



CITY OF REPUBLIC

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 20, 2024

Those Present:

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

Roll Call: All present

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for February 5, 2024
- Review Special Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4325- \$2,216.40
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65058-65072-\$22,171.60

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

Public Comment:

Grace Christian Academy, Administrator Shannon Cousland – Shannon was present to discuss the letter they received regarding their new LED sign which was not in compliance with the City's design Ordinance. GCA and Council discussed the scrolling time to the longest intervals allowed in system, turning the brightness down, and the font for the top banner that was not installed yet.

Kimberly Tanner- Kim brought concerns to Council's attention with the short time frame that citizens had to review the Parks Plan.

Nick Olsen presented for Zack Gianukakis regarding a Little League Field request – The Little League parents are preparing for summer on the fields, they would like to get a load of field dirt just like they did last year. Stotts Construction will go get the load of field dirt and deliver it.

Motion: Jim moved to approve field dirt up to \$1,800; Eric Seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Jane Jurgensen Ferry County Historical Society – Jayne invited City Council to their Annual Meeting at the Republic Brewery on March 26, 2024 at 6 pm. The Historical Society found a grant that will provide a free historical sign for the Slagle House. The sign is approximately 18 by 32 inches and is mounted on a metal pole. This sign is exempt from the sign design Ordinance as it is not visible from Clark Ave.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Old Business:

Emily Burt with Friends of the Library – Discussion was held on the design and planning MOU on the new library. The MOU will allow the Friends of the Library to move forward with securing funding. Details on construction will be laid out in a future Construction MOU.

Motion: Jim moved to approve the MOU with Friends of the Library with any corrections the City Attorney makes; Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

New Business: No New business.

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Resolution 2024-02 Adopting City Park Plan

Motion: Jim moved to approve Resolution 2024-02 Adopting City Park Plan; Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Todd Cole- Building Inspector- Todd reported that the new EMS Building will be starting on March 1. The Chamber Building needs a new roof. Todd mentioned that it might be possible to piggyback this on the Stonerose

Building Roof while the contractor is here. Todd will go measure and get quotes for the Chamber Building roof.

Todd also stated that the GCA sign is not in compliance with the Western Victorian Design Ordinance with it being digital.

RJ Plaster- PW Director- RJ reported that they are preparing for Spring. They have some new water connections to order parts for and install. They are going to paint the Patterson Park Bathroom that was graffitied last year so that it looks nice and clean for when they open them back up in the next couple of months.

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

- He applied for a local records grant which would create a temporary full-time position with the City. This position will be used to catalog and organize City Hall/Council & Public Works records to reduce the amount of time that is spent on public records requests.
- There is a leak in the library basement. Todd will take a look this week to see if he can find the source.
- A person had broken into the basement of the barn behind City Hall but he was captured on the security cameras and the video has been forwarded to Sheriff Ray.
- Rural Resources was asking if the City could help fund the new building that they will be moving into on Clark Ave. Before they move in they need to make some modifications to it (ADA compliant etc). They currently plan on being at the new location in April. Council discussed the funding amount, how they would monitor the funds are being used, and also if this would be a gift of public funds. They tabled it and asked Nick to invite Rural Resources to the next Council meeting to discuss it further.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin- Gabe is working on plans for culverts to be put in place before all the paving of city dirt/gravel roads this year. Council discussed the idea of offering the residents the option to purchase culverts for their property.

Liz Stinson- Liz requested measurements of the Patterson Park buildings for the Christmas lights, the order is due in March. She also asked for an update on the progress from the Sheriff on the current 3 cases. Ray was not in attendance at this meeting so she will ask at the next one.

Marty Rugo- Nothing to report on.

Mari Jo Olsen- Ferry County Health Parent and Family Committee has been formed to help create a solution for addressing complaints that the Hospital/pharmacy/clinic receives. The library has a book sale coming up. Chevron and Beaver Trap are working on getting new signs for windows that are Western Victorian.

Eric Hulse- Eric discussed the article in the recent newspaper on the Department of Ecology giving the City a grant for \$4 million. Department of Ecology should send us a letter. Eric asked to contact the Sheriff about the blue van that is currently parked in a no-parking zone on the corner of South Clark and Kean Street.

Jim Burnside- Jim reported that Johnson Controls has ordered the equipment and we are just waiting for all components to arrive before the new water control installation happens. Jim reported the timer for the sports court lights have been ordered and hopefully will be installed by the next meeting. The lights at the court will go out at 10:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK