



CITY OF REPUBLIC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 18, 2025

**Those Present:**

*Council:* Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Marty Rugo, Eric Hulse, Jim Burnside

*Employees:* Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte & Public Works Director/Building Official Todd Cole

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:01 pm

**Roll Call:** Liz Stinson and Mari Jo Olsen were absent

**Motion:** Unanimous approval to excuse Liz and Mari Jo after a motion by Marty; seconded by Jim.

**Agenda Approval:**

**Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion by Jim, seconded by Marty.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Review Minutes for February 3, 2025
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT Amount - 493- \$831.15
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65522-65540-\$33,539.65
- Review County Transmittal - \$937.73

**Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Jim, seconded by Marty.

**Public Comment:**

Rochelle Osborne (Ferry County Weed Board) presented weed control costs for city streets and sidewalks.

- \$2,500 for streets and right-of-way's.
- \$1,000 additional for sidewalks (not sprayed in ~2 years).
- Council discussed the need for sidewalk treatment.

**Motion:** Unanimous approval for \$2,500 to spray streets and right-of-ways after a motion by Marty, seconded by Eric.

Emily Burt- Friends of the Republic Library

- Ferry County Sunrise dissolved; its funds were redirected to Friends of the Library (FORL) for grant writing.
- Ferry County Commissioners signed a letter of intent to be involved with the new library project.
- FORL planning retreat scheduled for March 7th.
- Shelley Short is potentially withdrawing support over the NWC pride flag issue.
- NWC Library Board to meet and decide on flag policy this Thursday.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence

**Old Business:**

Patterson Park Retaining Wall –

- Revised quote from Hammer MNT Construction: \$77,760.
- Public Works to remove swing set; Hammer MNT Construction to install a stormwater, catch basin.
- Alley closure: ~4-6 weeks, foot traffic will be accommodated.
- Civil design not included in the quote.

**Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion to accept the quote of \$77,760.00 by Jim, seconded by Marty.

**New Business:** No New Business

**Ordinances / Resolution:**

- Resolution 2025-01 Updated personnel Policy was tabled until the next meeting.

**Department Head Reports:**

*Todd Cole- Public Works Director/ Building Inspector-* Todd reported on the following:

- Repairs to water leak up on Center Road have been completed.

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

- Library sink relocation will no longer utilize a contractor; Public Works will handle it and save the City some money.

- Library air hand dryer donated by the Pharmacy; needs electrician for installation.
- PW electrical panel update: wiring in Public Works office needs replacement to meet code. Quote increased by \$2,889 (Hetland) to pull all this new wire.
- Security Force Proposal will be advertised.
- EPA Grant paperwork started for Water Tower Project.

**Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion to spend an additional \$2,889.00 on electrical work at Public Works by Marty; seconded by Eric.

**Mayor/ Council Reports:**

- No specific reports noted.

**Motion:** The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM following a motion by Marty, seconded by Eric.

ATTEST:

  
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GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR

  
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ROBYN TURCOTTE- DEPUTY CLERK

