

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2022
6:00

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Mayor Pro-Tem Valerie Rogers called the October 18, 2022 regular council meeting to order at 6:00 at the Community Center.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Cheryl Loeffler swore in Valerie Rogers to the appointed mayor position.

Mayor Valerie Rogers appointed the current members of the Fairfield Improvement Board Justin Gust, Tim Murphy, Mark Starr and new members Anthony Schurr and Josh Stanley.

Town Council members present were Alisha Anderson, Heather Gust, Steven Walk, and Emily Thomas.

Others present were Heather and Justin Gust; Angela Walk; Teresa Holm; Dawn Hillsbery; Debbie Cato; Anthony Schurr; Amanda Blood; Angel Selke; Erica Warren; Richard Ralidis; Donald Harris; KayDee Gilkey; Josh Boyd; Melonie Anderson; John Cory; Stacy and JT Thomas; Lon & Terry Ottosen; Devin Billington and Cheryl Loeffler.

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to excuse Steven Walk from the October 4, 2022 council meeting; seconded by Emily Thomas. The motion was approved 3-0 with Steven abstaining.

Old Business Swear in Mayor

Military Wall of Honor

Volunteers to continue the Military Wall of Honor will be Steve Walk, Josh Boyd, John Cory and Anthony Schurr. The next event will be Veteran's Day on November 11th.

Food Bank Lease

There are still some questions about the monthly charge and wording. Cheryl will contact the town attorney again.

Bonus for all employees

At the October 4th meeting, using the ARPA funds, the public works employees were given a one-time \$1,000 premium pay bonus for being essential employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion tonight to provide the clerk/treasurer the same thing.

ACTION

Emily Thomas moved to approve using the ARPA funds to provide a one-time bonus of \$1,000 to the town clerk as an essential employee during the COVID-19 pandemic; seconded by Steve Walk. The motion was approved 4-0.

Executive session

At 6:28 pm Mayor Rogers called for an executive session to discuss complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(f). The council will be in executive session until 6:48 pm. The council is expected to take further action following the executive session.

At 6:48 pm, the mayor announced that the council is extending the executive session for a period of 15 minutes, until 7:03 pm.

At 7:03, Mayor Rogers called the regular meeting back to order.

ACTION

Emily moved to nullify the appointment of Heather Gust to council position #2; seconded by Alisha Anderson. The motion was approved 3-0.

ACTION

Steve moved to appoint Heather Gust to council position #2; seconded by Emily. The motion was approved 3-0.

ACTION

Emily moved to nullify the approval of the 6-7-10 claims done at the special meeting held on 6-10-22; seconded by Steve. The motion passed 3-0 with Heather abstaining.

ACTION

Steve moved and Emily seconded the approval of the 6-7-22 claims. The motion was approved 3-0 with Heather abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Band fundraiser

Angel Selke was representing the Liberty Band parents and students. The band will be going to Disneyland next Spring and is exploring different ways to raise funds. One idea is a craft fair and Angel asked the council if the band could use the community hours that are available for the community center. The council asked her to come back to a meeting once they have a better idea of when and what, but they agreed it could be a possibility.

AWC Small City Advisory Committee

Cheryl asked the council for their blessing to apply for the Association of Washington Cities Small City Advisory Committee.

SRTC Meeting

The surrounding town clerks and two mayors met with Lois Bollenbeck from SRTC and discussed a variety of transportation challenges that impact small, rural towns and potential opportunities for SRTC to provide support. Topics included roadway classification (for federal aid & unpaved roads), safety, grants and funding, and general needs. The SRTC Director informed members of a potential Regional Transportation Safety study and the upcoming need to re-appoint a representative to SRTC (discussion included the appointment of an alternate as well).

Letter from Erica Warren

Valerie addressed concerns mentioned in Erica Warren's letter from 10-4-22. Two of the items were addressed tonight following the executive session. Three of the other council members provided comments as well.

Public Works Report

Sewer

- Completion of CDBG project.

Streets:

- Sidewalk on McNeil – 40' of sidewalk removed by resident.
- Trimming trees and prepping for plowing.
- Cleaning storm drains and culverts.

Parks

- Baseball field sprinklers. Water service install and sprinklers.

Water

- Trimming trees and bushes around fire hydrants.

General:

- Food bank and shop drainage progress. Propane tank being placed, gravel parking area.
- Public Works Rates
- YARD WASTE DAY OCTOBER 22ND, 2022 08:00-3:00PM
- Comment from audience asking to move the date. The new date will be NOVEMBER 5TH.

An Example of a Regular Task:

Yard Waste Day (8:00 - 3:00PM)

2022 Fall Yard Waste Day will be ~~October 22nd~~, NOVEMBER 5. This go around we will not be at the Bullpen, instead we will be at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. We will have entrance at the south entrance to the facility, drop off at the north gates, and exit at the north driveway. This should help alleviate any congestion and make this a smooth process of unloading. We will have staff there to help guide and unload any yard debris. We will accept all clean green material, and we DO NOT need to separate items this year, all material can come in as one. Questions Devin (509) 995-4059.

ACTION

Emily moved to approve the Progress Payment #2 for \$50,014.13, seconded by Alisha. The motion was approved 4-0.

Department Report

The department reports will start with Emily next meeting.

Approval of the Minutes from October 4, 2022 regular council meeting**ACTION**

Alisha moved to approve the minutes as read from the October 4, 2022 regular council meeting; seconded by Heather. The motion was approved 3-0 with Steve abstaining.

Approval of the October 18th, 2022 Claims

Emily moved and Steve seconded to approve the October 18, 2022 claims with EFTs for \$6,668.91 and checks #21043-21057 for \$216,182.86. Checks # 21045 and 21046 were written as EFTs.

	10-18-2022
Claims	\$211,233.93
Payroll	11,617.84
Total Paid	\$222,851.77

Signed by Steven Walk, Emily Thomas and Heather Gust

Other

Dawn Hillsbery brought to council's attention that Heather Gust had not been sworn in after her appointment was nullified and reappointed. That also means that the items she voted on since being reappointed will have to be reapproved.

Cheryl swore in Heather Gust to council position #2.

ACTION

Emily moved and Alisha seconded to nullify the approval of the October 4, 2022 minutes. The motion was approved 3-0 with Steve abstaining.

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Emily moved and Alisha seconded to approve the minutes as read from the October 4, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was approved 3-0 with Steve abstaining.

ACTION

Emily moved and Steve seconded to nullify the approval of the October 18, 2022 claims. The motion was approved 4-0.

ACTION

Emily moved and Alisha seconded to approve the October 18, 2022 claims. The motion was approved 4-0.

ACTION

Emily moved and Steve seconded to nullify the approval of Progress Payment #2 for \$50,014.13. The motion was approved 3-0

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Emily moved and Steve seconded to approve Progress Payment #2 for \$50,014.13. The motion was approved 4-0.

Vacant council position

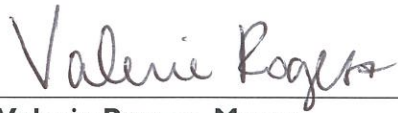
Technically, the mayor's position was vacant until tonight when she was sworn in. This then creates the vacancy for council position #4 open after today. We will post it open with the interviews being done at the council meeting on November 15th.

Dates to Remember

October 19	Harvest Dinner-Rockford Methodist Church
October 22	Family Game Night 6-9 pm
October 23	Pancakes & Pumpkins at Harvester Restaurant=Spangle
October 25	Budget workshop 6 pm
October 29	Trunk or Treat/Haunted Alley
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12	Service Club feed

Adjourn:

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.



Valerie Rogers, Mayor



Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer