



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 7, 2023

Those Present:

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

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

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Roll Call: All Council Members Present.

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for July 17, 2023
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4273-4279- \$34,271.20
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount 64817 - 64840- \$ 22,716.44
- Review County Transmittal - \$ 3,455.36
- Review State Transmittal - \$44,587.92

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

Public Comment:

Mena Cassell – Mena asked about the Perry Wilderness Park condition; it is over grown and the bridge is in need of repair. She asked if there was a volunteer group that works on the parks. It was mentioned Job Corp could be asked if they would be willing to help out on the bridge portion. Also, a memo to the city residents on next months bill requesting volunteers to help clean up the park will be sent out.

Jaina Bledsoe – Jaina mentioned the food truck was in town on August 4 and did much better this time not blocking businesses and Fire Department entrances.

Correspondence: Department of Ecology 2nd quarter report samples were missed.

Old Business: Water Tank Art

Clerk Nick presented the 2 pictures that council had chosen. Council decided that Bear Paw's was the preferred artwork and they discussed the colors and if the council wanted "Wash" or "EST. 1900" in the art. It was decided that "Wash" did not look right, so the board requested that "EST. 1900" would be placed under Republic.

Motion: Liz moved to approve Bear Paw to paint the mural on the water tower at the cost of \$7,000.00, Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Water/ Wastewater Operator

Mayor Elbert Koontz discussed the Public Works Director position vs hiring a local contractor. It was discussed what the City needs are and Council felt that it was best to hire a fulltime employee. If the position is not filled by the current applicant, then plan B would be considered which is hiring a local contractor to help fill the void. Mayor Koontz is currently reviewing applications for the other public works vacant spot.

Motion: Jim moved to approve the hiring of a Public Workers Director and directed the Mayor and Nick to work on the details (wages, benefits etc). Marty seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances / Resolutions: No Ordinances or Resolutions

Standing Committee Reports: No Standing Committee Report.

Department Head Reports:

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

- Nick reminded everyone that he would be at a budget training in Leavenworth from Aug 9th – Aug 11th.
- Nick let Council know that the new Public Works Director could attend a Water Certification class in East Wenatchee on October 10th, 11th and 12th. The cost for the class, travel and lodging would be close to \$1000.00.

Motion: Jim motioned to approve \$1000.00 for the new Public Works Director to attend the training. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Skate park construction will begin on Wednesday August 9th.

- Nick let Council know that he was working with Varela to get some TIB grant applications submitted. There are 3 grants that the City is going to submit. One for a City wide crack seal, another is for the other half of the funds needed to finish the sidewalk across from the school, and the last is to start gathering funds for the presidents bowl project.
- The updated on the park picnic table that was vandalized is that Nick reached out to a family member of 2 of the boys that were in attendance. He asked the family member to pass along that the City would like an apology on what was done and also see if they were willing to make it right, either through a donation to get a new table or some community work at the park. He also asked that family member to spread the word to the other boys that were there that night with the same message. No boys were in attendance that night and no one had reached out to Nick as of this council meeting. Council also discussed whether they would like to replace the broken cement table with another cement table or if they would like to maybe get a moveable table with some way to anchor it to the ground so that it won't get stolen.

Motion: Liz moved to approve a purchase of a lighter metal table for Patterson Park. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.


Mayor/ Council Reports:

Jim Burnside- Jim reported that the sports court contractor was waiting on sealant. The only items left are the sealing of the floor and painting on the lines. Jim also reported that the fire hydrant parts are in. Repairs will begin in the near future, probably when the new director starts.


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

Meeting adjourned: 5:46 pm

ATTEST:



 ELBERT KOONTZ, MAYOR



 ROBYN TURCOTTE, DEPUTY CLERK

