

Minutes of 5-14-2019 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

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Barrett moved to approve the regular meeting, public hearing minutes of 04-09-2019, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the April bills in the amount of \$20,935.72, council member Barrett seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The financial and quarterly report was reviewed.

Public Hearing: None

Old Business

Water Facility Project Update

Mayor Fleisher, Marty and Christy met with JUB, USDA, and IDEQ to discuss slow sand filter 3 on April 24th. Mayor Fleisher, Marty and Christy met with Steve James, JUB Area Manager on Monday, May 13th to discuss information regarding slow sand filter 3 in preparation for the meeting scheduled at IDEQ on Wednesday, May 15th. Council member Barrett moved to continue withholding final payment to Earthworks Northwest, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0. This will be re-evaluated next month.

City Park Update & Proposed Fundraiser

Davis Grocery in conjunction with the City is holding a bake sale on Saturday, May 25th to raise money for a piece of playground equipment for the new park.

New Business

Proposed Ordinance Poultry at Large

The City proposed an updated poultry at large ordinance. Council member Grimm moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of proposed ordinance read once, 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 Ordinance 286, Poultry at Large, council member Field seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote of, Barrett, aye, Field, aye, Bernard, aye and Grimm, aye (4-0).

Water Rate Study

Council discussed doing a rate study now that the water facility project is mostly complete. The City received a quote from Idaho Rural Water to perform a rate study for \$3,200. Council member Barrett stated he thought the City could do their own rate study and he also stated he wasn't inclined to raise rates. The clerk explained that USDA Rural Development may require it as part of the project. Further discussion will be had at the budget workshop.

Earth Day Celebration June 1st

Council passed a resolution earlier this year making June 1, 2019 their Earth Day. Council has planned a clean-up day for the new park area on June 6th at 9:30 am to start where the flag pole will go. The clerk will send out reminders.

City Wide Leak Detection Quote

The City received a quote for \$1,350 from American Leak Detection. Council member Barrett moved to accept the bid and have the leak detection done, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Paving Quotes for Hope Ave and Misc. Patches

The City received 2 bids for the paving projects in East Hope. The first bid was from Interstate Concrete and Asphalt for \$37,679.46 and the second bid was from Wood's Crushing and Hauling for \$19,872.75. Both bids appear to have errors in them and council member Barrett moved to have the bids clarified and authorized the mayor to award to the lowest bidder. Council member Grimm seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Consent to fix Typo in Ordinance 285

It was brought to the City's attention that there is a typo in Ordinance #285 that was adopted at the last council meeting. In Section 1: Repeal, the word appealed is typed instead of repealed. Council member Barrett moved to correct the typo to read "repeal", council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Request to Move Meter @ 810 Lookout Blvd.

The City received a letter from Charles Anderson to move his water meter at 810 Lookout Blvd. that is currently across the street from his house to his side of the street. Earlier this year their water line froze under the road and feels this is the best solution to keep this from happening again. Council member Barrett moved to have Marty move the meter, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Contract Renewal for Building Inspection Services with Sewell Eng.

Council reviewed and updated contract with Sewell Engineering for building inspection services. Council member Barrett moved to approve and have the mayor sign the contract, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion on Communication Protocols for Water Shut Downs/Emergency Issues

Council discussed the protocols for notification during water shut downs or emergency issues. The City makes every effort to post door to door, post on our Facebook and website pages and post at city hall and the post office.

Discuss Requesting Montana Rail Link Clear Brush/Trees Near Tracks

Council discussed the clearing of trees that has occurred in the City of Hope along the railroad tracks and discussed contacting Montana Rail Link to do some clearing in East Hope as well. Council member Barrett moved to send a letter to Montana Rail Link to request that brush and small trees be removed along the tracks between Centennial and the east bound city limits, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Discuss Sending Letter to Sewer District Concerning Sale of Hook-ups Within City Limits

Council discussed sending a letter to the sewer district to create some kind of protocol for notifying the City before a sewer hook-up is sold for land inside city limits. The City already requires that building permits within the City be signed off by the sewer district before a permit is received, this allows for better communication between entities. Council member Bernard moved to send a letter, council member Field seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Authorize and Designate Opening a Bank Account for the Park

Council discussed opening a specific bank account for the new park. Council member Barrett moved to open a new bank account at Columbia Bank with Mayor Vernon Fleisher, council president, Debbie Field and the city clerk, Christy Franck as signors on the account, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

No new activity.

Water/Streets

Council will need to consider for the Transportation Plan Grant from LHTAC whether they want to go with a state approved engineer or do a request for qualification selection for an engineer. These grant funds won't be available until October 1, 2019. This will need to be considered during the budgeting process.

Clerk

A budget workshop is scheduled for May 23rd at 2pm.

Announcements

The next regular council meeting will be June 11, 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 8 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk