

Minutes of 10-13-2020 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, Don Wells, and Debbie Field were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes

Council member Grimm moved to approve the meeting minutes of 9/8/2020, council member Field seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the September bills in the amount of \$22,768.91, council member Bernard seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

None

Old Business

City Park Update & Playground Equipment Fundraiser

The playground fundraiser is at \$6,615.00. We have received 49 Veteran Tile Applications to date and a total of 43 brick paver applications of which, 19 have been installed. The second batch will be sent to the engraver soon. The Veteran tiles will not be ready in time for a dedication on Veteran's Day. The engraver is having a supply issue. Council has agreed to wait until spring of 2021, Memorial Day.

Water Facility Project Update

The City received an email from Michelle Johnson dated October 5th that stated after reviewing the invoices that the City sent, JUB feels they are responsible for \$5,430 with the cost of the pipe modification included. Council reviewed and discussed this at length. The City has been testing slow sand filter 3 from March 2018 to August 2020. The supporting sand layer that did not meet contract specification or IDAPA regulations was replaced in April of 2020. IDEQ approved slow sand filter 3 for usage August 14, 2020. Council member Grimm moved that the City should only be responsible for the testing of slow sand filter 3 for the average length of time it takes to ripen a filter which council feels is 6 months. He wants the City to send a notice to JUB for balance of testing costs. Council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Draft Updated Transportation Plan Discussion

Council discussed the revised draft that they received September 10th. Council felt that several of their issues were not addressed in the revision and would like to have a meeting with Welch Comer to discuss the areas they find deficient. A special meeting will be arranged.

New Business

Draft Water Rate Study Discussion

A draft executive summary was received from Gary Sievers, Idaho Rural Water Circuit Rider. Gary also joined us via telephone for the discussion. Gary explained to council his concerns with the City's apparent water loss and his suggestions to have Idaho Rural Water perform a water audit and leak detection. Gary also talked to council about taking a yearly rate increase of 4.9% similar to COLA (cost of living adjustment). He said performing a water audit and proper leak detection may take as long as into next summer to complete and at that point he feels that performing a rate study may more accurately depict what the rates should be. Council will add this to the November agenda for action.

2020 Tree Lighting Celebration

This year's tree lighting celebration will be held on Friday, December 4th at 5:30 pm.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

Two new building permits were received in September for single-family dwellings on Cedar Street and Lookout Blvd. A total of 6 permits have been received for 2020 so far. The property line adjustment for Pedersen Farms approved at the September meeting is in final plat preparation.

Water/Streets

Clerk

The clerk gave council a draft MOU with Bonner County for addressing with suggested changes from the attorney for review. This will be placed on the November agenda.

Announcements

The next city council meeting will be November 10, 2020.

Having no further business council member Grimm moved to adjourn and council member Field seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk