



CITY OF REPUBLIC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 21, 2023

**Those Present:**

*Council:* Mayor Elbert Koontz, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Marty Rugo, Eric Hulse, and Jim Burnside

*Employees:* Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte, Building Inspector Todd Cole

*Law Enforcement:* Ferry County Sheriff Ray Maycumber

**Meeting Called to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:** Gabe Becklin was absent.

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

**Agenda Approval:**

**Motion:** Liz moved to approve the agenda. Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Review Minutes for August 7, 2023
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -\$0.00
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount 64841 – 64854- \$ 23,615.93
- Review County Transmittal - \$ 4,095.08

**Public Comment:**

*Emily Burt, Friends of the library* - Emily wanted to let Council know that the FOTL are stilling working with the Betschart's to transfer the new library property over. She also discussed the reduced square footage in the potentially new lease agreement between the City and NCW for the old library. The FOTL may look at helping out with the cleaning costs for next year to offset the lower amount that the City will be receiving.

*Shannon Cousland, Grace Christian Academy* - presented a new design for a sign on the front of their building that meets the Western-Rustic Theme.

**Motion:** Liz moved to approve the sign as presented. Marty seconded; passed unanimously.

*Judy Sweet*- Updated Council on the progress in the Madison Park improvements. Stotts Construction is donating all the gravel. Judy asked Council for flower suggestions for the park. Marty suggested Lilac Trees. Liz agreed to meet up at the park to look and discuss the border.

Judy is also willing to head up the cleaning of the trash and weed whacking that is needed at Perry Wilderness Park. She did ask for a council member to walk the trail and give directions of what is needed in the park.

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business:**

Public Works interviews will be conducted this week to fill the other crew member position.

**Ordinances / Resolutions:** Ordinance 2023-XX Recreational Vehicles was tabled.

**Department Head Reports:**

*Nick Olsen, Clerk-Treasurer* – Nick went through the following items with Council.

- The broken table at Patterson Park. Council along with Todd (Building inspector), Shannon (GCA) and anyone else who would like to be involved would like to go down to the park sometime in September to take a look and see what size table would work best.
- October 24-26 is the IACC conference in Wenatchee. The friends of the library have asked if Nick could attend with them to do a tech team. A tech team gets all the state funders and the project in the same room and they can run through scenarios and see what route would be best for the project. Nick also let Council know that Robyn already has pre-approved time off that same week so they might have to close City Hall for a few days. Council didn't see a problem with that.

**Motion:** Jim motioned to approve \$1000.00 for the Nick to attend the IACC conference. Liz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

*Robyn Turcotte, Deputy Clerk* - Presented a letter of concern from a citizen regarding a street light shining light into their home at night. Council asked the Clerks to contact MBH Electric to see if there is a solution to redirect the lights.

*Ray Maycumber, Ferry County Sheriff* - Ray reported that the City Park Cameras are now at the Sheriffs Department for full access to deputies and dispatch. He discussed the Dog problem at the Eastside Trailer Park which had a Dangerous Dog situation last week. After a few visits with official notices left on residents doors, it seems to have settled for the time being.

**Mayor/ Council Reports:**

*Liz Stinson*- Liz thanked Emily Burt for always following the City Ordinances when holding events, and making sure that the proper paperwork was filed with City Hall prior to those events.

Liz met with the Jameswell Bicycle Group that will be coming through the area next summer in July. This group really wants to support the Community and might have upwards of 300 people.

*Marty Rugo*- Marty asked if we had reached out to Kettle Falls and Colville in regards to the dog catching. Marty suggested that we advertise a position for a Dog Catcher, this may alleviate some complaints and lessen the burden on Sheriff deputies.

*Jim Burnside*- Jim reported that the Basketball/ Pickleball Court is almost done. The lines for the Basketball court and the three Pickleball courts are being worked on and the court should be fully open very soon. Jim wanted to extended a thanks to the Pickleball Association for their contributions for the court.

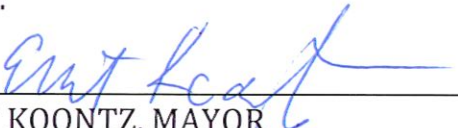
Jim discussed the Sitka Coffee House Anniversary Party that was held on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. The City wasn't aware of this event taking place which might have interfered with citizens use of Slagle Park. There were also reports of alcohol being consumed and open container laws not being followed. Council asked Nick to follow up with Sitka Coffee.


Elbert Koontz- Elbert reported that they held the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Skate Park last Friday August 18. The Skate Park should be completed by the end of October.

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

Meeting adjourned: 5:43 pm

ATTEST:

  
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ELBERT KOONTZ, MAYOR

  
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ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

