

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

Held January 5, 2021

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The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Office. Mayor Jim Nelson called the Council session to order with the following members present:

COUNCIL: Jim Nelson, Mark Wicker, Cheryl Friend, Elaine McFarland, Jym Longstreth, David Lockhart and Harry Strain, Jesse Mann

Guest: Amie Sword –Library, Mitch Richard - Zoning, Morgan L- Ashley Police Dept.

The audience and council were reminded to silence all cell phones. The audience was informed that they were to state their names any time they wanted to talk during the community comments and requests section of the meeting or at any other time during the meeting.

Council was reminded to state their names when making a motion and when they seconded the motion. The person making the motion would write the motion down so it could be read again prior to a vote and then the written motion would be given to the Fiscal Officer for the record.

MINUTES

Elaine McFarland made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 meeting minutes, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.

Chery Friend made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020 meeting minutes, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mitch talked about a sign at the car lot and there is a sign at the Drive Thru as well. Mitch wants them to pay a fee to have these signs posted. There is some concern regarding covid and giving them a break. Mitch indicated that everyone has paid for their new signs and this should not be any different. Jesse gave his concern that we should not play favorites and we need to have an even standard. We need to fix the zoning indicating these types of signs. David Lockhart wanted to know the cost of putting up a sign and Mitch indicated it is \$75. Jim thinks the zoning is too restrictive for these types of signs and he has indicated that neither sign is obstruction traffic. With covid going on and these businesses are just trying to vamp up business. Jesse will draw up a resolution to address this situation until we can get the zoning book completed. We are going to have a special meeting for the police levy so we can address these signs as well.

Amie has reached out the mayor today. The library feels out of the loop with the businesses in town. Amie wants to create a group of businesses to meet quarterly and see what's happening. Amie will be sending out letters to see who all would be interested. The library had hired a company to put in a new sign for the Library. The company they had hired went out of business. They still have the design and will try and find someone else to do it.

FISCAL OFFICER

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the November 2020 bank reconciliation, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.

Also in your packet are year end reports. Please review the revenue status report as it shows the revenue we have received this year. Everything seems to be what we expected to receive.

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POLICE – Scott Santos had a family emergency and was unable to attend. Morgan is on the line to discuss the police log for November. Scott has some new budget information that he wanted to go over but since he is not here, Scott will have to explain. Morgan did explain the procedures for purchasing a new police vehicle. The car would be purchased and sent to a company to have all the accessories added to it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS - Nothing in the works right now. Scott Hines is looking for some funding for WWTP.

PLANNING & ZONNING – 414 E Taylor variance was approved to tear down house and put a mobile home installed.

PERSONNEL – Jym wanted to know how everything is going? Have the streets been taken care of when it snows? Jim Nelson mentioned we are trying to brim as much as possible. We do have a new spreader that has saved on some salt. Cheryl ask if there is a funeral service and we get a lot of snow if our guys could help out if needed. Jim will give Mary Ogg a number to call if they need help with plowing.

PARKS & RECS – If we can have events this year, the Easter Egg hunt will be 1st Saturday of April and the Fishing Tournament will be 1st Saturday of May.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS –

NEWSLETTER – Bills and newsletters went out.

Resolution 2021-001– Resolution of Necessity – Police Levy - Read my Jim Nelson
Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, Jym Longstreth seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, David Lockhart seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

We have a new proposal for a new phone system. There was some discussion and it was determined to table for now.

Jim read the update from TJ.

Next regional planning meeting is January 28th – Jim Nelson volunteered to attend.

Cheryl Friend made motion to pay the bills, Mark Wicker seconded.

Jym Longstreth made the motion to adjourn until February2, 2021, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick