

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Karst, Young, and Heitman. Council member Carr attended via phone. Council members Ozark and Nistler were absent. Those also present were DPW Kompel, Captain Edwards, Chief Gault, and City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Drew Markle, Lance Kolstad, and Shirley Siefert were also in attendance. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Young made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for October 5, 2020 in the amount of \$80,641.15, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,935.64, and the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman and carried unanimously.

Chief Gault stated that Margaret Henry has been the Victim Witness Advocate in Wolf Point for over 14 years and their grant wasn't renewed. Council member Carr made a motion to hire Margaret Henry for the Victim Witness Advocate position. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson reviewed the interest rate quotes received from three (3) local banks for financing the 2008 Pierce Pumper Fire Truck and are as follows: First Community Bank 1.99%, Independence Bank 2.75%, and Bank of Glasgow 2.45%.

Council member Young made a motion to finance the fire truck with First Community Bank at an interest rate of 1.99%. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion and clarification made on the revisions and drawings to be included in the updated fence ordinance. Council member Karst made a motion approving the revisions and drawing to be included in the updated fence ordinance in the city code. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

City Clerk Amundson explained she would like at least two (2) members of the council to sit on the request for proposals committee for the Capital Needs Assessment for the Valley Court Apartments that are due on Friday October 9, 2020 by 5:00 pm. She will email out the proposals received along with the scoring sheets. Mayor Erickson asked Council members Heitman and Young to sit on the committee.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel mentioned that RJH Consultants from Boulder Colorado will be in Glasgow to do a Periodic Inspection of the levee.

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – City Clerk Amundson updated the council on the progress of the current project. It should be completed by the end of October or early November.

Mayor Erickson stated that she will meet with the County Commissioners next Wednesday at 10:00 am, Two Rivers meeting is tomorrow at noon and she will be attending the league conference this week. She also talked about the conversation she has had with Angela from MMIA on the new COVID regulations. There will also be a press release for the paving project for 2nd Avenue South that will be starting on October 14th.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, Grant, or Ordinance.

Department Head Reports:

City Clerk Amundson said she will attend the league conference this week and will continue to work on the city's annual financial report.

DPW Kompel mentioned he's been working with McIntyre's engineer on the design to hook onto the city's sewer line since his property is located on the other side of the levee. He also updated the council on the progress of the Saint Mary's Working Group rehabilitation project. The sidewalk project is set to begin on October 14th.

Chief Gault talked about the over height detection sign on the West side of the underpass. The sensors for the semi's are way to close and more semis are going under the underpass than before. His department is keeping record of this and will be submitting it to the Montana Department of Transportation to see if they can move the detection unit back further on Highway 2.

Public Comment: Shirley Siefert was in attendance to inform the Mayor and council that the BS Buzz is willing to publish the minutes and agendas for each meeting at no cost. Mayor Erickson asked her to stay after the meeting so City Clerk Amundson can get the information needed to be able to do this. Both Drew Markle and Lance Kolstad commented on the fence ordinance and the type of materials that can be used to build fences.

Council member Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
City Clerk Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor