

Minutes of 12-8-2020 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 (via Zoom), Don Wells, and Debbie Field were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Grimm moved to pay the November bills in the amount of \$24,403.59, 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

Council discussed the plant wish list that Cindy provided and the idea of doing an adopt a plant fundraiser to help fund the plants. The City received the first batch of Veteran tiles. The second set will be sent in at the end of January so that we are ready to install in the spring.

Water Facility Project Update- Substantial Completion of Water Facility Project

Council discussed the letter and check received from JUB, Stephen James, Area Manager in the amount of \$5,430.00 regarding the cost of testing slow sand filter 3. An invoice was sent to JUB for the total cost of testing slow sand filter 3 in the amount of \$10,150.00 on August 26, 2020. Council member Grimm moved to have the clerk discuss with the city attorney about sending a letter to JUB considering all the issues encountered with the installation of slow sand filter 3, council member Wells seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Council agreed that JUB should be more responsible for the cost of testing.

Public Hearing Date for Draft Transportation Plan

Council discussed the revised draft received from Welch Comer. There are still some typos within the draft and council finds that the tables listing projects are not cohesive through the plan. They would like to see Welch Comer correct these issues so that the City can move forward with a public hearing at the end of February or March and would like to request Welch Comer be present for the presentation to the public.

New Business

Employee Holiday Bonus

Council member Field moved pay the employees a holiday bonus in the amount of \$1000 to be split by the mayor among the employees as he sees fit, council member Bernard seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

No new activity this month.

Water/Streets

The snow plow, sander and brine sprayer are all ready for the snowy weather. Slow sand filters 1,2 and 3 have been cleaned for the winter. Staff will be installing the final vent on filter 1 that was required by DEQ. Staff is also getting ready to install the SL1700 Chlorine Analyzer. Once this is done Woodhawk will come out and integrate it into the SCADA.

Clerk

The audit is progressing. This year's audit is being performed remotely due to Covid so it is taking a little longer to complete. The clerk is scheduled for jury duty the month of January so many be out of the office if called upon. Carolyn is no longer with the City and at this point staff will wait till summer to look for a replacement. The clerk gave council a draft MOU that Dover presented to Bonner County for review however, the county has rejected it.

Announcements

The next city council meeting will be January 12, 2021.

Having no further business council member Grimm moved to adjourn and council member Wells seconded, meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk