

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2018
6:00

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Mayor KayDee Gilkey called the November 20, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor and Town Council members present: KayDee Gilkey, Melissa Lunsford, Jamie Paden, Valerie Rogers and Emily Thomas. George Davidson was ill.

Others present: Perry Paden, Amy & Beau Wheeler, Karl & Ione Felgenhauer. Devin Billington Cheryl Loeffler.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION

Valerie Rogers moved to approve the minutes as read from the regular council meeting of November 6, 2018; seconded by Melissa Lunsford. The motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Jamie Paden moved to approve the claims for November 20, 2018 with EFTs #621-624 totaling \$5,355.70 and checks #19427-19438 totaling \$29,108.22 seconded by Valerie Rogers. The motion carried 4-0.

	11/20/2018
Claims	\$27,797.48
Payroll	6,666.44
Total Paid	\$34,463.92

Check register signed by Emily Thomas, Valerie Rogers and Jamie Paden.

Guest

Karl Felgenhauer, Palouse Country Assisted Living

Karl was present to clarify the reason behind Associated Family Physicians leaving Fairfield. The entire practice has been purchased by Kaiser Permanente. The office in Fairfield will be closing their doors as of December 31, 2018 and moving to the Kaiser Permanente office in the Spokane Valley. A postcard was sent from Kaiser Permanente notifying everyone along with emphasizing the use of their pharmacy.

Without a medical facility in town, the residents from Palouse Country Assisted Living (Fairfield Care) will have to be transported to the Valley. Not only could this affect the census as families liked the convenience of the doctor in town but the added expense of two employees having to transport and the wear and tear on the vehicles. The possibility of lost business to Fairfield Owl Pharmacy is real.

A letter has been sent from FF Care DBA Palouse Country Assisted Living, signed by the administrator and Board Chairman.

Mayor Gilkey will also send a letter to Kaiser Permanente and cc the legislators.

Building Permit #2018-07
205 W Spokane Street

Justin Gust from the Planning/Improvement Commission has verified that the four items that were on the Administrative Exception have been completed and the commission recommended that the permit be approved by council.

ACTION

Jamie moved to approve Building Permit 2018-07; seconded by Melissa. Motion approved 4-0.

Public hearing for Property Tax Levy - Resolution 2018-09

Mayor Gilkey opened the public hearing at 6:25. She explained what the tax levy does and that traditionally, the council has increased the levy by 1%, which is allowed by law. This increase would provide the community with an additional \$1,165.41, which is spread across the entire community.

With no public comment, Mayor Gilkey closed the public hearing at 6:29.

ACTION

Emily moved to approve Resolution 2018-09 2019 Tax Levy; seconded by Valerie. The motion approved 4-0.

Public hearing for 2019 Budget Proposal

Mayor Gilkey opened the public hearing for the proposed 2019 budget at 6:29.

The council went over the prepared report.

There was a question about why the revenue was down. It was explained that the 2018 budget included funds for the 1st Street Sidewalk Project, which are not in the 2019 budget.

There was a remark from the audience that the council is doing a great job with the budget.

With no further comments, the mayor closed the public hearing at 6:39.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree City Ordinance

Move to the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Hahner Field

Nathan Hahner has expressed concern about the fact that his grandfather was maintaining the Hahner Field grounds over the summer and he asked if the Town wanted to continue with the lease of the property. The original lease was reviewed and the Town is to pay \$1 per year for the lease. The council discussed this, and a letter will be written to Charles and Carol Hahner along with a check of \$28 for past lease payments, assuring them that the town does want the lease and will maintain the grounds from now.

Lighting in park

The Service Club would like to have permission to decorate Thiel Park and the street lights for Christmas. They would like to turn the power off to the street lights, so the decorations could be seen. The council granted permission for the park decoration, but the street lights must be left on.

Spokane County Rural Recycling

Spokane County Rural Recycling will be providing three different recycling events in 2019, household hazardous wastes, used tire amnesty and an e-waste collection event. The dates of May 17-18 or May 24-25 were suggested.

Public works report

Sewer: Fairfield Care main line plug. Wipes and Grease. (FOG ordinance.) \$992.79

Streets: IH 2500 Dump truck is back in Fairfield.

Rockford Snowplow Truck 81' 2500 single. 11,000.

Boss snowplow for 2500 Chevy. \$10,216.32

Roads are being graded for winter. This is a process.

Parks: Waverly park inspection, bark and gravel.

Water: Well # 1 Halme has completed the pump replacement, KME will be coming out to go over and the pump will be back in service according to DOE and DOH specs.

KME will be out to inspect Well # 5 and Scada system.

American Leak Detection will be out tomorrow to look into main street hole.

Remote read water meters, talked with Tekoa and Latah (Kevin T.)

General:

Nov 29 2:00 Dental Appointment

Nov 30 All day

ACTION

Melissa moved to approve payment of the snow plow blade for the red truck with confirmed cost of \$10,216.32; seconded by Jamie. Motion approved 4-0.

Compliments/Complaints

Other

The utility bills did not go out until Nov 19th instead of Nov 1st. Cheryl asked to be able to not charge a late fee until Dec 25th, which was granted.

Dates to remember


Office closed Nov 22-23 & half day 21st

Old Fashioned Christmas Dec 1

Risk Management Survey Dec 3

ADJOURN

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.



KayDee Gilkey, Mayor



Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer