

Council Meeting
August 7, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Marvin Garding, Salinas Bartel, Josh Acker was absent.

Minutes: The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Salinas to approve the July 7, 2018 minutes with correction. All were in favor.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Salinas seconded by Marvin to pay the claims from check number 15396 through 15419 in the amount of \$26,380.75. All were in favor.

Water Sewer: James Claxton was at the meeting. He updated on the department. He is looking at least a week before he can fix the leak at the lagoon. He's been working on the hydrants. All is good. He has taken the requested water samples for the new tests. Sarah Robbin from RATES stated the income surveys had been sent out with return address stamped envelopes.

Fire Department: Chief Joe Calnan was at the meeting. He updated on the staff. The department is running thin now. They did receive the grant ambulance and have had warranty issues. They also have a new structure engine. Fire season is coming fast. Stage 2 restrictions will go into effect this Friday 12:00 am. The districts insurance rate is now at 5 which is lower than they have been.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Mike Boone was not at the meeting.

County Planner: Tim Read was at the meeting. He updated on the department. He has been attending Smurfit Stone meetings in Frenchtown. Herman Lehl is doing a family land transfer on his property. There is an easement for the water line that needs to be done by the town. It can be done during the property survey. Tim is resigning his position from the county effective August 31, 2018.

Recycling Project: Loreen Green stated that they would have an update for the next meeting.

Business:

Schedule Budget Hearing: The budget hearing was scheduled for 6:00 on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Republic Services: They will be here for the September meeting.

PEAK Foundation: Laura Acker updated on the park. They have decided to make a one directional path. The one directional path does not need to be as wide. They have been lighting the big tree in front of the center for the last several years. Unfortunately they have never been able to reach the top of the tree. They would like to replace the

dying aspen tree and remove the junipers from the front west corner of the center with a dwarf Colorado Spruce. This would remain small enough so that it could be lit with ease. They are looking for permission to plant the tree. They will purchase the tree. Marvin made a motion seconded by Salinas to allow them to purchase the tree and plant it. Marvin and Salinas voted yes, Jaime abstained. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Donna Coburn updated on her property. She now resides in the shop.

Laura Acker stated that school starts on August 23rd, there will be an ice cream social on August 22nd.

The Clerk mentioned that there are some residents on Railroad Ave. that are angle parking. She will notify them that angle parking is not permitted. She also stated that she and Jaime will be attending a seminar on September 6th for Transportation Alternative grant information.

Jaime stated that her neighbor had placed a horseshoe pit in front of the food to farm garden on Parkway Drive. The Alberton Railroad Day Foundation work on the Food to Farm garden and do not want the horse shoe pit in the parking area. We will look into this further.

Salinas stated that her husband works for Frenchtown Fire and was wondering if the old siren would be available to donate or sell at a low cost to the Charlo volunteer fire department. This was sold at auction to Mike at Valley Grocery last year.

Salinas made a motion seconded by Marvin to adjourn.

Being no further business this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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