

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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Mayor KayDee Gilkey called the August 4, 2015 regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor and Town Council members present: KayDee Gilkey, Harry Gibbons, Alene Felgenhauer and Emily Thomas. George Davidson and Valerie Rogers are absent tonight.

Others present: Bryan Hicks, Kyle Rydell and Cheryl Loeffler

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION

Harry Gibbons moved to approve minutes as read for the August 4, 2015 regular Council Meeting; seconded by Emily Thomas. The motion was approved.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Alene Felgenhauer motioned to approve claims listed on the check register dated August 4, 2015 for EFTs #E392-E396 totaling \$4,248.01; checks numbers 18074-18090 totaling \$8,654.60 as presented. Harry Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Claims: \$7,424.13

Payroll: 5,478.48

Total Claims: \$12,902.61

Check register signed by: Alene Felgenhauer, Harry Gibbons and Emily Thomas

Guest

Liberty School District

Kyle Rydell, Superintendent of Liberty School discussed the upcoming bond for building improvements and the staffing for the new school year.

Engineer

Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) application.

Bryan Hicks and Gloria Bennett from TIB discussed ways to give Fairfield a more competitive position with the rating of this cycle's application. Bryan drafted a letter explaining how the streets are used for grain traffic and showing how the truck traffic flows. Pictures will also be included to help the board visualize the condition of the pavement. Since Gloria was recently in Fairfield rating the condition of the pavement, she suggested to go for long-term fix for the streets with pavement overlay instead of only chip sealing. This will add structural strength.

ACTION

Alene motioned to submit 2015 Small City Preservation Program application for \$145,830; seconded by Harry. The motion carried.

1st Street Sidewalk project

It is official; this project will be funded 100% from SRTC.

Pharmacy sidewalk repair

Repairs are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

2nd reading of Ordinance #379 Payment Delinquency ordinance

The ordinance was read for the second time.

Promotional material for hydrants and 811

Cheryl presented three designs for refrigerator magnets reminding homeowners to take care of the hydrants on their property. These will be sent out in the utility bills. They will be ordered from Vistaprint for under \$32.00. Kathy Boykin from 811 has been out of town but will connect with her in the next few days to get some materials from her.

Update on the digital sign permit

The permit has been sent to DOT final approval. The estimate from the county is about \$570.

Update on 505 E Governor Moore.

Homeowners were notified that they have until August 23 to clear the property of the dried grass. If no response from them, they will be offered a hearing date and the town will have to abate the property and place a lien for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

Containers with hazardous material placed in shop dumpster

Someone placed cans of household hazardous waste in the shop dumpster, which should not be put into a regular garbage receptacle. Cheryl learned from the Spokane Valley Transfer that non-oil based paint cans can go into the regular garbage site there but the paint needs to be completely dry first. Any item that is oil-based needs to go to the hazardous waste area, which is only open on the weekends. It is not the town's responsibility to handle the public's hazardous waste. The person will be contacted to come and retrieve their items.

Mayor's meeting with ESCO

KayDee had a meeting this afternoon with Ryan Painter from ESCO about doing an initial energy audit on all the town's properties, looking for possible ways to decrease the energy costs to the town. The first audit is done at no cost to the town. If something significant comes from this audit, then a more intensive study would be done, which does have fees. This company would also help write grants for energy improvement, with fees attached. The council agreed to just start with the initial one to find ways to become more efficient with the energy expense.

Fall Clean-up Event

Last year, \$2184.00 was spent for the chipping event. Sunshine Disposal's fees have increased a bit for this year. Cheryl will see if there are other companies that provide this service but the council all agreed that this should be something that we provide for the citizens.

Newcomer's picnic

Over the past few months, there have been several new people move into town. Friday, September 18 was chosen to have a potluck in Thiel Park and roast hot dogs. Perhaps invite the local businesses and organizations to show what is available for them. This is open to everyone that lives in the community.

Needs drive for fire victims in Kamiah, Idaho

The residents and firefighters at Kamiah, Idaho are in desperate need of water, food, clothing and household items. Cheryl asked to send out a letter and to post on Facebook asking for help from the community. The council all agreed that this is a terrific idea.

Public Works Report

Water

- THM (Trihalomethanes) and HAA5 (Halo-Acetic Acids) testing will be done this month on the town water supply to comply with DOH testing schedule.
- Chlorine residuals are great at 2ppm.
- Soft start in well #2 is on schedule to be replaced this month.

WWTF

- Ponds are drying up, wetland #1 and #2 along with the equalization wetland. E.Q. Basin is at minimum.
- Flows have now been split to feed the wetland E.Q. also to keep plants alive.

Parks

- Trees are being trimmed.
- Grass is being cut.
- Garbage is being maintained.
- No vandalism to report.

Roads

- Trees and vegetation are still being trimmed up for signs and line of sight.
- Signs are still being replaced where needed.
- Compiling a list of needed road repair.
- Road striping continues as traffic lightens up.

Other: Trouble shooting the 420 John Deere for land maintenance at the WWTF. Repairing sink at the shop (Bad water supply). Locking of the town dumpsters will now be in effect again, due to illegal dumping.

Compliments/Complaints

None.

Other

Dennis Fuller of Century West drafted a letter to keep the Spokane River Keepers updated of the town's progress with I&I reduction along with the graph illustrating the progress. The mayor signed the letter and it will be sent.

Dates to remember:

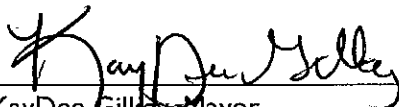
Budget workshop in Leavenworth August 19-21 Alene and Jeannie are going.

KayDee will be out of town but reachable until August 23.

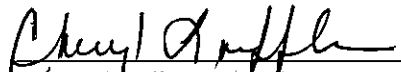
Council preliminary budget workshop will be Tuesday, September 29th.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



KayDee Gilkey, Mayor



Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer