



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 15, 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, 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: All Council Members Present.

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for May 1, 2023
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount - 4257 - \$415.57
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 64728 - 64745 - \$86,526.51
- Review County Transmittal - \$65,322.36

Motion: Jim moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Todd Cole, Citizens Preservation and Planning Committee – Todd presented the winner of the Winterfest vote for the new water tank art with some additions. *see attached* Jim felt that the art doesn't represent Republic and doesn't comply to the design Ordinance. Eric agreed with Jim. Gabe thought it was too busy and would be hard to see from so far away. Emily let Council know that out of the 250 Winterfest votes that were cast, 183 were for the "winning" art. Liz had seen a post on Facebook where people were also complaining that the artist wasn't local and they would rather see a local artist get the work. Liz liked the art but wished the words were easier to read.

Marty also liked the art but had a hard time picturing it up on the water tank. Emily said the Citizens group had gathered enough information and that they are now passing the project over to the City. Council asked Nick to work with the artist and ask him to move the lettering outside of the picture and maybe that would make it seem less busy.

Joe Gohl – Joe wanted to ask Council if the price requested for his vacation application was the lowest amount (\$10,000.00). Council explained that property is valued using a formulas so there are no exceptions.

Emily Burt, Citizens Preservation and Planning Committee – Emily let Council know that they are working on updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan and making it a more useable document.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: No New Business.

Ordinances / Resolutions: No Ordinances or Resolutions

Standing Committee Reports: No Standing Committee Report.

Department Head Reports:

Ray Maycumber, FC Sheriff – Ray discussed some Drug possession laws that are expiring and how the City and County should coordinate on an Ordinance that addresses that issue. Ray and Katie will draft a version of the proposed Ordinance will submit it to the County and the City for review concurrently.

Elbert let Ray know that there are parking issues in the area of the Republic Garden Apartments again. Ray will investigate.

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

- Regarding an Animal Control Officer or similar - Nick let Council know that the Tonasket Building Inspector also does their Code Enforcement which includes stray/loose dogs. Todd Cole is not interested in taking on the role of Code Enforcement. Council requested Nick follow up with Tonasket’s Code Enforcer and see what he would charge to come up to Republic.
- With Rachel’s departure the City should consider adding one more Council Member to the Washington Federal account as a signer.

Motion: Jim moved to remove Rachel Siracuse add Marty Rugo as a signer on the Washington Federal Account. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Nick presented a map of the parking modifications on the southern block of Clark in front of the apartments, laundromat, and cleaning company. *see attached* If this is successful in mitigating the issue, Council can consider updating the Ordinance. Dennis Wuerth said that 10 weeks ago a group was upset for getting ticketed for the 2-hour parking in that area. It seemed unfair to him that people that live on that block have the same parking restrictions as the people that are stopping at any of the businesses on Clark to do shopping. Council collectively pointed out that they cannot give residents special permission to use City streets as they are required to treat everyone the same. Dennis said he wished that they would have told him that 10 weeks ago so he hadn't wasted his time. Citizen Mari Jo said that is exactly what she heard from council 10 weeks ago when that group brought it up. Liz didn't want anyone to park on Clark Ave long term and she asked how the apartments above 18 North parks because she never sees them. It was explained that they park behind the building in a private parking lot.
- Nick asked Council if they had a chance to review the RV email from the City attorney. In summary, it addresses creating an Ordinance with basic laws for people trying to use RVs and fifth wheels as permanent homes along with RV parks and mobile home parks. Marty asked for an example from another City which Nick will bring to the next meeting.

Craig Peterson, Public Works Director – Craig let Council know that he is working on his certifications. To obtain the Wastewater level 1 certification he will need to be an operator in training for a year. Public Works fixed a leak by the Beaver Trap gas station, read meters, and have received the senior banners to hang on the light poles. Craig asked about sod for Patterson Park. Jim said we are over budget for the project and he would prefer sod as well, but it could easily be several thousands of dollars. Nick will look into pricing for sod versus seed.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

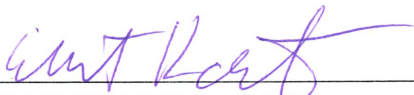
Jim Burnside – Jim reported that the City has an interested citizen to act as a City representative for the SWAC Board. Mari Jo Olsen turned in a letter asking City Council to be appointed to that committee. Council unanimously approved her appointment. Jim asked if there was any update on the chlorine pump getting fixed. Craig said there was no progress and they are still manually adding that to the soda ash injector pump. Craig is also working on getting a hold of Johnson Controls to look at the communication line to the water tank since that is still being managed manually and has been for many months. Jim will give Craig the technician's direct contact.

Mayor Elbert moved the meeting into Executive Session at 6:28 pm to discuss the performance of a Public Employee per RCW 42.30.110 for 20 minutes.

Motion: Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 6:51 pm

ATTEST:



ELBERT KOONTZ, MAYOR



NICOLAS OLSEN, CLERK TREASURER

