



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 15, 2024

Those Present:

Council: Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Marty Rugo, Mari Jo 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: Council Member Eric Hulse absent.

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

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for July 1, 2024
- Review Special Meeting Minutes July 9, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -4351- \$2,216.40
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65251- 65256-\$39,999.93

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

Public Comment:

Jim Rochel- Jim spoke on behalf of the Historical Society, Jim request that the large pile of soil at 15 Kean St. be smoothed out prior to their yard sale this Saturday. There is an issue with the water valve that was fixed this spring and it will need to be fixed prior to winter.

Ray Beers- Ray gave a brief description of his work history on historical buildings and thinks the LH Mason building would be a great place to have a wood working studio. Council asked for a full proposal to be submitted.

Emily Burt- Emily gave an update on the first street concert of the summer. She had 300 people attend plus more that gathered on the outside. Emily mentioned that the barricades had not been set out by public works, she used cones and personal vehicles instead and it seemed to work well.

Emily gave an update on the Friends of the Library funding. They presented to the Ferry County PUD on the City's behalf for an economic development grant to help bridge the funding gap on the project manager position. The Ferry County PUD granted The City \$115,000 with \$60,000 to be used to hire the Project Manager (Owner Representative).

Shaunette Kirwin- Shaunette reported that there was a good turnout of community members at the Neighborhood Watch group meeting that was held last week. They have ordered the Neighborhood Watch program pamphlets and brochures to help get the group started and keep everyone safe. The group will work with Kent Baxter, a retired police officer, to help do the training.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Old Business:

- 15 Kean Street Roof Repair - Nick met with Bill from Windermere Realty to get a valuation of the building. Bill provided a cost analysis for the building. After further discussion, the repairs were tabled until the next meeting.
- Ferry County Housing Authority roof quote discussion was held on the City involvement. The Housing Authority did apply for a grant.

New Business: No new business

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Ordinance 2024-04- Discussion held on Ordinance 2024-04 updates from Scott were discussed. Ordinance 2024-04 was tabled until the next meeting.

Department Head Reports:

RJ Plaster- PW Director- RJ submitted a written report to council.

Todd Cole- Building Inspector- Todd reported that he has issued a Red Tag on the Courthouse for the boiler system.

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

- Micheal Borden road easement discussion was held on his property south of town right next to the City's lagoon and sports complex. (See map included in Agenda Packet) The Northwest corner of Micheal's property is on the fence in the ball field and the access road to the burn pile is approximately 150 off the actual easement location. Micheal is requesting that the access road be relocated to the correct location on the property and a possible line adjustment be made to help out both him and the City.
- Senator Maria Cantwell's offices had emailed asking if they requested \$700,000 from the state instead of the \$935,000 that the City asked for to finish the water tank replacement project if the project could still move forward. Nick let them know that it could.
- Discussion was held on putting out a survey to City residents regarding the new library and its maintenance costs. After it is built and the City assumes ownership there will be higher maintenance costs than is currently incurred by the City for the old library location on Clark Ave. There is a possibility that utility tax rates might have to increase a small amount to account for that increased cost. Council decided to gather more information this year and potentially put out a survey early next year.
- Regarding the 6.5-mile Otta Seal project, Nick has sent the signed contracts and bond paperwork back to the Contractor. Once they receive them the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled and he will have a definitive start date for the road work.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin – Gabe reported that Bolder Operations has completed the first water installation and the cost was around \$3,000.00. Ems building is moving forward and it is under budget. They were able to save some money by changing the type of floor joist used.

Gabe reported that the EPA Lead Service report is due October 16, 2024. He asked if this report can go out to all customers in the utility bills.

Liz Stinson- Liz reported she has attended the Recreational Trail Committee meeting. Liz is working with the County and PUD to get power to the skate park for street lights and in the future cameras. She is waiting on quotes from electricians for a new service box install. Liz requested the Sport Court rules

be published in the newspaper and on the City website to help get them out to the public.

Motion: Mari Jo moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim seconded, motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

