

## Minutes of 11-10-2020 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 Grimm moved to approve the meeting minutes of 10/13/2020 and the special meeting minutes of 10/19/2020, council member Field seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

### Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the October bills in the amount of \$31,283.44, council member Field seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

### Public Hearing:

None

### Old Business

#### City Park Update & Playground Equipment Fundraiser

The playground fundraiser is at \$6,715.00. We have received 57 Veteran Tile Applications to date and a total of 53 brick paver applications of which, 19 have been installed. The City received several quotes for a skid steer and operator to shape the mounds down at the park. The lowest cost came from Aspen Ridge Landscaping for \$75 per hour with operator. Council agreed to use them for shaping the mounds. The City will be working on Christmas lights this Thursday afternoon.

#### Water Facility Project Update- Substantial Completion of Water Facility Project

Council discussed the substantial completion of the water facility project that began in 2017 with Earthworks Northwest. Council member Grimm moved to award substantial completion of the project as of August 14, 2020 when slow sand filter 3 was released by Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to be put into service. Council member Wells seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Council had not awarded substantial completion on advice from their attorney due to the many issues with slow sand filter 3. Those issues have been resolved and test results have shown IDEQ that slow sand filter 3 is considered ripened and operational for service.

### New Business

#### Idaho Rural Water Executive Summary- Have IRWA perform a water audit and leak detection

Council member Bernard moved to have IRWA perform a water audit and leak detection for the City, council member Grimm seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### Draft Resolution 158 Water Rate Increase of 4.9% to Base and Per 1000 Gallon Rate

The Idaho Rural Water Association recommended that the City take a 4.9% rate increase. The City's last water rate increase was in 2017. Council discussed the draft resolution and what the 4.9% increase looked like. The base rate would increase to \$32.92 an increase of \$1.54 per month, per "ER" and the per thousand-gallon rate would increase to \$2.21 an increase of .10 cents. Council member Field moved to adopt resolution 158, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Field, aye, Bernard, aye, Grimm, aye and Wells, aye.

#### Draft MOU with Bonner County for Addressing

Council discussed a draft MOU for addressing. With many concerns and uncertainties council tabled this discussion until after the new year. Council would like to see other cities create MOU's with the Bonner County first.

LRHIP Transportation Construction Grant Application

Council member Grimm moved to have the City apply for the LRHIP Grant for chip sealing several roads within East Hope to help maintain road quality conditions. Council member Wells seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The clerk will prepare the grant application and get it submitted by the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

Busy year ahead, 1 new build permit issued, 2 new building permits in review, 1 remodel, roof repair permit issued and 2 new building permits pending.

Water/Streets

Slow sand filter 1 has been cleaned and re-sanded. Slow sand filter 2 needs to be cleaned and will need sand added within the next year.

Clerk

The fiscal year 2020 audit field work will happen next week, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Announcements

The next city council meeting will be December 8, 2020.

Having no further business council member Grimm moved to adjourn and council member Field seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

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Christy Franck, City Clerk