

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
6:00 P.M.

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Mayor KayDee Gilkey called the September 9, 2014 regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor and Town Council members present: Harry Gibbons, Alene Felgenhauer, George Davidson, Valerie Rogers and Emily Thomas.

Others present: Bryan Hicks, Andrew Fisk, Rachel Tiegs, Karrie Stewart, Karl Felgenhauer, Darcie Sainsbury, Derek Knecht, Jeannie Jesseph and Cheryl Loeffler.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Harry Gibbons motioned to approve the minutes as read from the August 19, 2014 regular council meeting, seconded by Emily Thomas. The motion carried.

Approval of the Claims

ACTION

Alene Felgenhauer made a motion to approve payroll EFTs #E279-E281 totaling \$5,100.84 and E282-E283 and checks 17653-17675 totaling \$41,715.42 as presented. Harry Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Claims: \$39,480.23

Payroll: 7,336.03

Total Claims: \$46,816.26

Check Register signed by: Harry Gibbons, Alene Felgenhauer and George Davidson

Guest

Improvement Board

Rachel Tiegs and Andrew Fisk are the new members of the Improvement Board. The board expressed that they would like to be proactive in a positive way in the community. If someone needs help to get their property cleaned up before action has to take place, the board could help get that arranged. If you see what could be a possible code violation, contact town hall to file a complaint to start the process. The board will also begin working on the abandoned properties. If you want to discuss a concern with the improvement board, please call town hall and set up a meeting. A flyer will be made up for approval that will go out to all households explaining their plan.

Karrie Stewart

Karrie Stewart has had large usage charges on her last two utility bills. She expressed that there could be a possible leak with her sprinkler system but was not positive. She asked council to make an adjustment with her billing. The mayor and council expressed that they could not adjust her water bill but explained the payment plan that the town offers. Derek questioned the age of her meter, which is in her basement, and it was decided to change out that meter when the two of them can get together for access to her basement.

Engineer Report

Bryan Hicks reported on the progress of the Main Street project. It is winding down with work on landscape restoration beginning. The streetlights have been installed but the orientation of the base bolt pattern of the mounting studs needs to be re-drilled. The poles will have grout along the bases.

The curb and sidewalk are complete. The concrete in front of the Fitness with Friends failed the 28-day break strength test so this will need to be removed and replaced. The rest of the concrete passed this test.

Change Order #3

During removal of the existing concrete entryway to improve the wheel chair accessibility to the post office and town hall, it was discovered that the building basement extended under the entryway. Repairs to the entryway are required to properly restore the integrity of the entryway. The repairs include repairing floor joists, installing vapor barrier, replacing plywood, placing new concrete with WS mesh and related materials to restore the concrete entryway for \$713.00.

ACTION

Harry motioned to accept change order #3 to repair in front of the post office and town hall; seconded by Valerie. The motion carried.

The Bank of Fairfield is concerned for its customers and snow removal with the slope of the sidewalk to the street. They are asking the Town for indemnification to release the bank of all injury liabilities. The mayor and council all went over to the bank and observed the slope. It was explained to the council that this was the only way the sidewalk could have been installed to match up with the other slopes of the sidewalk. KayDee asked Bryan to get a cost for reworking the sidewalk at the steepest portion and to add steps towards the building.

The steps entering Hart Park were an add-on to the contract. A concerned citizen has raised concern about the slope of the handrail with the design of the steps and also the curb appeal of the area. He has proposed to work with the fabricator and add decorative accents that would match the railing at the community center. Bryan will visit with both Accelerated and the fabricator to see if this is possible.

Bryan presented Progress Payment #2, which covers work through last Friday for \$298,387.20. Overall, the budget has been tracked very well. The fire hydrant at the corner of Main and Johnson was to be replaced but it had already been done out of necessity late last year so this cost was removed from the contract. The removal and replacement of unsuitable went over a bit but the project is still under budget. All in all, Bryan has been very impressed with how Accelerated Construction has brought things together.

ACTION

Alene motioned to approve Progress Payment #2 for \$298,387.20, seconded by Harry. The motion carried.

The striping will be scheduled for Tuesday 9-16. Main Street will be barricaded for this to take place.

Karl Felgenhauer brought to attention the condition of the stucco and roof on his buildings on Main Street. When the sidewalk was removed, some of the stucco came up with it. He expressed that he is looking for someone that does brick and stucco work on historical buildings so the repairs can be done correctly. He expressed that his buildings will not be left in disrepair.

