

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2017
6:00 P.M.

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Mayor KayDee Gilkey called the May 16, 2017 regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Bryan Hicks, Ozzie Knezovich, Bettie Roecks, Melissa Lunsford, Brian Kauffman, Terry Ottosen, Derek & Kim Knecht, Josh Johnson, Mary Lou Day, Candy and Justin Kent and Shirley Thiel, Ed Huber and Cheryl Loeffler.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Darcie Sainsbury moved to approve the May 2, 2017 regular council minutes; seconded by Valerie Rogers. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Valerie Rogers moved to approve the claims for May 16, 2017 as presented with EFT #E359-362 totaling \$5,581.21 and check numbers 18713-18826 totaling \$6,260.55; seconded by Darcie Sainsbury. The motion passed 5-0. Check #18812 was voided due to printing error.

	05-16-2017
Claims	\$3,530.72
Payroll	8,311.04
Total Paid	\$11,841.76

Check register signed by George Davidson, Valerie Rogers and Darcie Sainsbury.

Guest

Sheriff Ozzie thanked everyone for voting for the initiative to keep Crime Check and all communications alive. He stressed how important it is to inform the commissioners to restructure the criminal justice system. Fairfield still has only deputy scheduled for our area even though the population has grown. The sheriff also stressed the importance of calling Crime Check when something suspicious is noticed but to always call 9-1-1 for an emergency. He reported that crimes in the unincorporated areas have seen a decrease for the fourth straight year.

Engineering

Bryan reported that Accelerated Construction (ACE) responded to the notice from Century West regarding the condition of the sidewalks stating the de-icing agents caused the breakdown of the sidewalks. The winter was exceptionally hard on all projects areawide. Wm. Winkler will come down and inspect the sidewalks and present some options for repairs. We will be working with contractors as to where the responsibility lies with the upcoming repairs. This may be something FEMA will be able to help with.

1st Street project

Results from the traffic counters that had been placed on 1st Street indicate approximately 1400-1450 cars per day travel on that road and of those, about 2/3 of them drive over the 25 mph speed limit. The traffic count is on the low end of the Dept. of Transportation guidelines. The recommendation is not installing flashing crosswalk signals in low-traffic areas. Bryan showed different options for sidewalk designs, including bulb-outs, which could cause problems with the

truck traffic. Tentatively scheduled to go out to bid in July with construction in September

OLD BUSINESS

Animal-poultry ordinance review

Terry Ottosen presented the complaint at 408 W Carlton with 45 chickens and 2 goats kept in the yard. The zoning ordinance does not outright address prohibiting poultry in town limits but the nuisance ordinance does. Terry provided four recommendations to the council. To determine that the chickens are a nuisance, the complaint must be reviewed by the Improvement Board. Otherwise, if the council were to make the determination and move forward to abate the nuisance, the property owners would lose their right for an appeal if they needed one. Another recommendation is to have the two parties negotiate with a mediator to determine if a resolution can be found. It was emphasized that the zoning issue stills needs to be addressed and the sooner the better. The nuisance part can be handled immediately.

ACTION

Emily moved to have the neighbors negotiate the chicken issue with Terry as mediator, seconded by George. The motion carried 5-0.

Marll Court

Bettie Roecks, developer of this area, gave her explanation of how the development came about and that every property there had water and sewer brought to the property line. She was unable to find any documentation that says the homeowners would not be charged the town's connection fees at the time they were connected into the town's water and sewer system. She has three undeveloped lots with two, maybe three potentially sold and would like that same privilege extended to them.

ACTION

Darcie moved to continue to not charge water and sewer connection fees to any new lot owners in the Roeck's addition at Marll Court, as long as everything is usable and is to the property line; seconded by Emily. The motion passed with 3 yes, George no and Harry abstained.

Ed stated that even though the stub-outs are on the property line, they are not "connected" to the system yet and the water and sewer connection fees should have to be paid to the town for the additional impact on the system.

WATV ordinances

The three communities that Cheryl contacted do not have their own ATV ordinance and follow the state highway regulations.

ACTION

George moved to begin the process to adopt an ordinance allowing licensed ATV's in the Town of Fairfield, to follow the highway laws of Washington State highway laws with the licensed driver being 18 years of age or older, must wear helmet and will continue to look into passengers on the vehicle; seconded by Harry. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor and council wages

The motion at the last meeting stated the council wages would go into effect in 2021 but should be 2020.

ACTION

Emily moved to adjust the motion for the council salary to be raised beginning 2020; seconded by Darcie. The motion passed 5-0.

Dust Control

In the past, if someone wanted to control the dust that comes from the street, they were responsible to pay for it. To reward those that have paid over the years to stabilize the street in front of their home and to help the people that have unimproved streets in front of their home, the town has approved a program to help with this expense. Priority will be given to those that have done this on their own, to the high traffic areas and areas that require more maintenance. The current budget will allow the homeowner to pay 50% of what they have done in the past and the town will pay the other 50%. Priority for this program is given to "frequent oilers" that have always made the effort to improve the street. If new people want to come on board, their names will be put on a list for the next year.

ACTION

Emily moved to adopt a program to subsidize dust control applications with priority given to the ones that have paid on their own in the past; that each homeowner would have to pay 50% of the actual cost of their street frontage not to exceed 150' or of what they have done in the past with priority given to the frequent oilers; with the town's portion, not to exceed \$3720; seconded by Darcie. The motion passed 4-0 with George abstaining.

Dr. Shirley Thiel

Mayor KayDee Gilkey declared May 23, 2017 as Dr. Shirley Thiel Day. She is turning 90 on May 23rd with a community gathering at the community center on Sunday, May 28 at 1:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

New Employee

KayDee introduced Josh Johnson as the new public works supervisor with a start date of May 24th.

Combination of Planning & Improvement

Moved to next meeting.

Security issues

Cheryl attended a meeting on Friday regarding fraud in the workplace. She expressed to the council the importance of reviewing the invoices and payments and to look over credit card statements thoroughly. She also asked to have one of the council have read-only access to the bank account so they can randomly review it.

ACTION

Emily moved to allow Darcie read-only access to the banking statements; seconded by George. Motion approved 4-0 with Darcie abstaining.

Annual Report

Council was provided copies of the annual report.

Compliments/Complaints

Other

The Flag Day Parade would like permission to set-up at the SCOPE building? Permission was given.

Dew Drop will be down next Tuesday to check all irrigation systems.

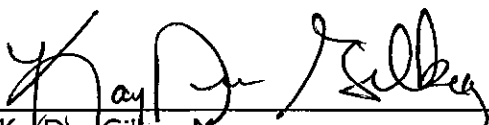
We would like to put together a volunteer work crew to help get the town ready for Flag Day.

Dates to remember

May 26-30 back to work on the 31st Cheryl gone
May 26 Cemetery Clean-up

ADJOURN

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 8:17.


KayDee Gilkey, Mayor


Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer