

CITY OF REPUBLIC

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 16, 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, Public Work Director RJ Plaster, Sheriff Ray Maycumber

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. Jim seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for January 2, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount – 4318-4319- \$ 2,216.40
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount – 65017-65033- \$ 26,450.39
- Review County Transmittal – \$2,607.71

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

Public Comment:

Kimberly Tanner- Chamber of Commerce gave a brief update on Winterfest. Winterfest was postponed due to the extremely cold weather. Neither the City or the County could get equipment to move. Kimberly requested that Winterfest be held Saturday, January 20, 2024. Council approved to allow the same section of street to be closed off on January 20, 2024 for the new Winterfest date.

Correspondence: The Nugget

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Onsite Sewer Permit, 8 Old Cemetery Road - The City Sewer line is approximately a half mile from the parcel making a connection to costly. Council has requested that the sewer connection ordinance be attached to the deed of the land through Ferry County Professional Services. This will allow the future owners to know that if City Sewer main line is ever extended to the area and the current septic system fails, they will be required to connect to the City Sewer main line at that time.

Motion: Jim moved to approve 8 Old Cemetery Road installing a private sewer connection; Marty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste Agreement with Ferry County - discussion was held on the 5-year agreement.

Motion: Mari Jo moved to approve the Solid Waste Agreement with Ferry County; Eric seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Friends of the Library MOU - Emily Burt gave an update on the Friends of the Library/City of Republic MOU with their suggested edits.

Ordinances / Resolutions:

Ordinance 2024-01- Adopting the Ferry County Coalition Shoreline Master Program

Motion: Marty moved to approve Ordinance 2024-01 Ferry County Coalition Shoreline Master Program; Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Nick Olsen, Clerk-Treasurer – Nothing to report on.

Todd Cole, Building Inspector – Todd reported on the Garden Apartments hot water tank issues. Grace Academy Digital Sign has been installed and has scrolling and flashing text which the council doesn't want. Gabe will discuss the issue with them.

Robyn Turcotte, Deputy Clerk- Nothing to report on.

RJ Plaster, PW Director- RJ reported they are just keeping up with the day-to-day activities.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin- Gabe attended the EMS Council Meeting.

Liz Stinson- Liz inquired about the parking ordinance. Liz has been attending the Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Marty Rugo- Discussed the Hotel/Motel Grants for Omak Chronicle. He would like to see the City do more lighting and possibly plants on the main street during summer to help

brighten the City up. His suggestion is to use the \$2,000 to do that instead of doing more advertising in the Omak Chronicle. The rest of Council was in agreement.

Jim Burnside- Jim is still working with the County to find a spot to put the cardboard recycling bins.


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

Meeting adjourned: 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN, MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