KayDee visited with some of the Accelerated crew today and was informed by them of the way the contractors have been treated by the citizens of Fairfield. Both the council and mayor have been disheartened and disappointed by the negativity that has been expressed towards the construction workers.

OLD BUSINESS

Splash pad

Jeannie is continuing to research installing a splash pad in Thiel Park. She visited with Carl Strong of Spokane Parks Aquatic Department who suggested buying the equipment individually and installing it ourselves rather than going through one of the companies. They also discussed the two ways to run the pad. Recirculating is similar to a swimming pool, requiring daily testing and more upkeep. With the flow-through method, the water would be used and then stored in a holding tank for use at a later time to use for watering the grounds. She is continuing to look for funding.

Lunch Program

Jeannie reported that the final count for the summer lunch program was 1668 reimbursable lunches served from June 23 through August 22. There were thirty people that trained for this program. This is a great program that not only

provides meals for the kids but brings a sense of community to everyone. A small example of things that happened during the lunch program were: funds were donated so parents who were unable to pay for a meal were able to sit down and eat with their children, ice cream treats were provided for kids that "paid it forward", root beer floats were provided by a local business and a clothing drive for kids was organized. A brunch was held afterwards for the volunteers to go over the summer and discuss what went good and bad and how to improve for next year.

Marijuana moratorium

According to state law, marijuana establishments cannot be located closer than 1000 feet from parks, schools, playgrounds, etc. Since there is no parcel property in town limits that meets those criteria, the state will not allow a marijuana business to locate here. There is no need for the council to adopt a regulation stating this since under state law, locating such a business in town would be impossibility.

New Year's Eve event

KayDee will have a letter ready for council approval at the next meeting.

Community Center

Ted Lambert's bid has still not been received for the door repairs.

Tatman Electric installed two outdoor lights on the east side of the building for loss control.

Cemetery mowing

KayDee asked Harry Hughes to give an overview of the cemetery mowing so the contract for next year can be more detailed and everyone knows what the expectations are.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Deposit #0227

Certificate of Deposit #0227 for \$30,000 expires on 9-15-14. The interest rates have not changed, still at .20% for a 24-month certificate.

ACTION

Alene motioned to run CD #-227 for a 24-month interval at .20% interest rate, seconded by Harry. The motion carried.

Three-year audit

Cheryl was notified this week that the 3-year financial and accountability audit will begin September 22.

Road & Street Conference

Derek and Derek are registered to attend this conference in Yakima Sept 28-Oct 1.

IACC conference

KayDee will attend the IACC Conference in Wenatchee Sept 30-Oct 2. This conference is to help find funding for projects.

Resolution 2014-4

ACTION

Val motioned to approve Resolution 2014-4-Establishing public records officer for Fairfield, seconded by Alene. The motion carried.

The storm drain for Johnson and Brewster was recently jetted to drain the large puddle in the parking area of Co-Ag on Brewster. It was discovered that the drainage tile had been crushed 40 feet up which caused the drainage issue. This area was filled to bring it up to grade and the ditch that ran down the hill to Truax will be cleaned up and filled in. The adjacent property owner was satisfied with this.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

WATER

- THM and HAA5 testing have been completed on all three well sources with favorable results on all.
- Service lines are on schedule for separation at The Market and the Anderson residence.
- Priority meter changes will continue this month.

WWTF

- Generator issues are being addressed this month due to auxiliary failures X- 2.
- No dis-charge to the creek, ponds are still very low.
- Up-graded UV system is being installed.

PARKS

- No vandalism to report this cycle. Patronage to the parks has slowed down since school started.
- Garbage and debris are still being removed daily when needed.
- Picnic table should be repaired and placed back in park by the end of the month.

ROADS

- Road oiling has been done again to satisfy dust control issues.
- Drainage issues are being addressed on the corner of Brewster and Johnson caused by a collapsed drain tile.
- Main Street has been paved with some remaining roadside improvements to be completed; overall job is coming to a close.

Other: UTV quotes are in with only one within budget to include extra warranty and 72" plow for sidewalks in the park from Colbert Power Sports. To be purchased this week with council approval.

OTHER


Reminder that next meeting will be on 9-23-14 at 6:00 pm

COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS

None at this time.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.



Mayor Kay Dee Gilkey



Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Loeffler