

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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Mayor Ed Huber called the regular council meeting to order on October 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: KJ Hanley, Kay and Kal Kjack and Cheryl Loeffler.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

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

Approval of the Claims

ACTION

Brian Kauffman made a motion to approve payroll EFTs #174-177 totaling \$3,944.78 and check numbers E178, 17243-17255 totaling \$25,360.83; as presented. Harry Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Claims: \$23,175.58

Payroll: 6,130.03

Total Claims: \$29,305.61

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

Guests

Engineer's Report

CDBG has called for projects for 2014. The council would like KJ to apply for water improvements for the next funding cycle. At this point, Fairfield will still qualify for funding since the new survey that HUD will use has not been implemented.

Rate analysis

KJ has prepared a rate analysis for the sewer fund. The fund has been hit extremely hard with the matching funds for the sewer improvement projects along with the major repairs that have been done. The rates the Town is charging are keeping the fund on track at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

Latah Electric

Jeannie has been diligent in working with Latah Electric to get their performance bond, which arrived today. The price of the bond is \$870. Derek has also added the optional outside light installation to the original bid price. The cost on that is \$384.84 including tax. Not only is this energy-efficient, long life LED light fixture reasonably priced for commercial application, it is virtually maintenance free with an average rated life of 100,000 hours (20 years, no bulb changes).

ACTION

Mary motioned, seconded by Harry to approve the addition of the performance bond for \$870 and \$384.84 for the optional outside light installation to the original generator bid. The motion carried.

309 W Lake Street

Terry Ottosen presented a bid to abate the residence at 309 W Lake Street. The council discussed the need for bond on a job this size and decided to utilize the council's right to waive the bond requirement. Terry is used by the Town as the code enforcer. The Town will place a lien on the property for reimbursement.

ACTION

Mary motioned to approve the expenditure of \$1250 for abatement of 309 W Lake and to place a lien on the property for reimbursement, seconded by Brian. The motion carried.

Damage to town shop

John Hawley should be done with the project this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Furnace in Post Office

The burner has gone out of the post office furnace. Cheryl is getting bids to replace that furnace with a propane furnace. Will have them ready for approval at the special meeting on 10-21-13.

Building permit #02-2013

The application for a garage at 301 E Brewster was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

ACTION

Harry motioned to approve building permit #02-2013 for a garage at 301 E Brewster, seconded by Brian. The motion carried.

Utility tax error

Some county residents have brought to our attention that a city tax is appearing on their Avista bill. Cheryl is checking into this with Paul Kimmel from Avista.

Budget workshop

The budget workshop will be held Monday, October 21, 2013 at the SCOPE building at 7:00.

Public Works Report

Derek and Adrian are in Yakima at a Streets and Roads conference. They both received scholarships and one mileage reimbursement.

Other

Statement of Qualifications

Complaints/Compliments

There were no complaints or compliments tonight.

Adjourn

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.



Mayor Ed Huber



Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Loeffler