

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2017
6:00

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISED ANIMAL ORDINANCE

Planning Commission members present were Darcie Sainsbury, Melissa Lunsford, Eric James, Larry Sims from the Improvement Board and Terry Ottosen.

Others present were Perry & Jamie Paden, Mary and Anthony Sparks, Janel Branon, Angela Harvey, Steve Walk, Jenna Piersol, Larry Sims, Josh Johnson and Cheryl Loeffler along with the town council.

Terry Ottosen began with explaining that this is a public hearing for the small farm animal and chicken keeping ordinance. Beekeeping generally goes along with urban farming so it was added into the ordinance. She explained that questions can be asked before the public hearing begins but once the hearing is opened, only comments are allowed and they are documented. A few of the areas were explained further.

The example for calculating how many animals permitted was changed to read OR three (3) miniature goats.

Ms. Ottosen opened the public hearing at 6:15 pm.

Val Rogers: If you are able to have a cow in town, you should be able to have a pig.

Josh Johnson: He believes that people should be allowed to butcher chickens on their own property-as long as they do it behind closed doors.

Steven Walk: Agreed with Josh Johnson. Steve's home is zoned commercial but is in a residential area.

Eric James: Clarified that a "residential area" is the area that may or may not be zoned residential but the area is predominantly residential. Eric also stated that the goal is not to have more rules for our citizens but to basically follow Spokane Valley and Spokane City's guidelines.

Tony Sparks: a. Has heard the comment tonight that without someone filing a complaint, there is no need for enforcement of this ordinance.

b. He stressed that he is against prohibiting roosters in city limits.

Josh Johnson: Has raised many chickens over the years. It takes sometimes 3-4 months before the chicks are sexed and would butcher the rooster as soon as one was discovered.

Terry Ottosen: If the animals are not regulated in this ordinance, they can always fall under the direction of the nuisance ordinance. The problems arise when neighbors stop being good neighbors.

Perry Paden: Concerned about the resolutions to complaints taking a long time to finally be resolved.

17.36.070 explains how to file the complaint and the administration of the penalties.

With no further public comments, Ms. Ottosen explained that each of the comments made tonight will be presented to the council for their review. She closed the public hearing at 6:29 pm.

Mayor KayDee Gilkey called the August 15, 2017 regular council meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor and Town Council members present: KayDee Gilkey, Harry Gibbons, Darcie Sainsbury, George Davidson, Valerie Rogers and Emily Thomas.

Others present: Melissa Lunsford, Perry & Jamie Paden, Mary and Anthony Sparks, Janel Branon, Angela Harvey, Steve Walk, Jenna Piersol, Larry Sims, Josh Johnson and Cheryl Loeffler.

ACTION

Approval of the Minutes

Emily Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting of August 1, 2017 as read, seconded by Darcie Sainsbury. The motion was approved 5-0.

ACTION

Approval of Claims

Valerie Rogers moved to approve the claims for August 15, 2017 as presented with EFT #E385-390 totaling \$7,062.62 and check numbers 18916-18929 totaling \$24,093.98; seconded by Harry Gibbons. The motion passed 5-0.

	08-15-2017
Claims	\$26,324.23
Payroll	4,832.37
Total Paid	\$31,156.60

Check #18916 is a replacement check for #18907 to Kathy Marcus. The original check was lost. Check register signed by George Davidson, Valerie Rogers, Emily Thomas

Engineer's report

Bryan Hicks sent a written report for the council meeting.

TIB Applications

The TIB application for chip sealing Carlton (1st to 3rd) and the loop around the upper park (McNeil, Main and Fairweather) has been completed. The application just needs KayDee's signature and postmarked in the mail to TIB by Friday, August 18th. Awards will be announced Nov. 17.

ACTION

Emily moved to approve the TIB application for the next funding cycle and to allow KayDee to sign the application; seconded by Darcie. The motion was approved 5-0.

