

Council Meeting
July 7, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Cori Miranda, Jaime Odell, Marvin Garding and Joe Hanson.

Minutes: The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Cori to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes with correction. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Marvin seconded by Cori to pay the claims from check number 15848 through 15874 in the amount of \$69,059.00. 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 at the meeting. He updated on the department. They are still down 2 paid positions. They have brought on 5 new volunteers. Missoula County has closed open burning.

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.

Paul Montgomery from Anderson-Montgomery was not at the meeting. The Clerk stated that there were two pieces of information regarding phase two of the water project. The one was a uniform environmental checklist. The other was a proposal abstract which could increase the water rates up \$11.88 per month.

New Business

Justice Court Interlocal Agreement: The interlocal agreement remains the same as it has at \$3,800.00 per year. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Cori to approve the interlocal agreement for \$3,800.00. All were in favor.

Resolution 302: Resolution 302 is for a budget amendment for the water project. It is for a \$15,000.00 DNRC grant and also for the DNRC, TSEP grants and PER. Jaime made a motion seconded by Marvin to approve resolution 302. All were in favor.

Jordan Taapken: Jordan was not at the meeting. Cori stated that he had some leftover funds from his senior project that he would like to have the town set up an account for future maintenance on the memorial. The council has no objections.

Budget/COLA increases: The Clerk had provided two COLA increase projections, one for 1.8% and one for 3%. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Marvin to give a 3% increase to the employees. All were in favor. The Clerk also mentioned that they had preliminary budget reports in their packets and should look at them to see if there are any changes they would like to make. We will discuss this again in August.

Public Comment:

Steve Picard, Superintendent of the School updated on the school. They have sent out a survey for parents regarding the reopening of the school. He plans on attending meetings in the future to keep the town up to date. He also commented on the Vet memorial that Jordan Taapken had done. Laura Acker mentioned that they would like to fence off the playground so that it can be better taken care of and sanitized. They would like to know where the boundaries are. The Mayor stated that he would contact Andy Short and see if he can help with who owns the alley to the west of the elementary school and the road to the alley off 2nd St. We will put this on next month's agenda.

Laura Acker from the PEAK Foundation updated on the 2nd phase of the park project. They had a survey done on the park and found out that there is a portion of the east end skatepark that is on MDT right of way. This can be taken care of. They have decreased the pathway to 7 feet. There is a water main under where the tennis court was that will need to be looked at before the tennis court is replaced. They are hoping the town will assist them with the cost of the survey. This will be on next month's agenda.

Keren Wolhort wanted to know who gave the bid for the sidewalks. Her brother-in-law works for Western Excavation and he thinks that it could be done for a lot less. The original estimate was for repairing, replacing, and adding new sidewalks along with crosswalks. Laura Acker thought that maybe some of the property owners could help with the cost.

Jaime made a motion seconded by Cori to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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