



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 3, 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

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. Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for May 20, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4341-4344 - \$30,480.26
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65181-65200 - \$279,554.43
- Review State Transmittal - \$28,846.49

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

Public Comment:

Mandy Undziakiewicz- Mandy updated Council on the upcoming events the group will be holding in the community. Mandy invited the council to a Naloxone and CPR training on June 15th. Mandy also asked for a Council member to help out as a Judge for the upcoming car show at the end of June. Eric Hulse volunteered to Judge on June 30th for the Car show.

Jas Templet- Jas presented a quote for 3 different cameras for the Republic Library. Jas stated there are problems with people tagging walls and other malicious activities happening. Jas requested just cameras in the front and back of the building.

Hope Spurgeon- Hope came to council to ask for permission to be allowed in Patterson Park again. Hope gave a brief description of her current court situation. Dave Klingsmith- Ferry County Juvenile Probation Officer discussed the restitution, community service requirements that all of the persons involved in the Patterson Park Vandalism are responsible for and how the system works.

Kayley Henyan- Kayley came to Council to ask for permission to be allowed in Patterson Park again. Kayley stated she intended to write an apology letter to the city for her part in the vandalism.

All Council members discussed their concerns and disappointments with Hope and Kayley. The Council mutually agreed not to allow Hope and Kayley back into Patterson Park just yet. The Council would like to see the responsible parties do community service for the City of Republic before the restriction is lifted.

Emily Burt- Emily updated council on the Library Funding through Cathy McMorris Rogers office. The geotechnical survey is next month. Ferry County Conservation group is willing to write a storm water management plan.

Emily discussed the landslide happening on South Adams street onto their property. Emily permitted City Public Works access the landslide through her property and to make changes to that hill to help prevent more erosion.

Kimberly Tanner- Kim asked the Council permission to hold the Prospectors' Day Parade. Kim gave a detailed description of the events that will be taking place over the Prospectors' Day. Kim briefly discussed the shuttle from the school to town on Saturday only. Kim requested permission for the Prospectors Day's Color Guards to fly the City Flag in the Parade. Council agreed. Kim has Curlew Job Corp helping out in the park on Saturday with garbage duty. Kim Requested the automatic lock on the bathrooms be turned off during this weekend.

Motion: Jim moved to approve the Prospectors' Day Parade from the hospital to 8th street, Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Old Business:

Western Victorian Ordinance the commercial expansion that was added to the ordinance is taking more time. Should be seeing the first draft soon.

New Business:

Water Leak Forgiveness- Tabled until the next meeting.

Peterson Northwest quotes were presented, and tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Ordinance 2024-03–Alley Parking

Motion: Marty moved to approve Ordinance 2024-03. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Todd Cole- Building Inspector- Todd reported that projects are moving right along.

RJ Plaster- PW Director- RJ submitted a written report to council. Mayor Becklin read and added to it on Public Works progress.

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

- He reminded Council about the skatepark grand opening on June 18th at 10:00.
- He reminded Council that he will be gone at his training from June 8th until late June 14th.
- The City purchased some paint for the pickleball club to use on the Patterson park sports court. They repaired some of the peeling-up paint and one of the inserts for the volleyball net. Nick wanted to give kudos to them for their donated time.
- He is still working on finishing up the skatepark project. It should be done later this month.
- For the \$100,000 park maintenance grant Nick explained that since Job Corps did most of the Perry Wilderness park for free that should allow the City to move its funding to the other parks. He will be working to confirm that before the second year of the grant starts next month.
- The EMS has spent \$748,175.63 of the \$2 million grant.
- For the School Pathway project since there are now different funding sources some of the grant will require a match. The match is estimated to be around

\$31,000. Nick has asked new RTPD if they have the funding available for the City to utilize.

- Regarding the OTTA seal project which is paving 6.5 miles of dirt roads in the city Nick is still working on getting a pre-construction meeting scheduled where a timeline will be discussed. Also, because the bid came in high the City will be asking TIB for additional funding to complete all of the streets. If TIB maxes out the amount they can give, which is \$200,000, the City will still need to come up with about \$30,000 to finish everything. Council thought it was a good idea to plan on spending that \$30,000 extra to finish everything if that's how the scenario plays out.
- Nick is working with Varela to complete their application for the water tank funding. He is also working with them to start the consolidation grant for the fairgrounds water extension and the WSP plan that will be required for additional funding for the water tank.
- Lastly Nick presented an updated cost for the Xpress bill pay agreement. Nick was able to negotiate a lower rate because they are a smaller City. The upfront costs were lowered from \$2,000 to \$1,500 and the monthly rate was reduced from \$129 to \$75.

Motion: Liz moved to approve the Xpress Bill pay Agreement as presented, Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin – Gabe gave an update on some Johnson Control issues, the Dragnich Booster pump didn't kick on so the tank went empty this past weekend. The booster pump had been reset and all was working well after that. There was an issue over the weekend where well 3 was alarming but the pump was still pumping even with the tanks full. The controls were not talking and it caused water issues. RJ spoke with Johnson Controls in regards to the issues. The City IT is working on getting a desktop to allow remote capabilities for the new water controls. Gabe mentioned that the fire hydrant work will start in July. Gabe reported that Jim and Gabe met with Ray in the first Law & Order meeting.

Liz Stinson- Liz asked about the graffiti in Patterson Park Restroom facilities, if it would be painted over by Prospectors. Liz asked why it wasn't painted with the anti-graffiti paint. Liz asked about the water tower mural timeline. Liz asked about the temporary position for the Records Retention Grant, and if any applications had been received. The city has received 2 applicants once the state signs the contract the Mayor will hire one of them.

Marty Rugo - Marty asked about in the inflex of Leak Forgiveness this spring, how many months the meters are not read. Marty requested Public Works start looking into the Bluetooth water meter cost.

Jim Burnside- Jim gave an update on the Patterson Park Women's Bathroom door and the fact that it is sticking. He has contacted Ron Cia's to look at it. Jim is hoping for that to happen this week.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

