

MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Council Members Bezdicek, Hinds, Smick, Smith, and Watson were in attendance. Also attending were Greg Hartman and Chris Canaday.

The minutes of the December 10, 2018 Meeting were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for their review and discussion. The payables were moved by Watson and seconded by Smith. Motion carried by vote of the Council.

13th Month

CI #12892-12903	\$8678.70
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2019

CI #12910-12926	\$8759.87
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P/R #12904-12909	3642.01
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The public hearing for the 6 yr. Transportation Improvement Plan Amendment was held. This was needed to include Nob Hill from Railroad Ave. to Bartholow Street to our plan. A TIB grant was awarded to the Town to repair this section of street. A motion was made by Smick and seconded by Hinds. A meeting with the school is planned at a later date so we can coordinate with them.

Discussion was held regarding the status of Whitman Medical Group and our clinic in St. John. With one doctor leaving and another retiring in the near future, the Council felt a letter should be written to inquire what their plans were.

Discussion was held regarding the paid family and medical leave requirement. It was decided that the Town will pay the deduction for the employees. It was moved by Smick and seconded by Watson to approve Resolution No. 411X.

The Clerk reported on the 2015-2017 Audit which was conducted. With a couple of recommendations, the audit went very well.

The Clerk presented the Agreement between the Dept. of Ecology and the Town. This agreement is needed to start work on the facilities plan that is required to determine what kind of sewer plant is needed. It was moved by Watson and seconded by Bezdicek. Resolution 409X was also presented authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to perform duties of the agreement. This was moved by Watson and seconded by Bezdicek.

Discussion was held regarding water and sewer rate increases. After more discussion, it was decided to raise the water by \$4.00/mo. and the sewer by \$4.00/mo. The Town needs to be able to support the water and sewer systems and have a reserve available in case of emergencies. With this increase the basic charge will be \$90.00/mo. A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Smith to approve this rate increase.

Greg and Chris gave a report for public works. They are working on the inventory at the shop. This is one recommendation the State Auditor suggested. They also reported that the emergency pump at the plant failed a long time ago. A motion was made by Smick and seconded by Bezdicek to purchase a new pump.

Wages for 2019 were discussed. It was decided to increase the salaries by 2%. A motion was made by Smick and seconded by Hinds by Resolution No. 412X.


CLERK – TREASURER


MAYOR