

Minutes of 01-10-2023 Regular 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 Joyce Butler, Michael Wilcox, Debbie Field and Don Wells were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments: Mr. Tony Cormier asked about a garage that was built on Main Street before there was a house on the lot. He was told that garage was built before the planning & zoning code changed in 2019. Mr. Cormier also asked questions about accessory structures.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12-13-2022, council member Field seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to pay the December bills in the amount of \$35,029.41, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business

City Park Progress Update

No progress to report.

Request for Certificate of Occupancy 618 Lookout Blvd.

The city council again reviewed Mr. Cormier's request to be issued a Certificate of Occupancy without the master bedroom windows meeting the International Residential Code adopted in the Construction Code Ordinance. The city council consulted with their attorney and with their contracted building inspector. After reviewing this information and discussion, council member Wells moved to deny the request, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 3-0, council member Wilcox abstained from voting.

New Business

Aspen Ridge Landscape Invoice Discussion/Payment

Aspen Ridge Landscaping submitted an invoice for work done at the park since fall of 2021 through fall of 2022 in the amount of \$43,794.58. Mayor Fleisher submitted a letter to the city council expressing some concerns about the invoice and states that the total invoice exceeds the anticipated budget for the work done. Currently the park fund has \$41,700 dollars available in the account. Mayor Fleisher would like to assess some of the work that was done once the snow melts and would also like to discuss some of the cost with Chris before paying the bill. Council member Wells felt the letter by the mayor was accusing Chris of over charging the city. The city council discussed that in the future, when hiring someone to do work down at the park, there needs to be clear directions and a quote for the job before authorizing work to be done. Council member Field moved to authorize Mayor Fleisher to discuss the invoice with Chris and pay up to \$41,700, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

Nothing to report this month.

Streets/Water

Staff informed the council that he was working to gather language from other water utility systems that address unresolved leaks on the customer side to bring forward to the council as a possible amendment to city code.

Clerk

The clerk confirmed the next city council meeting that is regularly scheduled for February 14th will be changed to Monday, February 13th.

Announcements

Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Council member Wells moved to adjourn, council member Field seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk