

Council Meeting
May 5, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was closed to the public and was available via zoom.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Cori Miranda, Brandon Prior, Jaime Odell. Joe Hanson was absent.

Minutes: The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Brandon to approve the April 7, 2020 minutes as read. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Brandon to pay the claims from check number 15815 through 15833 in the amount of \$16,567.30. All were in favor.

The Council received and reviewed the bank reconciliation and cash report. They have access at the Expenditure to Budget and Revenue to Budget financial reports.

Fire Department: Chief Joe Calnan was not at the meeting.

Sheriff Department: The Sheriff was not at the meeting.

County Planner: Andy Short was not at the meeting.

Water Sewer: James Claxton was not at the meeting. The Mayor stated that James had been working on a water issue up at the tank all day.

RC Askew updated on the town sprinklers. Eryn Odell has been mowing and assisting with the park which has been a great help.

Anderson-Montgomery: Paul Montgomery was at the meeting via zoom. He updated on the three resolutions that were on the agenda. One is for applying for a DNRC grant, one for applying for a TSEP grant and one for PER (preliminary engineering report). These are for the next phase of the water project. He will be holding a pre-bid conference tomorrow at 1:00 in Alberton for the current project. They plan to open bids on May 15, 2020 in Helena. He also had some tables for the pricing of the next phase of the water project. This phase will cost around \$1,820,632.00. It includes upsizing main lines, looping main lines, replacing 2" mains north of Railroad Avenue, new pressure reducing valve, new meters. The first table showed a DNRC grant for \$125,000.00, TSEP grant for \$750,000.00, SRF loan \$784,200.00 along with \$150,000.00 local money this would have an increase of around \$24.00 per customer. The second table shows the DNRC grant, TSEP grant, a SRF-A forgiven loan of \$386,000.00, this takes the SRF loan down to \$386,000.00, and the local money this would have an increase of about \$12.00 per customer. The third table had the DNRC grant, TSEP grant, a CDBG grant for \$450,000.00, the SRF loan would be \$329,370, the local resident money would remain the same this would have an increase of approximately \$10.00 per customer. Paul

suggested that the town apply for all the grants available. He will put together a funding package including meters and without meters.

Marc Golz updated on his trip here yesterday with James Claxton. He is continuing to work on the PER with Paul.

Resolutions 299, 300 and 301: Resolution 299 is to apply for a DNRC grant. Brandon made a motion seconded by Cori to approve resolution 299. All were in favor. Resolution 300 is to apply for a TSEP grant. Jaime made a motion seconded by Brandon to approve resolution 300. All were in favor. Resolution 301 is to approve the PER. This will be tabled until next month.

Old Business:

Senior Project – Jordan Taapken: Jordan was at the meeting via zoom. He wanted to know if anyone had looked at where the stakes were for the vet memorial. The Mayor stated that he thought people had seen it. He wanted to know if there were any questions. The size had been downsized from the original. Brandon wanted to know if he had posted anything at the town office, post office or Valley Grocery. He had given a piece of paper to TRAX, the Seniors and the River Edge to add to any takeout's that had been purchased. Brandon thought that it should have been posted so that all residents could have seen it. The Mayor read a letter from Karen at the Bookstore, Valley Grocery and Bob Bungarz they were all in favor of the project. Brandon wanted to know what the cost to the town would be to replace the sprinklers, RC stated around \$1,000.00. Jordan had received enough to cover the maintenance for a while. The only real maintenance is to replace the flags when needed. Kari & Garth Riebe were on via zoom they stated that they are in complete favor of the project and think it is a wonderful idea. Brandon made a motion to table this until ~~most~~ more posting could be done. There was not a second the motion died. Cori made a motion seconded by Jaime to approve the project. Cori and Jaime voted yes; Brandon voted no. The motion carried.

Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Discussion was held ~~that~~ on whether you can adjourn a meeting when there are still items on the agenda. There was not a second. The motion died.

Purchase the Feed Store building: Because this was listed under old business and not new business this will be on next month's agenda.

Public Comment:

Jordan Taapken wanted to know where he goes from here. The Mayor stated that he can move forward with the project.

Anna Leduc from the Railroad Day Foundation wanted to know if the council thought that Railroad Day should be canceled. We will wait until next month and see what is going on with the virus.

Garth Riebe wanted to know if Jordan would need volunteers for his project so that it could still be completed by Memorial Day. He will check into that.

The Mayor read a letter form Donna Coburn.

Brandon made a motion seconded by Jaime to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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