

Minutes of 3-09-2021 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, Don Wells, and Debbie Field were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Field moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 2/9/2021, council member Grimm seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the February bills in the amount of \$21,961.69, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

Updated Transportation Plan

Staff explained that over the past year the city council has worked on updating their transportation plan with the help of Welch Comer Engineering and the draft plan is ready for adoption. Mayor Fleisher opened the public hearing to testimony and having seen none the public hearing was closed. Council member Grimm moved to pass the resolution adopting the updated transportation plan, council member Field seconded the motion carried of a roll call vote of, Grimm, yes, Bernard, yes, Wells, yes, and Field, yes (4-0).

Old Business

City Park Update & Playground Equipment Fundraiser

The second set of Veteran Tiles will be sent to Innate Solutions soon. There is currently a total of 58 tiles the total for pavers is 54 with 8 pending engraving. The plant top soil fundraiser is at \$1,250 and the playground equipment is at \$9,715. Council discussed the dedication for the Veteran's Wall on May 31st. This will be further discussed at the April meeting.

North Idaho Sportfishing Association Request for Support

Staff included information regarding this in the March newsletter. Council member Bernard moved to table this item, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

City Addressing/MOU with Bonner County

The Council reviewed signed MOU's between Bonner County and the cities of Hope, Priest River, Old Town and Clark Fork. They discussed East Hope's draft MOU and pointed out things that they liked from the other cities MOU. Those things will be incorporated into our draft and re-presented to council at the April meeting. Council would like to meet with a county addressing representative at the May meeting to discuss their issues before submitting a draft to the county for approval.

New Business

Confirm Load limits on City Streets

Council member Field moved to confirm the posting of load limits on city streets, council member Bernard seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Discussion

Staff informed council to be thinking about the upcoming budget season for fiscal year 2022. At the

April meeting council will need to set the budget hearing date so staff can notify the county by April 30th. Typically, it is set for our August council meeting. Staff doesn't expect revenue projections until early May but will keep council apprised as that information is received.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

One new building permit application was received in February for a new home on Cedar Street, bringing the total to three for the year. Staff fielded numerous calls regarding the status and zoning of property 513 Wellington Place. Staff also fielded calls regarding future variances and floodplain standards. Building Official Pat Park has advised that he will be providing the City with draft updates to the building code standards that will eventually require City Council approval through the public hearing process. He estimates the updates would be ready in about May.

Water/Streets

Clerk

Staff informed city council that there may be varied office hours the month of April due to the clerk being on call for jury duty and will make every effort to keep the public informed of the change in hours by posting on the door and the City's Facebook page.

Announcements

The next city council meeting will be April 13, 2021.

Having no further business council member Grimm moved to adjourn and council member Field seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk