

Minutes of 02-06-2019 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

Phil Kuranz has been denied fire coverage due to being in a brush zone and feels there are several areas that need to be brushed. Phil says that Hope has agreement with railroad for tree removal. City will look into it.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Field moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 01-08-2019, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the January bills in the amount of \$17,630.12 council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The financial report and quarterly report was reviewed.

Public Hearing:

NONE

Old Business

Water Facility Project Update

An emailed update was received from Michelle Johnson, JUB Engineering. AEI and Sandpoint Pump and Power are still struggling to agree on a transducer. O&M manuals are near completion and the finished water meter has been installed and is being monitored. Sand filter 3 is still showing signs of ripening and may be reaching levels of conditional approval soon.

Fiber Optic Service Update

Council member Barrett reported that the group that is trying to bring fiber optic service into the City has completed a preliminary engineering study, and has communicated with Avista regarding using their poles. Avista is requiring liability insurance of 5M, 10K cash deposit, and vehicle insurance among other things. Among the issues with Avista and their requirements for insurances being too expensive Ian stated that they have talked to FatBeam about wireless (Wisp) serve which would require some towers to be installed within the coverage area. This group will continue to look at all options.

City Park Update

Thor Landscaping donated 2500 sq. ft. of hydro-seeding. We are moving forward with applying for an Arbor Day grant but we need to procure topsoil. We are on the schedule for Three Amigos to bore under the road and install the waterline for the park. Debbie will talk with the community center about some type of a fundraiser and Ian will talk with Stutzke Stone about rock for a barrier between the road and grass area to keep people from parking on it.

New Business

Automatic Check Deposits with Columbia Bank

Council discussed the option to go with automatic remote deposits which would cost the City a monthly charge of \$50.00. Council member Grimm moved to proceed with getting this set up with Columbia Bank, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Fiscal Year 2018 City Audit

This was tabled until the March meeting. The final audit was not completed by this meeting.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

One new building permit has been issued for 717 Lookout Blvd.

Water/Streets

The Idaho Transportation Department is holding a meeting on February 12th at the memorial Community Center from 5pm to 7 pm to discuss the Strong Creek Bridge Replacement. This work is to begin sometime in February and should be complete in June of this year. In regards to the grant applications with LHTAC for a Transportation Plan Update, we should hear about awards in March once the legislature has approved funding.

Clerk

Council can monitor bills being presented in the legislative session through the Association of Idaho Cities website bill tracker. This site will also let you know if AIC is in support, watching or opposed to the new bill.

Announcements

The next regular council meeting will be March 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Having no further business, council member Barrett moved to adjourn, council member Grimm seconded, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk