



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 15, 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, Public Works Director RJ Plaster, 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. Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for March 18, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -4331-4334- \$32,665.03
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65105-65124- \$147,528.08
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount -62125-65139- \$ 44,346.63
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT- 4335- \$2,216.40
- Review State Transmittal- \$46,567.33
- Review County Transmittal- \$ 33,361.47

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

Public Comment:

Paul Dion - Paul from Sunshine Disposal wanted to thank the council for the opportunity to bid on the current contracts for solid waste. Dion discussed the DOT regulations, tonnage rates, and road conditions.

Madilane Perry- Madilane informed the Council of a leak in the kitchen at the Historical Society building.

Mackenzie Wilson- Mackenzie asked if there was an area in the city that could be used as a dog park. This area would be considered an off-leash area for dogs. Mackenzie asked what the city would need insurance-wise.

Tony Houston – Tony presented the Council with rules for the Skate Park and also let them know that construction is complete.

Motion: Jim moved to approve Skate Park Rules with any advice from the lawyer being added to the final product, Liz seconded: motion passed unanimously.

Phillip Starr- Phillip presented an update on the New EMS Building progress. The foundation walls have been poured and fill dirt will start Wednesday which will increase the truck traffic in town for a couple of weeks.

Correspondence:

Ferry County Historical Society – Building Maintenance – Madilane sent a letter in regards to the leak on the west wall in the kitchen with possible mold growing. Todd and RJ will work on the issue next week.

Old Business:

Western Victorian Ordinance discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Patterson Park Vandalism- Discussion was held in regards to people sleeping in the restrooms and using the grass area as a restroom. The bathrooms have been locked every night at 4 pm. Clerks have gotten quotes for automatic locking doors with timers, 2 quotes were received with the lowest one being \$3,500.

Motion: Jim moved to approve the new automatic door locks for \$3,500.00, Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MBI Investment Klondike Short Plat – Nick Olsen presented the short plat to council.

Motion: Jim moved to approve MBI Investment Klondike short Plat; Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances / Resolutions: No Ordinances/Resolutions

Department Head Reports:

RJ Plaster- PW Director- RJ reported that the spring meter reading has started, several new water connections are coming up, Culverts have been started, Johnson Controls for the water system are up and running, Public Works Department has a new work schedule 4-10's Monday - Thursday with a flexible on-call schedule for weekends.

Todd Cole- Building Inspector- Ems Building is coming along great and a few other building permits have been issued.

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

- He is working on the Water tank \$1,096,835 they were awarded through Cathy McMorris Rodgers Community Project Request. He will also reapply this year for the remaining \$1,000,000 they need to fully fund that project.
- He is going to resubmit their TIB early application for the pathway project across from the school.
- He is going to apply for an RCO grant for the pathway project as well in case the TIB grant is not awarded.
- The county is looking at hiring a person to do all the County/City parks just like the last 2 years. Council all agreed that the position worked well and authorized the \$5,000 to pay for that position if it gets filled.
- Some of the old electrical at the historical society was cleaned up and the old wiring has been marked with red-tags because it is no longer active. This was done at the request of the Historical Society.
- He would like to attend an annual reporting class sponsored by the City's software company on April 25th.

Motion: Jim moved to approve Annual Report Class virtual class up to \$910.00 , Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Nick would also like to attend a Professional Development level 2 class in June for \$1,884.42. This includes room, registration, and mileage costs.

Motion: Jim moved to approve the Professional Development Level 2 class June 8 through 15 up to \$1,884.42, Mari Jo seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- Employee equipment use contract. Public Works would like to utilize Rob Lightfoots mini-excavator on smaller projects to save time and money. This would be the same contract the City had with Jack Giddings with slightly higher costs.

Motion: Marty moved to approve the employee equipment use contract with Robert Lightfoot. Jim seconded, motion passed with 4 yes votes, and Mari Jo voting no.

- Nick updated council on a certain new homeless woman in Republic who has taken to using Patterson Park as her restroom. There is also an issue with people parking in City alleys. Council directed him to reach out to the Attorney to get his recommendation on potential fixes.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin- Gabe informed the Council that the Opioid Abatement Taskforce has \$90,000. One potential use of the money is that the County Commissioners can use it to help bring back Drug Court, or the task force can use it for prevention and support for the youth in our community. The mayor met with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in regard to the turkey problem in town. It was determined that permits are needed but a specialist hunter is, with the understanding that once nesting starts the turkeys are not to be touched. The Fire Department will be conducting hose testing on April 28 at 6 am on Clark Ave. Gabe spent last Friday with RJ getting to know the town.

Liz Stinson- Liz reported that the T mobile grant has been submitted for the playground equipment, we should have an answer by mid-May and the playground equipment could potentially be in the park by July 1, 2024.

Marty Rugo- Marty reported he missed the TEDD meeting and the RYAC is looking for volunteers.

Mari Jo Olsen- Mari Jo reported the SWAC meeting had been canceled. She also mentioned the Hospital District Committee has created complaint forms that cover all the hospital sites (pharmacy, clinic, PT, etc.).

Eric Hulse- Eric reported the Housing Authority meeting was canceled. He also reported that the county may not continue the porta pottie at the Golden Tiger entrance and on the Tiger Trail due to funding. The city may want to consider having one put in at the skatepark if the Golden Tiger entrance one is removed.

Jim Burnside- Jim reported that the water controls are installed and should be fully automated now. Johnson Controls will be back to do some final touches and to do training. Jim inquired about the truck that was at Bolder Operations for repair. Jim would like to have the law and order committee start meeting again with Ray and the Mayor.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

