



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hinds, and Smick, Public Works (PW) Steven Engles and Steve Gibson, Century West (CW) Matt Morkert and Hunter Carrol, and the Town clerk attended the meeting. Arriving late was the school superintendent Mark Jacobson.

The minutes of the January 22 meeting were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for their review and discussion. The payables were moved by Smick and seconded by Hinds—a motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 15276-15293 & EFT	\$ 46,504.68
CL# EFT's	\$ 4,245.38

Matt Morkert of Century West gave an update on the School Roof I&I. The Superintendent, CW, Mayor, Public Works, and SJ Environmental (SJE) met earlier in the day and formed a new plan to deal with the I&I issues that will work for the town and the school. CW will aid the school in any way they can to complete the task. PW will aid the school in locating lines of drainage for the project.

CW, SJE, PW, and the Mayor met after the school I&I meeting to discuss the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF). Discussion on what the plant needs for equipment, concerns about backflow, and other design elements took place. A better understanding of the expectations of the plant was made.

The procurement package is still on hold from Ecology. CW hopes to talk with Diana Washington from Ecology and stress the importance that the facility is not being over-designed and that all considerations for I&I are being considered. CW did not find significant data to support that I&I issues will be resolved with the completion of the school project. They will continue to monitor flows throughout town to find the any and all solutions to reduce I&I.

The Mayor had questions about decommissioning the old plant. CW expressed that they plan to incorporate as much of the old plant into the new as is feasible. The new plant will be up and running before any decommissioning of the old plant. June is still the goal for starting the project.

CW is working with the owners of the proposed Sunset Place subdivision. More research and data are needed to make sure the subdivision can pass inspections and land use issues.

The school superintendent introduced himself and thanked the Mayor for initiating talks about the I&I issue. He was in agreeance that the previous plans to remove the school from the sewer system were not the best option. He is willing to do what is needed to get the school off of the Town's wastewater system and into the stormwater system. He is hoping to find grants to help with the cost of the project.

Discussion on the Admin fee for Inland Empire Milling Co. (IEMC) ensued. IEMC allowed the town to use its accounts to purchase and rent equipment and supplies which saved the Town from having to pay extra fees. After discussion, it was moved by Smick and seconded by Hinds for a \$500 admin fee, and a check will be written on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 prior to the next meeting to reimburse IEMC for rental equipment and supplies to include the admin fee.


Public Works initiated discussion on some property cleanup needed. SJ Auto Body is starting to encroach on the backend of the town property next to it. A verbal request by Councilmember Hinds will be given before a written request is issued.


PW has contacted a couple of construction companies to come down and give estimates or bids to work on the streets in town. The possibility of maintenance contracts will be discussed.

While checking wells and doing maintenance PW noticed a travel trailer set up on the East end of 205 E Cedar with an electric cord running across the street to 205 E Oak. A little more information is needed to find out who is in the travel trailer and why. After the identity is confirmed, a notice will be sent to the involved parties that living in travel trailers is not allowed in Whitman County.

The question of putting up mailboxes at the end of the Logen's duplexes was discussed. This is going to be an issue that the Logen's, the post office, and possibly the town needs to talk about to get the mailboxes in the correct and most efficient location for all involved.

No request for additional comments was stated and it was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.


F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER


Michael G. Webb
MAYOR