

Minutes of 8-13-2019 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

Lester Broersma stated he was looking at purchasing property in East Hope and had questions regarding building height and how that was measured. He was given Clare Marley's card for follow-up.

Jack Zearfoss informed council that he is planning on living here full time now and will be looking at possible renovations in the future. He was also given Clare Marley's business card.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Barret moved to approve the regular meeting, minutes of 07-9-2019, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the July bills in the amount of \$22,088.23, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The financial and quarterly reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Hearing

Staff presented the proposed fiscal year 2020 budget to council and the public as was advertised in the legal publications of the Bonner County Daily Bee. The total of the proposed fiscal year budget is \$520,611.00 of which general fund is \$111,875.00, street fund is \$156,516.00 and water and water reserve fund combined is \$252,220.00. Mayor Fleisher opened the public hearing to testimony. Resident, Laura Funk stated to council that she opposed the proposed expenditure of \$6,000 for the Hope Cemetery and did not see the benefit to residents for the proposed welcome to East Hope highway signs. No further comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment Hearing

Staff presented the proposed amendment to fiscal year 2019 budget to council and the public as was advertised in the legal publications of the Bonner County Daily Bee. The amendments proposed were to Streets and Water Reserve for a total of \$110,000.00 of additional funds. Mayor Fleisher opened the public hearing to testimony however hearing none the hearing was closed.

Old Business

Water Facility Project Update

Council reviewed and discussed the recommended modifications for proper filter operations for slow sand filter 3 and subsequent testing as recommended by JUB and to be paid for by JUB. Council member Barrett moved to have the attorney review this request and to not have this run through the City's contract with Earthworks Northwest, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Council member Barrett moved to have the attorney review and provide an opinion regarding the Certificate of Substantial Completion and request for final payment, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

City Park Update & Playground Equipment Fundraiser (\$2,801.00)

Mayor Fleisher and Council President Debbie Field made a presentation to the Bonner County Garden Club in hopes of getting some financial help with the Flagpole/Veterans Memorial area of the park. The Garden Club has allocated \$2000.00 for the brick paver pathway around the flagpole. As a reminder, Weekend Hoe will be delivering 2 loads of topsoil to this area and getting it level. The City will be ordering the flagpole as soon as it is back in stock which should be the end of the month. The playground equipment fundraiser is up to \$2,801.00 of their \$10,000 goal.

Welcome Entrance Signs and Design

The City is still looking into materials to use for the sign such as rock vs. wood and cost estimates. This will be reviewed again at the September meeting.

New Business

Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation Ordinance

Having conducted the public hearing earlier in the meeting council reviewed the proposed fiscal year budget for 2020. Council member Barrett moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of proposed ordinance read once in full, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The city clerk read the title once in full. Council member Barrett moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation Ordinance, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Barrett, aye, Field, aye, Grimm, aye and Bernard, aye (4-0).

Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Amended Appropriation Ordinance

Having conducted the public hearing earlier in the meeting council reviewed the proposed amendment to the current 2019 fiscal year budget. Council member Grimm moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of proposed ordinance read once in full, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The city clerk read the title once in full. Council member Barrett moved to adopt the proposed ordinance amending fiscal year 2019 appropriations, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Barret, aye, Grimm, aye, Bernard, aye and Field, aye (4-0).

Proposed Lookout Waterline Replacement from Ellisport St. East

Public Works employee, Marty Lowell presented to council a proposal to replace the waterline from Ellisport Street east on Lookout Street due to the age of the line and the shallowness. Between parts and the labor from Weekend Hoe the replacement would cost approximately \$11,000. Council reviewed this request and council member Bernard moved to approve the replacement, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Request from Camwell's to remove trees on Big Hill Road

Council reviewed the request from Mr. and Mrs. Camwell in regards to removing the locust trees on city property along Big Hill at their expense. Council member Barrett moved to approve the request, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The clerk will send a message to the Camwell's.

Discuss the Wired to Wireless Franchise Agreement

The ordinance granting a franchise agreement to Wired or Wireless has expired and they have requested to renew the agreement. Council discussed the original agreement and had some concerns with the lack of language addressing maintenance of equipment and also had some concerns regarding insurance coverage while working within the City's right-of-way. Council member Bernard moved to have the attorney review the original agreement with these concerns in mind and give a recommendation accordingly before moving forward with a renewal, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Proposed Resolution for Surplus of Equipment

Council discussed the proposed resolution for surplus of the old lawn mower and weed eater. Council member Grimm moved to approve, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

To date, 6 permits have been received this year. Three deck permits have been submitted in the last 2 weeks. Land use activity, the city received 1 property line adjustment application to reconfigure existing lots in the Crawford's 2nd Addition, application is pending. Staff has been fielding calls more frequently on development of vacant lots, subdivision options, setbacks, building permit procedures, and other land use projects.

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. City hall will be closed Tuesday thru Thursday next week.

Announcements

The next regular council meeting will be September 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Having no further business, council member Grimm moved to adjourn, council member Field seconded, and motion carried 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk