

Minutes of 10-08-2019 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

Trecy Carpenter addressed council regarding Ellisport Bay Sewer District's Draft Facility Plan. She stated that the district has received several comments concerning the plan and that from those comments it appears to be about a 60/40 split against the plan from primarily Hope/East Hope residents. Trecy stated that the district needs to make a decision on the plan before the end of the year. Mayor Fleisher asked Trecy about the cost of the upgrades and what impact it would have on individuals. Trecy is hoping that the engineer has that information for the district by their next meeting. The City will include in their newsletter when and where the sewer district holds their monthly meetings and who the board members are for the sewer district.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Barrett moved to approve the regular, minutes of 9-10-2019, 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 \$26,580.68, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

None

Old Business

Water Facility Project Update

The City is in its 3rd week of testing slow sand filter three since the modifications JUB recommended were made. Marty feels that since the modifications, filter 3 is showing signs of choking off and needs to be cleaned. JUB had agreed to pay for 4 weeks of testing and by cleaning filter 3 now it will alter the test results, but Marty feels it needs to be done. He recommends that filter 3 be tested several weeks after cleaning to get an accurate assessment of the filter. Council discussed this information and directed him to contact JUB regarding the cleaning and continued testing.

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

There has been no change in the Playground Equipment Fundraiser, the total is still \$3,302.00. Council member Bernard sent an email to the Lighthouse Foundation to inquire about financial help with the park. She will follow up with a call tomorrow. A sample engraved brick from Polar Engraving was received and they can help with a fundraiser for selling bricks if the City is inclined. Council member Field talked with Thompson Falls about their Veteran's Wall and grant funding that they received and they suggested the City check out a website, Grant Station. The City will look into this and add it to the November agenda.

Draft Franchise Agreement for WOW & Kaniksu Network

Council was informed that the draft franchise agreement with WOW that they reviewed at last month's council meeting was published in the Daily Bee on October 3rd. Council member Barrett asked about making changes to it after it has been published. The clerk will check on this. Council reviewed the draft franchise agreement for Kaniksu Networks and did not have any issues, this will be sent to the newspaper for publication and both will be on the agenda for November for council to take action on.

New Business

Proposed Employee Pay Resolution

Council discussed the Employee Pay Resolution that was discussed during the budgeting process and reflected in the adopted fiscal year 2020 budget. Council member Grimm moved to adopt, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Grimm, aye, Bernard, aye, Barrett, aye, and Field aye (4-0).

Proposed Personnel Policy Resolution

Council discussed the proposed Personnel Policy that reflected the change for 5 paid personal days for full time employees. Council member Barrett discussed his wish to add more vacation time for long standing employees, this will be discussed during next year's budget process. Council member Barrett moved to adopt the policy, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Tree Lighting Celebration

Council discussed the annual tree lighting celebration for this year and determined the date would be December 5th at 5 pm. The City will check with the Davis's about hosting the refreshments afterwards at the grocery store. Council also discussed purchasing Fairybell Flagpole Christmas Tree Lights, council member Grimm moved to purchase, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Transportation Plan Update, State Approved Engineer or Request for Qualification Process

Council reviewed the list of state approved engineers and discussed the process of an RFQ in selecting an engineer for our transportation plan update. Council selected three firms from the states list, David Evans, Welch Comer and T-O Engineers. The clerk will contact these companies to inquire about references and availability for council to make final selection at the November meeting.

Discuss Ellisport Sewer District Facility Plan

Moved to Public Comments to coincide with Treacy Carpenter's public comments.

Veteran's Memorial Wall Quotes

Council reviewed the bids received from Ponderay Concrete and DH Concrete for the Veteran's Wall. Council member Barrett moved to accept the bid from DH Concrete, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

One new land use file has been received; it is a lot split review. Clare will discuss with council next month about how to proceed with the zone map update that has been budgeted for this fiscal year.

Water/Streets

No further information was reported.

Clerk

HGTV, Lakefront Bargain Hunt will be filming in East Hope area from October 18th thru the 21st. The Association of Idaho Cities will hold their Fall Academy on December 3rd in Couer d' Alene from 9-3. City hall will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observation of Columbus Day and the City has scheduled their yearly audit for November 20th & 21st for the field work.

Announcements

The next regular council meeting will be November 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Having no further business, council member Grimm moved to adjourn, council member Barrett seconded, and motion carried 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk