Minutes of 7-12-2022 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 Joyce Butler, Don Wells, Michael Wilcox and Debbie Field were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments: None

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/14/2022, council member Field seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to pay the June bills in the amount of \$21,549.15, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing: NONE

Old Business

<u>City Park Progress Update, Draft Standards for Park Art Donations</u>

Mayor Fleisher reported to the council that there are still a few plants to come in this month and that John and Amanda will get those planted when they do. Wednesday is a work day at the park if anyone would like to volunteer to help move some gravel around, start time will be 8:30. Mayor Fleisher also relayed that he met with Chris and Cindy on Monday and that they would be using rock to top the flower beds. Cindy will be meeting with Terry from Annie's Orchard to try and match existing rock on the other planting beds. The city may have found someone local to help with the installation of the playground equipment. Marty will continue to work on this and follow up at a later date.

New Business

Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget for Publication

Council reviewed the draft advertisement for the tentative fiscal year 2023 budget that totaled \$494,613. Of those dollars, \$382 are coming from the City's forgone property tax. A public hearing will be held on August 9th to receive public testimony. Council member Wells moved to approve the tentative budget with a total of \$494,613 for publication and public hearing. Council member Butler seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Draft Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2022 for Publication

The city council discussed the need to amend this year's fiscal budget. Earlier in the year the council approved using the first payment of ARPA funds for the park and at last months meeting they approved using the second payment of ARPA funds for the Snell's Hill/Lookout Drainage project with the remaining funds need coming from street reserves. There is a need to amend the water fund's budget due to the mainline break/repair at the Strong Creek bridge as well. The city clerk advised council to consider amending the general fund slightly because it is running tight. A draft notice of publication for public hearing was reviewed by council with these amendments. Council member Wells moved to approve the amendment notice for publication and public hearing showing an increase to general fund in the amount of \$5,000, street fund in the amount of \$78,396 and water fund in the amount of \$10,000. Council member Butler seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

No new land use applications or building permits were filed during June.

Streets/Water

Marty updated the council about the water intake on Strong Creek and that it is functioning again. The council was also updated about the intake screens and that we have received a quote for a new set of screens in the amount of \$13,714. The current screens have been damaged over the years due to high flows and having a second set of screens would be useful while rehabbing the damaged set. It was also discussed that a modification to the design may be useful as well. Staff will have a conversation with Hendrick Screen Company and the city engineer regarding this. The issue we experience at the intake during high flow events will also be addressed when the city updates their water facility plan this fall.

Clerk

The city clerk will be gone the first week of August and the office will be closed August 2nd thru the 4th.

Announcements

Next regular meeting will be August 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Council member Wilcox moved to adjourn, council member Wells seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Vernon Fleisher, Mayor			
Attest:			

Christy Franck, City Clerk