

Minutes of 11-12-2019 Regular Meeting of the East Hope City Council

The Regular meeting of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Vernon Fleisher. Council members Tom Grimm, Lonna Bernard, Ian Barrett and Debbie Field were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments

Jack Zearfoss asked council where he could find the plats for the streets and what the definition of a vacation is because it is not defined in the City's zoning code.

Ben McConnell stated to council that he did not want fiber optic lines to be allowed to be installed aerial. He feels it will lower property values.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Barrett moved to approve the regular minutes of 10-8-2019, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the October bills in the amount of \$53,899.51, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

None

Old Business

Water Facility Project Update

Council discussed the water test results for filter 3 which has been showing improved treatment. JUB and Earthworks will be out to look at the weir in the contact basin soon.

City Park Update & Playground Equipment Fundraiser (\$3,302.00 no change)

Cindy Gauthier presented to council a power point showing proposed brick pavers for the pathways. She also discussed plant choices for the flagpole area and the David Thompson Memorial areas. Examples for lettering for the back of the Veteran's Wall were proposed along with examples of brushed stainless steel 4 x 8 tiles for the Honor Wall. Cindy is gathering additional cost information from engravers and will pass that along when she receives it.

New Business

W.O.W. Franchise Agreement Ordinance

Council member Grimm moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of proposed ordinance read once, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Mayor Fleisher read the title. Council member Barrett moved to adopt the proposed W.O.W. Franchise Agreement Ordinance, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Barrett, aye, Bernard, aye, Grimm, aye, and Field, aye (4-0).

Kaniksu LLC Franchise Agreement Ordinance

Council discussed the proposed Kaniksu Franchise Agreement Ordinance with Ryan Green. Mr. Green stated that it was his plan to place as much fiber optic underground as financially feasible. Council member Grimm moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of proposed ordinance read once, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Mayor Fleisher read the title. Council member Grimm moved to adopt the proposed Kaniksu LLC Franchise Agreement Ordinance, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Grimm, aye, Bernard, aye, Barrett, aye and Field, aye (4-0).

Kaniksu LLC License Agreement

Council and Ryan Green, president of Kaniksu LLC, discussed the proposed License Agreement. Changes that were discussed included (4) Rent, in lieu of rent, fiber internet service will be provided to East Hope City Hall, (6) Right to Terminate, instead of the 30-day term in the proposed document it will change to 60 day. Having discussed the changes council member Barrett moved to approve the agreement with the discussed changes, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Select Engineer from State Approved List for Transportation Plan

Council discussed selecting a state approved engineer for the Transportation Plan Update. Matt Gillis with Welch Comer was present and talked with council. Council member Barrett moved to hire Welch Comer Engineers to create our transportation plan update, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Exposed Waterline Crossing @ Strong Creek Bridge

Brent Lockwood, owner of the Old Church in Hope, next to Strong Creek read a letter to council asking them to acknowledge the City's interest in and responsibility for the easement property associated with the city water main that parallels the Strong Creek Bridge and crossed through property owned by The Old Church in Hope. Council also discussed the main waterline that is currently exposed in the bed of Strong Creek and has notified Bonner County Emergency Management of the potential dangers. The City is working on submitting a letter of intent to FEMA for interest in submitting a grant request. The City was informed that it is a lengthy process but that some preliminary engineering will need to be done. Council member Grimm moved to have a request for qualification for engineering services put together, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Street Light @ School Road Intersection

Council discussed adding a street light at the bottom of School Road, council member Bernard moved to add the light, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Discuss Hope Cemetery Budget Item in Fiscal Year 2020

Hope Mayor, Bill Breen talked with council about the cemetery plans. He also talked with council about the money East Hope budgeted for the Hope Cemetery this fiscal year. He stated that as much as he appreciated it the City of Hope was not looking for a loan. It was Hope's understanding that this would be an investment in the City of Hope's Cemetery. It was suggested to East Hope's council that they could purchase several niches and then re-sale those over the year. East Hope council decided to table the topic before making any decisions. This will be on the December agenda.

Letter from Wendel Bergman: Restructuring Sewer Services in Hope/East Hope & Withdrawing the Cities from Ellisport Bay Sewer Request

Wendel Bergman sent a letter to the City asking Hope and East Hope to consider withdrawing from Ellisport Bay Sewer and to operate the sewer jointly. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic with no decision being made. Council member Grimm moved to table the discussion to a later date, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Accept Bonner County Commissioners Canvassed Ballot Count

Tabled to December.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

No new building permits have been received this month.

Water/Streets

No additional information to report on water, the plow and sander are ready for winter.

Clerk

Association of Idaho Cities fall academy will be December 3rd in CDA. The audit field work will be done November 20th and 21st. City hall will be closed November 25th – 27th.

Announcements

The next regular council meeting will be December 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Having no further business, council member Field moved to adjourn, council member Bernard seconded, and motion carried 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 830 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk