

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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Mayor KayDee Gilkey called the December 15, 2015 regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Valerie Rogers was absent. She was running TNT tonight.

Others present: Sheila and Don Dyer, Laurie and Steve Leitz, Gerri Knott, Bob Clausen, Mike and Roberta Chandler, Kim and Derek Knecht and Cheryl Loeffler

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION

Harry Gibbons motioned to approve the minutes from December 1, 2015 regular council meeting. Alene Felgenhauer seconded. The motion was approved.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Alene Felgenhauer motioned to approve the claims listed on the check register dated December 15, 2015 for EFTs #E434-E435 totaling \$1,362.85; check numbers 18216-18231 totaling \$12,996.38 as presented. Harry Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Claims: \$11,096.47

Payroll: 3,262.76

Total Claims: \$14,359.23

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

Guests

North Palouse Community Food Bank

The main concerns that Sheila Dyer, President and the board members came to discuss is being denied access to the restroom and storage area in the fire station. It was explained to them that with the larger amount of chemicals that are now being stored in the building, the liability risk dictates who has access to that portion of the building. A viable solution to this issue would be to build a "corridor" that leads directly from the food bank to the restrooms. It was discussed to have a plan where everyone is on the same page with plans and materials. Derek and Don Dyer will work together and design something that will work for both parties. Don volunteered the labor and suggested to perhaps split the cost of the materials.

ACTION

Alene motioned to check the liability of a corridor access, if permits are needed to install and anything else needed to install a corridor for restroom access for the food bank volunteers; seconded by Harry. The motion carried.

The council expressed to the food bank board members that their work is very appreciated and valued.

Sewer for 1st Street

Mike Chandler, owner of the property on 1st Street, was present at the meeting so this topic was moved up on the agenda.

Mike hired an excavator to dig up this sewer line to resolve his renter's sewer issue that has been going on for about a year and a half. It was discovered at this time that the line had not been connected to the town's main when the sewer line was repaired in 2013 by Accelerated Construction (ACE). Century West and RMSA were both contacted and the

2013 project is under warranty. Century West has contacted ACE and informed them that this is an emergency sewer situation that needs immediate attention.

Mike has been trying to solve this issue for quite some time and has incurred additional expenses. KayDee informed him to submit all of the expenses. The bonding agency will be contacted if ACE fails to address the situation.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #381 2016 Final Budget

Mayor Gilkey opened the public hearing at 7:15 for comment.

The 2017 Pavement Overlay Project was added to the budget.

With no public present (everyone had left by this time) the public hearing was closed at 7:19.

Approval of Ordinance #381 2016 Final Budget

ACTION

Harry motioned to approve Ordinance #381 2016 Final Budget; seconded by Emily. The motion carried.

KayDee thanked Alene Felgenhauer and Cheryl for their hard work in getting budget finished early.

OLD BUSINESS

Surplus property

The public auction began at noon on 12-4-15 at Town Hall with Stephen Bishop, Eric Hansen, Jim & Sue Adams, George Davidson and Cheryl Loeffler present. The opening bid was rejected. Stephen recommended that the property be offered to council by negotiation. If council accepts the offer, then Stephen advised council to move to authorize mayor to sign the quick claim deed.

ACTION

Alene motioned to accept Jim Adams' offer of \$4,000 for the surplus property on Industrial Way and to give the mayor authorization to sign the quit claim deed; seconded by Harry. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Swearing in of council members

Since Valerie Rogers was unable to attend, this was moved to first meeting in January.

Public Works Report

The digital sign should be up no later than Tuesday next week. The hole was dug on Monday.

Derek will be out for a few days for medical reasons.

Compliments/Complaints

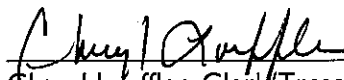
12-14-15: Concerned citizen about sign in yard. Concern will be addressed by letter.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 7:25.m.



KayDee Gilkey, Mayor



Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer