

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2024 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Mayor David Rafferty called the regular council meeting to order at 6:03 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Alisha Anderson, Brady Collinson, Bill Enzler and Amanda Blood. Others present were John Cory, Diane Kooyman, Josh Boyd, Chris and Rachel Davis, Devin Billington, and Jared Harward.

Correspondence and/or Guest

John Cory is planning the Veterans Day program for this year. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the event on Monday, November 11th at 4:00 pm. The program will include a formal flag ceremony, the national anthem sung by Kimbo Harward, taps played by Madison Blood, and the presentation of the plaques. A potato bar dinner will follow catered by Ron & Val Rogers with donations accepted.

Public Comments

There was no public comment at tonight's meeting.

Old Business

Fall Cleanup Event

There was some upset at the cancellation of the Fall Cleanup Event with multiple people saying they were planning on participating and paying for their permit on the day of the event. Jared will create a post on Facebook to gauge interest in rescheduling the event tentatively for Saturday, November 16th.

New Business

Christmas Tree in the Park

Amanda Blood asked that the town donate money to the Service Club for a Christmas tree in the park as has been done the last few years.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve a budget of up to \$100 for a Christmas tree; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. Motion passed 3 – 0, with one abstention by Amanda Blood.

Building Permits

2 building permits (2024-10 Kooyman & 2024-11 Petty) were reviewed and recommended for approval by the PCIB.

ACTION

Bill Enzler moved to approve permit 2024-10 Kooyman for construction; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve permit 2024-11 Petty for construction; this was seconded by Bill Enzler. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Council Position 3 (Finance) Interviews

After the passing of Councilwoman Cynthia Davidson, the council opened up Council Position 3 - Finance for prospective applicants. Local residents Diane Kooyman and Josh Boyd expressed their desires to serve. Following their responses the council went into executive session for discussion.

Executive Session

Mayor Rafferty opened the executive session at 6:40 pm, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. At 6:55 pm Mayor Rafferty closed the executive session and called the regular council meeting back to order.

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to approve the appointment of Josh Boyd to Council Position 3 - Finance; this was seconded by Brady Collinson. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Josh will be sworn in at the council meeting on November 5th 2024.

Public Works

Sewer: Sewer samples will go in next week.
WWTF Lift Station #2 fault.
Seward Sewer Project being finalized. Paving scheduled for Friday.

Streets: Culvert installed on Spur Street.

Parks: Cameras are being installed in our parks.
Sprinkler systems are being blown out for the cold season.
Park restrooms will be closing as soon as the temperatures drop to freezing.

Water: Working on Lead Service Line Inventory per the EPA. Due October 16th
Well #1 fault troubleshooting.
Leak at PNW being addressed.
Camera and security systems are being installed around water department buildings, wells, and reservoirs.

General: Demo of mini excavators continuing.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on September 17, 2024; this was seconded by Bill Enzler. Motion passed 3 – 0; with one abstention by Alisha Anderson, who was absent from the meeting on September 17th.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on October 1, 2024; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. Motion passed 3 – 0; with one abstention by Amanda Blood, who was absent from the meeting on October 1st.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Bill Enzler moved, and Amanda Blood seconded to approve the October 15, 2024 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$18,128.72 and checks numbered 21782 - 21796 for \$12,572.04. This motion was approved 4 – 0.

Date	10-15-2024
Claims	\$10,273.84
Payroll	\$20,426.92
Total Paid	\$30,700.76

Check register signed by Alisha Anderson, Brady Collinson, and Amanda Blood.

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

Brady expressed his gratitude to Kayla Billington for getting his council email to work on his new phone, and to Public Works for their great work on getting the frisbee golf baskets up. Mayor Rafferty also relayed thanks from some local residents for getting the speed limit sign up on Prairieview.

Brady also asked about the feasibility of putting in dog clean up stations in the parks. Devin said this has been discussed previously, but was not done due to cost and negative experiences conveyed to him from Rockford Public Works who do have stations in their park.

Brady also expressed interest in putting up some benches around town at points of interest, with antique farm equipment and signage with historical facts and information. Grant money from the historical society could potentially be sourced to cover the cost of the project.

Dates to Remember

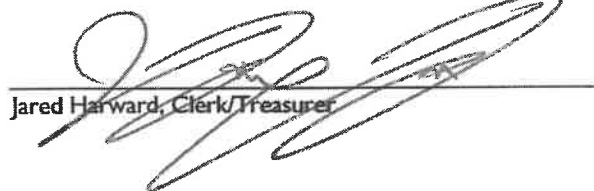
Budget workshop October 22
Fearfield Trunk-R-Treat October 26

Adjourn

Alisha Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.



David Rafferty, Mayor



Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer