

CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 17, 2024

Those Present:

Council: Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Marty Rugo, Mari Jo Olsen and Jim Burnside

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte, Building Inspector Todd Cole & Public Works Director RJ Plaster

Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Gabe Becklin called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Council Member Eric Hulse Absent

Motion: Jim moved to excuse Eric. Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for June 3, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4345 - \$2,216.40
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65201-65223 - \$76,570.02
 - 65202,65214,65221 VOIDED
- Review County Transmittal - \$13,470.82

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

Public Comment:

Mike Jager- Mike requested to vacate the alley in the middle of his tax parcel located in between Tiger Lane and Leo Gaffney. More information is needed to ensure the city utilities are not running thru the alley and that the alley has not been

vacated in the past. The City will also need to find a fair market value for Mike to pay. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

Will Folkes, Harding Hardware - Will is in discussion with Stihl Company about being a brand dealer. Will presented council with a signage brochure that shows the available signage for Stihl, he is also able to order a custom sign if none of the listed signs fit the Western Victorian Theme. He will update Council at a later date if he does decide to become a local seller of Stihl products.

Madilane Perry- Madilane was present to hear the decision on the roof project for the Historical Society Building on Kean Street. Madilane mentioned the hole that was left by the water line replacement that needs to be filled.

Emily Burt- Emily asked Council for suggestions on where to park the band tour bus that will be in town this weekend for 2 nights to play at the brewery. The bus has a generator that will be run and wanted to ensure that the noise won't be an issue. Kim Tanner offered the dirt parking lot just south of Andersons Grocery for the bus to park. Emily spoke to council on the bus unloading and loading of equipment in the alley behind the brewery. The bus will park on east 6th street during that time.

Emily Burt- Emily gave an update on the library. Emily asked if council would want a traffic survey to be conducted on Hesse Blvd to determine the egress and ingress to the new library location this summer. If the City decides it is not needed the Friends of the Library will need a letter stating such. The cost of the Traffic Survey is approximately \$5,000.00. The library is also applying for funding through the PUD, this funding will be used to hire a Project Director/Manager.

Kimberly Tanner - Kim thanked Council for allowing Prospectors' Days to happen. The shuttle went great and they are hoping to do it again next year. Kim stated she was thankful for the County Public Works Department to allow the use of signage for the roads as it was required for DOT permitting.

Correspondence: The Nugget

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Water Leak Forgiveness- for 189 E Delaware was approved in amount of \$121.50.

Motion: Marty moved to approve the 189 E Delaware Ave Leak Forgiveness in the amount of \$121.50, Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Ordinance 2024-04– The first draft of the Western Victorian Ordinance was presented to Council. Clerk Nick has asked Council to review the document and let him know if they would like any changes made.

Department Head Reports:

RJ Plaster- PW Director- RJ reported they are getting back into the swing of daily activities since Prospectors Days. Public Works is reading meters this week. RJ has been in contact with USA bluebook on the Bluetooth water meter system to get a quote for council.

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

- Historical Society Building on Kean Street Roof Quote. Council is still discussing the options available.
- Dragnich Sport Complex needs to spend \$20,000 by the end of this month. There will be more funding next year to spend on the Sports Complex but they need to spend \$20,000 this year pre conditions of the grant.

Motion: Marty moved to approve \$20,000 for the Dragnich Sport Complex improvements, Liz seconded; motion pass unanimously.

- Skate Park grand opening will be on Tuesday at 10:00 am
- The Skate Park table, signage and bench will cost approximately \$1,500 to purchase.

Motion: Liz moved to approve \$1,500 for the table, bench, and signage for the Skate Park, Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- The City can utilize a radio transmitter to allow cameras at Slagel park to hook into the City Halls camera system. Nick had received approval from the finance committee last week to approve ordering the parts necessary. The cost was approximately \$1,925.64.

Robyn Turcotte- Deputy Clerk- Robyn reported that the Consumer Confidence Report and Estimated Waster Usage reports are almost finished. These are due next month. The Slagle Park RV Dump Kiosk is working well with sales increasing. Hydrant sales at City Hall have also increased.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin – Gabe reported he meet with the County Prosecutor. The meeting went well, the Prosecutor seems interested in better outcomes for cases. Gabe

reported that the Fire Department is moving the Fire Siren back to its original spot in town. The Fire Siren was not working properly in its current location.

Liz Stinson- Liz reported that the street lights by the Patterson Park Basketball court are not working. Liz also would like to reopen the bid for the retaining wall in the park with the hopes of getting that completed this year so the Playground Committee can explore more funding options for playground equipment next year.

Mari Jo Olsen - Mari Jo reported that the SWAC meeting was cancelled and the next one will be in July. Meetings will be every 6 months after July's meeting. The Patient Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) is now offering 2 medical helicopter service plans in the area. Citizens are able to get brochures at the hospital and City Hall.

Jim Burnside- Jim reported the Water Tank Mural looks good.


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

Meeting adjourned: 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

