



CITY OF REPUBLIC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 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, Public Works Director Ralph 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 May 6, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4340 - \$2,216.40
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65169 - 65180 - \$115,379.84
- Review County Transmittal - \$66,074.40

**Motion:** Liz moved to approve the consent agenda but did not approve check # 65173 for \$7,021.46. Mari Jo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

JJ Bourgeois - JJ was requesting that City council adopt the alley that is next to her house as a city street to make it easier for EMS or the Sheriffs office to reach her. Due to City streets being wider than alleys by a considerable size Council was not in favor of approving her request.

Ferry County Commissioner Robert Dean – Commission Dean discussed hooking the City water up to the Fairgrounds.

KC Harman – Hammer Mountain Construction – KC updated Council on the water/oil separator being installed at the EMS building. It was decided that they would look into getting a smaller tank so that it wouldn't encroach on the City ROW.

**Correspondence:**

Otta Seal Bid Ward Approval.

**Motion:** Jim moved to approve the base bid for the Gravel Street Otta Seal project for \$974,760. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Western Victorian Ordinance is being sent to the City Attorney for review.

**New Business:**

Water Leak Forgiveness- Nick presented four leak forgiveness applications to the Council.

**Motion:** Jim moved to approve the leak forgiveness for 15 N Kean st in the amount of \$775.50. Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Jim moved to approve the leak forgiveness for 110 Flag Hill Road in the amount of \$258.00. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Jim moved to approve the leak forgiveness for 675 S Jefferson St in the amount of \$82.50. Mari Jo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Marty moved to approve the leak forgiveness for 16278 N Hwy 21 in the amount of \$1,947.00. Eric seconded; motion passed with Mari Jo and Liz voting against.

Letter of Commitment & letter of Support to Ferry County Historical Society – Council reviewed the letters and had no issue with the Mayor signing both of them to present to the FCCHS.

**Ordinances / Resolutions:**

Ordinance 2024-02 – Public Urination/Defecation

**Motion:** Marty moved to approve Ordinance 2024-02. Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-03 – Alley Parking – Council would like the time limit of alley parking to be reduced and they would also like a section added that gives people that are unloading/loading in the alley a longer time. Nick will work with the Attorney to draft an updated Ordinance.

### **Department Head Reports:**

*RJ Plaster- PW Director-* RJ informed Council that the public works crew has been continuing to install more culverts in preparation of the road project that is happening soon. They have also been working on painting the streets and hydrants for prospectors days.

*Nick Olsen- Clerk-Treasurer-* Nick reported that the City received one quote for the park retaining wall from Hammer Mountain Construction. The cost was \$76,896. KC said that if they removed the stairway from the alley it would reduce the bid by about \$15,000. They could also look at using a different material than poured cement. This was higher than the City was expecting. The City also learned that the playground equipment grant they applied for did not get approved. In order to do the retaining wall, which creates a bigger space for the new playground equipment, and purchase the playground equipment it will be approximately \$130,000. It was decided to slow down the project and apply for more grants this year.

Nick also shared an agreement with Council that would set the City up with another Credit card vendor. The new vendor software integrates directly with the City software so the Clerks wouldn't have to put in credit card payments anymore manually. It would also allow for paperless billing. Council liked the idea and asked Nick to continue that conversation and see what it would take for the City to cancel the agreement with its current vendor.

### **Mayor/ Council Reports:**

*Gabe Becklin -* Gabe asked RJ to get with Johnson Controls to see if anymore internet hookups are needed for the new water tank controls.

*Marty Rugo -* Marty asked about the signage in the parking lot behind the Miner and Knotty Pine and putting up new signage that says its public parking. This should be completed before prospectors days.

*Mari Jo Olsen -* Mari Jo reported Republic School 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be planting flowers in the flower boxes on Clark Ave this Thursday. She will also be absent from the next Council meeting.

*Eric Hulse -* Eric informed Council that the County was going to remove the sani-can at the Golden tiger trail entrance. This is also adjacent to the new City skatepark. If the County stops paying for it, the City will step in and pay the bill as a regularly used can.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR

  
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NICK OLSEN, CLERK TREASURER

