

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Kauffman called the regular council meeting to order on October 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ed Huber was detained and arrived a few minutes late.

Mayor and Town Council members present: Ed Huber, Mary Branon, Harry Gibbons, Valerie Spurrell, George Davidson and Brian Kauffman.

Others present: Derek Knecht, Jeannie Jesseph, John Jesseph and Rick Scott.

**Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION**

Harry Gibbons motioned to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2013 regular council meeting as presented; seconded by Mary Branon. The motion carried.

**Approval of the Claims**

**ACTION**

Mary Branon made a motion to approve payroll EFTs #171-173 totaling \$1,685.48 and check numbers 17228-17242 totaling \$18,035.32; as presented. Brian Kauffman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Claims: \$13,523.42

Payroll: 6,197.38

Total Claims: \$19,720.80

Check Register signed by: Mary Branon, George Davidson and Brian Kauffman.

**Guests**

**John Jesseph**

Arbor Day tree planting ceremony will be October 16, 2013 at 4:00 in Hart Park. A tree has been donated by the Conservation District. This tree will replace the tree that has died. The town received a grant to do a street tree inventory in the town. He requested that the tree care budget be raised up to \$5,000-\$6,000 to take care of town street trees identified in the inventory.

Yard waste issues were discussed. Grant money for the Yard Debris Collection day has run out. If the Town wanted to pay for it themselves the costs would be approximately \$1500.00 for the chipping portion and \$800 for the disposal bin. Ideas were discussed on how to ensure that only Fairfield residents utilized the service. It is too late to coordinate a day for this year, but there will be further discussion on including this in next year's budget.

**Rick Scott**

Rick Scott from SCOPE presented a letter to the council regarding some of the costs of having an office here in Fairfield. They have a smaller budget to pay for rent in the upcoming year. The council will discuss options and report back to Mr. Scott.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Speed Limit Reduction**

After some research in response to a complaint, it was found that the Town is limited in regards to speed limits in the Town limits. Another point was made that enforcement of lower speed limits would be difficult to implement.

**ACTION**

George Davidson made a motion to leave our speed limit signs unchanged. This was seconded by Mary Brannon. The motion carried.

## **ACTION**

Mary Brannon made a motion to amend current speed limit signs by adding additional signs that say "Unless Otherwise Posted". Brian Kauffman seconded the motion. The motion carried with George Davidson voting nay.

### **Community Service Day on September 21**

The Latter Day Saints church brought a large group of people to volunteer to do projects around town. The day went really well, and they did a top notch job. A vacant lot on the corner of Norton and Johnson was trimmed back and the trees were pruned. Picnic tables will be put in this park area and it will be maintained and mowed for public use. Levi's Room in the Community Center was worked on to prepare a place for the kids who come to the Thursday Night Thing. Plug-ins were installed, the wall was insulated and drywall was hung and taped. The gazebo in Thiel Park was remodeled. A new roof was donated by the group and installed. New siding was put up around the outside of the building and new interior walls were built. There is more information about this on the Public Works Report.

### **Latah Electric**

Latah Electric is still working on getting their performance bond for the generator project. The Town will not proceed with the project until a performance bond is provided.

### **Damage to Town Shop**

The contractor has been delayed due to poor weather conditions. He will come back this week, weather permitting.

### **Recycling issues**

Pricing for the stairs is not yet completed.

### **Meet the Candidates**

The Town is sponsoring an event for the candidates who are running for election to fill the mayor and council positions. Everyone who would like to come and meet the candidates is welcome to attend. This will happen on October 14, 2013 at 7:00. Coffee and dessert will be served.

### **Inland Northwest Community Foundation**

The grant to replace the doors at the Community Center has proceeded to the second round.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Statement of Qualifications**

CDBG requires that we solicit engineers for Statements of Qualifications. We would like to have this completed and in place before the newly elected officials begin their term. The Statement of Qualifications can be effective for several years.

### **Public Works Report**

#### **WATER**

- Hydrant flushing is scheduled to be done with Fire Dist. #2 this month.
- Bids and pricing for hydrant repair at Hilltop Care are being compiled.
- Back-up generator will be running by mid-November.
- Testing is within limits between .2ppm and .3ppm chlorine residual.

#### **WWTF**

- USDA inspection went very well, no complaints or worries.
- Tree trimming and mowing are complete for the year.
- We will be attempting to stay at a no discharge for October, weather permitting.
- Still only influent testing until water hits the creek.

#### **PARKS**

- Gazebo remodel is nearly complete with only minor trim and painting left to do. (Thanks LDS crew!)
- Sprinkler blowouts will be complete this month.
- Mulching of leaves will continue as weather allows

**ROADS**

- Road grading will be done this month.
- Road signs and posts are being replaced on a priority basis due to wind damage and or age.
- Gravel is being added to washouts as time allows.
- Road side mowing and trimming are continuing through the fall.

OTHER: Repair work is underway on the town shop/food bank. The LDS Community Service day went very well with major improvements to the parks, Community Center and a vacant lot on the corner of Norton and Johnson. Clean up at the end of Industrial way will be complete this month.

**Other**

The Improvement Board has notified the family of the previous resident at 309 W Lake of the property conditions. A response from a family member has been received. The town will hire out to clean up the property and a lien will be placed on the property for payment.

**ACTION**

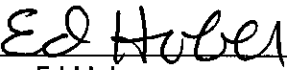
Brian Kauffman made a motion to authorize the Town to select someone to clean up property at 309 W Lake. The motion was seconded by Valerie Spurrell. The motion carried.

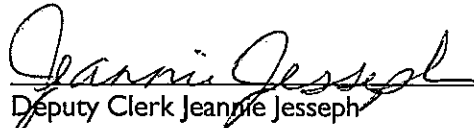
**Complaints/Compliments**

SpoKanimal was notified by two citizens regarding the health of a horse in town. The owner was contacted and agreed to have a vet come out and perform a well check on the horse in the next two weeks.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

  
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Mayor Ed Huber

  
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Deputy Clerk Jeannie Jessep