

Minutes of 7-9-2019 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, and Ian Barrett were present and constituted a quorum. Council member Debbie Field was absent.

Audience Comments

Laura Funk asked council if Aspen Lane was a public road. Margaret Cormier asked for an update on the ITD, Strong Creek Bridge Replacement.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Barrett moved to approve the regular meeting, minutes of 06-11-2019, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the June bills in the amount of \$25,838.61, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 3-0. The financial report was reviewed.

Public Hearing:

Consider the Adoption of New Fees or Increased Fees Relating to Planning & Development, Administrative and Stormwater Fees

A review of the new fees being proposed and the fees being proposed to increase was given by the city clerk. Mayor Fleisher opened the public hearing to testimony however no testimony was given either in favor, neutral or opposed. Mayor Fleisher closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Water Facility Project Update

The City and JUB is still waiting on IDEQ for their review of JUB's Start-Up Report. We anticipate receiving this around the middle of July. Earthworks Northwest has tentatively planned on addressing the weir issue in October when City demand for water has reduced.

Council Approval for Certification of Substantial Completion

Council member Barrett moved to defer a decision on the Certificate of Substantial Completion until the August meeting, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Final Pay Request for Earthworks Northwest (\$77,220.57)

Council member Barrett moved to defer the decision on final payment to Earthworks Northwest until the August meeting, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

City Park Update & Proposed Fundraiser (\$2,501.00)

Mayor Fleisher informed council that Weekend Hoe will be hauling a couple loads of topsoil for the flagpole area and leveling it out soon. Also, Clearwater Construction, the contractor on the new Strong Creek Bridge project will be delivering an additional 2 loads of topsoil for using the park area as their staging area for equipment and materials. Council member Barrett stated that it might be possible to get some help with the flagpole area from the Bonner County Garden Club and wanted to get a condensed plan of just that area. He and Marjory Clements will present the plan to the club. The playground equipment fundraiser total is at \$2,501.00.

New Business

Proposed Fee Resolution

Council member Grimm moved to adopt the Resolution for Planning and Building Fee Schedule, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Draft Budget Approval for Public Hearing Publication

Council member Barrett moved to approve the tentative fiscal year 2020 budget for publication for the public hearing August 13th, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Draft Amended Budget for Public Hearing Publication

Council member Bernard moved to approve the public hearing notice for amending the fiscal year budget 2019 to increase expenditures in both Streets and Water Reserve, the public hearing will be held August 13th as well. Council member Barrett seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Bank Approval for Water Reserve Revenue and Signors

Council discussed the need to open a new bank account for the water reserve funds. Council member Barrett moved to open a new account at Mountain West Bank in Ponderay with signors on the account being Mayor Vernon Fleisher, Council President Debbie Field and City Clerk Christy Franck. Council member Bernard seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Request for Reduction in Water Bill at Sunset Park

Council reviewed the request, council member Bernard moved to treat this situation as a leak and to follow the policy that council has established, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Discuss/Change Arbor Day Celebration Date for Fall Time

Council discussed changing the City's Arbor Day Proclamation to a fall date to allow more time to complete the flagpole area. Council member Barrett moved to proclaim October 1st as East Hope's 2019 Arbor Day and have the mayor sign the proclamation, council member Bernard seconded, the motion carried 3-0.

Entrance Welcome Signs

Mayor Fleisher spoke with Maria Larsen about a design for the new Welcome signs for either end of town. She is working on a design for council to review hopefully at the August meeting.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

There has been several phone calls lately inquiring about zoning regulations on lots in East Hope. A building permit has been issued for 727 Big Hill. Council asked that we look into Sandpoint's requirement that contractors needing permits before any digging is done in the city limits.

Water/Streets

No report.

Clerk

Candidate filing opens August 26th at 8 am and there are 2 council positions and the mayor position up for election. All three positions are 4 year terms.

Announcements

The next regular council meeting will be August 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Having no further business, council member Grimm to adjourn, council member Barrett seconded, and motion carried 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk