



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 1, 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, Public Works Director RJ Plaster & Sheriff Ray Maycumber

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for June 17, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -4346-4350- \$33,633.11
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65224-65240-\$291,285.64
- Review State Transmittal - \$57,433.81

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

Public Comment:

Bob Dean- Bob was present on behalf of the Ferry County Commissioners regarding the Housing Authority Roofing Project. The bid for the new roof is \$224,000. Bob stated that the County and City have an agreement between the 2 entities to maintain the building. Ferry County has committed \$200,000 to the project utilizing their low-income/homeless funding. Commissioner Dean would like

to set up a workshop to determine how everyone can help with the repair cost.

Shaunette Kirwin- Shaunette expressed her discontent with the lack of response and follow-up with the Sheriff's Department. Shaunette also discussed the issues with people parking in the alleyway behind her business blocking it during the daytime.

Correspondence:

- Sunrise Disposal extension proposal - Proposes that the City and Sunrise would extend the current contract.
- Sunshine Disposal letter of interest – Their costs would be 14-17 percent higher than the current contractor for garbage services.

Motion: Jim moved to approve extending the Sunrise Disposal contract, Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Peterson Northwest 15 Kean Street Roof Repair - Discussion held on having a realtor assess the building for total valuation. Tabled until next meeting.
- Jager Alley Vacation - City records indicate no city utilities are in the alley.

Motion: Jim moved to approve the vacation of the alley that lies between Leo Gaffney Blvd and E. 9th Street for Mike Jager pending further research from Ferry County Professional Services.

New Business:

Madison Park Proposal- Discussion held on the proposal presented. Council stated that the improvements may continue with the Public Works Director's approval. No extra property will be given for personal use.

Ferry County Housing Authority discussion was held on the roof quote. The City will speak with the City Attorney on the Ordinance in place.

Building Permit Fee Schedule- Todd discussed the fee schedule increases which are being done to stay comparable to the County rates.

Motion: Mari Jo moved to approve the Building Permit Fee Schedule; Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Ordinance 2024-04– Discussion held on Ordinance 2024-04. A workshop was scheduled for July 9th 2024 at 2:00pm.

Department Head Reports:

RJ Plaster- PW Director-

- RJ reported that the water system sanitary survey came back with no deficiencies.
- Road culverts are almost done.
- City hydrants are being worked on.
- The chlorine is still being mixed with the soda ash pump. Working on rebuilding the second soda ash pump.
- Johnson Controls and City IT department are working on getting a new computer so the controls will be online.
- RJ presented a quote for pump and motor for the Dragnich Booster Pump, \$5,979.00.

Ray Maycumber- Ray reported that he had a meeting with the Law & Order Committee. Ray stated he received an email on the Grants Pass US Supreme Court ruling, they ruled in favor of the municipalities. Call volume has increased as the temperatures rise. Ray reported he has 3 qualified applicants for a deputy position and Deputy Milburn will be out of FTO training in August with the newer deputy in FTO Training soon. Ray met with the County Commissioners about the positions that were given up last fall.

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

- Contracts and Bonds from Interstate Concrete & Asphalt are in for the Otta Seal Project. Once reviewed we will schedule a pre-construction meeting.
- Park Signs options for the overnight parking in the City Parks. Council picked their preference from the 2 options presented.
- Library Traffic Study
 - Letter to Emily stating survey not needed.
- Nick presented a quote from Job Corp to re-stain the City Hall. This is just for labor and brushes; the City will still need to purchase the stain.

Motion: Liz moved to approve Job Corp quote of \$3,750.00 to stain City Hall and to have the City purchase the stain up to \$500, Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Skate Park Table and Bench price increase to \$1,861.45 instead of \$1,500.00 due to shipping cost.

Motion: Mari Jo moved to approve \$2,000.00 for a table and bench for the Skate Park; Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Broken Patterson Park table

Motion: Jim moved to approve to purchase the exact same table as the Skate Park for Patterson park, Mari Jo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- AT&T Phones have been updated. The City will receive a \$400 credit and the monthly cost is cut in half. There is now a friends and family discount that City employees and/or council members can take advantage of.
- Verela is working on grants for both the Water tank replacement project and the Water System Plan (WSP). They will require the following amounts to apply to grants.
 - \$4,000 for EPA Grant, needed to access their already state awarded \$1,096,835 grant for water tank.
 - \$2,500 for DOH Consolidation grant - \$50,000 maximum award
 - \$2,500 for PW board which will be a 50/50 grant,
 - The consolidation grant has been submitted, EPA grant is done and Nick just needs to review and submit it.
- Local Programs Report has been submitted, which is a necessary report since we have WSDOT money for the sidewalk project across from the school.
- Council Member Liz would like to attend a budget training in Wenatchee starting on August 1st.

Motion: Jim moved to approve 566.96 for Liz to attend Budget Training in Wenatchee; Mari Jo seconded; motion passed unanimously with Liz abstaining.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin –

- Gabe reported that he has hired Esther Olsen for the Records Retention grant work.
- The seasonal Parks labor position has not been filled as it is shown as closed on the County website, Gabe has spoken with Risk Manager at Ferry County about this.
- Discussion was held on the position or hiring a contractor for water connections and the public works crew can continue maintaining the parks.
- The American Flags will go up on Clark Ave Wednesday for July 4.

Liz Stinson- Liz inquired about the status of the lights at the park. They have been fixed.

Marty Rugo- Marty reported he missed the RYAC Car show.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

