin fixing that road easement. Further discussion with the owners of the bordering parcels is needed to maintain easement through their properties on the other access road.

New Business: No new business

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Ordinance 2024-04 Discussion held on Ordinance 2024-04. Updates from Scott were reviewed and discussed.

Motion: Marty moved to approve Ordinance 2024-04 as presented. Jim seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Todd Cole- Building Inspector- Todd reported that he is working with a property owner on West Ninth Street to obtain a building permit for a new 12x32 playhouse-style shed that is going to be used as a house. He mentioned that all other building permits are progressing smoothly.

*RJ Plaster- PW Director -*RJ reported that the new street and alley signs are being installed. The outlets in Patterson Park are being shut off during the week.

Painting at the library has been completed, and work is ongoing on the fire hydrants.

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

- The City has received an additional \$75,000 from New RTPO for the sidewalk project across from the School. Because federal and state funding sources are mixing there will be a match requirement from the City. It is estimated to be around \$30,000.
- The City received a donation of \$1,000 from BR Northwest. This donation is to be used for park playground equipment.
- The City bid out some maintenance work for Slagel Park utilizing an RCO grant.

Motion: Liz moved to approve Bolder Operations quote Items 1 and 2 for Slagle Park Improvement. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- The City is collecting bids for maintenance work on the Delaware street basketball courts. This is utilizing the RCO park maintenance grant and the due dates on these bids are August 12.
- Nick discussed selling the L9000 Dump truck as it has not been used all year. Council was not opposed to this and would like to see the sale money used towards this year's winter sand and/or salt. A trade with a company would be considered in exchange for the materials.
- City Hall will be ready to stain after this week. Hardings donated 2.5 gallons of the estimated 10 gallons of stain needed.
- Nick asked for Council approval to send RJ to training in Yakima. This will get him around half of the required CEUs that he will need to maintain his Water and Wastewater licenses.

Motion: Jim moved to approve \$1024.43 for RJ'S CEU's in Yakima, Liz seconded: motion passed unanimously.

Robyn Turcotte- Deputy Clerk- Robyn presented 2 quotes for the electrical panel installation at the Skate Park PUD pole.

Motion: Marty moved to approve \$3,034.80 for the Skate Park Electrical Panel; Eric seconded. motion passed unanimously.

Robyn presented draft copies of the sign permit application and plumbing /mechanical permit applications to help streamline the building permit process.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin – Gabe reported that Public Works has one culvert left to install, which is in an extremely rocky area.

- Gabe received a written complaint from the former manager of Eastside Trailer Court that addressed several issues. He would like to hold a meeting with Ray to discuss enforcing reoccurring violations.
- Gabe reported that a couple of fire hydrants are not working, with one having a crack at the bottom. The fire hydrant down by WR Tires is next in line to be repaired, followed by the one at the fairgrounds.
- Gabe suggested that the Law-and-Order meetings have an agenda prepared or at least a running speaking list to help find solutions more efficiently.

Liz Stinson- Liz reported she attended a Budget Training in Wenatchee last week. The training went well and she learned a lot and made connections with other Cities. Liz mentioned that Tonasket also contracts with the County Sheriff's Department but they also contract with a security company for coverage due to insufficient service from the sheriff's department. Liz is going to research more into the security company.

Jim Burnside- Jim reported that Kyle with Johnson Controls will be in town on Monday if we need assistance with the water controls.


Motion: Liz moved to adjourn the meeting. Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK