



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 4, 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.

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. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for February 20, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4326-4329-\$29,270.90
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65073-65091-\$59,630.10
- Review State Transmittal- \$46,193.29

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

Public Comment:

Emily Burt- Emily let Council know that there were a couple of changes to the planning MOU for the library. Mostly grammatical changes and making verbiage consistent throughout the agreement.

Correspondence:

Innovia Foundation announcement of Community Heart and Soul program which is a grant that will help fund program support for rural communities.

Old Business:

Sport Court Rules- Discussion was held on the proposed sport court rules. Council reviewed and narrowed the list down. Discussion was also held on amending the current ordinance to have new park hours.

New Business: No New business.

Ordinances / Resolutions: No Ordinances/Resolutions

Department Head Reports:

Todd Cole- Building Inspector- Todd asked if there was an update on helping Rural Resources fix up the 600 Clark building for ADA compliance. Nick let him know that they didn't want Council to get in trouble for potentially gifting of public funds so they withdrew their request. Todd recommended Council require all LED Business signs to be static. (static is lacking in movement, action, or change)

RJ Plaster- PW Director- RJ submitted a written report.

Nick Olsen- Clerk Treasurer- Nick reported on the Otta Seal project to pave 6.5 miles of dirt/gravel roads. The schedule goes as follows: March through April will be the bidding phase, April to May will be when the project is awarded and June through August will be the construction phase.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin- Gabe reported that Sunshine Disposal has expressed interest in bidding on a garbage contract with the city. Council has no problem with their current contractor but said it wouldn't hurt to get a quote from someone else. Gabe also inquired about the WI-FI at the Library and if it would be possible to shut it off at a certain time of the night until the morning. Gabe reported on the culvert project that needs to be done before the Otta seal pavement project starts. This will only be installing culverts on roads that will be paved. This will mitigate the stormwater runoff issues. Public works will order 5 culverts at a time up to the 20-25 needed. The truck comes through Republic once a week, so the delivery would be free.

Motion: Jim moved to approve purchasing 5 culverts at a time up to 25 culverts, or up to \$25,000. Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Liz Stinson- Liz reported that the Playground Committee has set a date to meet, on March 14th at 6 pm in Council Chamber. They will be looking into grants for playground equipment. Liz reported that she spoke with Steve Vanslyke at the PUD on the light poles project. There will be a lot more work than anticipated to install new light poles so this project has been put off until further notice. Liz inquired about the council emails, and if they could go back to individual emails. She is missing some of the notifications and emails. Liz presented a quote from Harding's Hardware to get Christmas lights for City Hall, Patterson Park and the Clark Avenue lamp pole lights.

Motion: Liz moved to approve Christmas lights up to \$2000.00; Mari Jo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Marty Rugo- Nothing to report on.

Mari Jo Olsen- Mari Jo reported that Coleman Oil has agreed to have the County put recycle bins on their property by Chevron. They just need pictures of the location of where the bins will be placed.

Eric Hulse- Nothing to report on.

Jim Burnside- Jim reported that Johnson Controls is just waiting for a few more parts to get shipped for the water control install. They should have them in by end of the month. PUD is on board with getting the Shiftlet tank power pole in once the weather is good and an electrician is also on board to install a junction box.

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

Meeting adjourned: 5:51p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