First Street Sidewalk Project

We are finishing up coordination with WSDOT and some final edits on the contract documents while we wait for WSDOT's approval to advertise. The Local Agency Agreement Supplement has been submitted to release the construction funds. We should be able to advertise later this month once the LAA supplement is approved. Progress payment #4 for the 1st Street Sidewalk project was presented for approval.

ACTION

Darcie moved to approve progress payment #4 for the July engineering services for \$7,199.89. Emily seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

WSDOT changed some design standards that needed the mayor's approval in a timely fashion. The council will ask Bryan to explain what these changes are the next time he is at a meeting.

Pavement Preservation Project

We have been discussing with Versatile about the alley by the grain growers that settled this winter. I will follow up with the council on a possible solution once I have more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Animal Ordinance

The council went over the comments from the public hearing and addressed each one.

- **Swine will be listed as "swine over 150 pounds" under large animals.**
- **Roosters will be permitted as long as they are not a nuisance.**
- **People will be able to butcher on their own property for personal use.**

Family Movie Night

The evening was fun with a pretty good turn-out. We will start earlier next year so more than one movie night can be done.

Light in Hart Park

George has visited with Brian Bothman from Avista about the light on the basketball court in Hart Park. It would save the town some money if we would be able to shut the light off after 10:00 pm and not have it on at all during the winter months when the court is not accessible due to the snowdrifts. If the park is posted, we are not obligated to keep it lit. A timer cannot be used with the current light. We could simply shut the light off and have it available if needed, remove the pole and light completely or remove the pole and light and replace with the town's own pole and light. Cheryl will contact Paul Kimmel to see what the costs would be for each of these scenarios and ask about getting additional street lighting, especially in the parking areas to maybe detract some of the activities that go on up there. Surveillance cameras would also be a great addition to Hart Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-Tem

Valerie Rogers was re-appointed for the remainder of 2017.

Harvest 2017

KayDee and Cheryl visited with Bill Newbry from PNW, who recently added Co-Ag to their farm co-op, about ways to improve the truck traffic during harvest. Both parties are excited to work alongside each other. The town purchased eight "Truck Route" signs that will be put up temporarily on McNeil, Brewster, Main, Ticknor and Governor Moore Road. We will let the residents know, especially the ones living on McNeil about the increased truck traffic. Bill will ask the drivers to drive more towards the middle of the street than on the sides to avoid utility lines.

Past Due accounts

Past due accounts from the June 30 billing cycle were reviewed.

Budget position

The August 15, 2017 Budget Position was provided to the council.

Public Works Report

Streets

Continued trimming and spraying numerous roadsides and banks in town.

Start re-painting fire hydrants that need it in town.

Driveway entrance to Artistic Metals has a sinkhole. Will repair it after the grain elevators are closed at night.

Parks

No new reports from the Noxious Weed Control Board about thistles.

Mowing every three days.

Daily trash pickup is not bad because of hot weather, not many people out.

Finish tree trimming in upper park.

The upper park sprinklers have been adjusted because of dry/brown spots. Will ask George to watch these adjustments.

Water/Sewer

Most all thistles at lagoons are finally dead.

Purchases made during the month

Misc fuel purchases for lawnmower, trimmers and shop truck. Printer at gas pumps not working so keeping a list of fuel purchases at the shop.

Two empty propane tanks taken to Rockford and exchanged for full ones.

New outlet covers for the outlets in the pavilion at the lower park from Plummer Ace Hardware.

Questions/Comments

Proceeding forward on hiring a second person.

Met with L&I for a thorough safety evaluation with the final report showing 39 violations, of which one third have been already fixed.

Will be taking the test in Spokane by end of week for mosquito spraying.

Compliments/Complaints

Daily walkers stopped in and thanked Josh for sweeping the stairs in Hart Park.

Other

The council received an apology letter from a youth that had been caught earlier this year messing around the side by side vehicle.

Dates to remember

School supply distribution

August 21 5:30-7:00

Cheryl gone

August 25th

Adjourn

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 8:33.

KayDee Gilkey, Mayor

Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer

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