



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2024

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, and Smick, Public Works Steve Gibson, Community members Dimitar Andreeva, Clancy Pool, Marie Kelch, Penny Hinds, Linda Hayes, Gazette Reporter Teresa Simpson, Century West Engineering’s Matt Morkert, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.’s Ward McDonald, L.G, Geologist - Environmental Scientist, Whitman Hospital and Medical’s CEO Hank Hanigan, Port of Whitman County’s District 3 Commissioner Tom Kammerzell, Executive Director Kara Riebold, and the Town clerk attended the meeting.

The September 23, 2024 meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 15589-15642 & EFT’s	\$ 12,323.19
PR# EFT	\$ 1,007.76

Ward McDonald presented a packet explaining the Front Street Brownfield project. Whitman Hospital and Medical Clinic (WHMC) initially considered the site in 2021. Due to the possible contamination from the previous businesses, the risk outweighed the benefits forcing them to abandon the project. WHMC and the Port of Whitman (Port) partnered to redevelop the site into a new health clinic with other services for the community. The Port can apply for an EPA Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant to help fund phase 1 and 2 Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), community engagement, and reuse planning. There will be a public meeting to review the draft grant application and ABCA at the Nov. 7 Port Commission Meeting. They will submit the grant application on or before Nov. 14, 2024. The Council will work on a letter of support for the project.

Discussion on the road vacation was conducted. Concern for existing utilities, rights of way, and the effect on other property owners must also be considered. It was concluded that the town attorney needed to be consulted before further discussion.

Matt Morkert went through the IACC (Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council) conference that the Mayor and Steven will be attending Oct. 22-24. The main event at the conference for the town will be the Tech Team Meeting. This meeting is a way to target who

can help fund the possible relocation of the treatment plant. Other connections will be made for the sump pumps, manholes, school roof, and street projects.

Matt also updated that the TIB funding awards should be out in November.

The St John Pharmacy wrote a letter to the council to request a reduction in the utility bill while the building was for sale. After discussion, the council voted to suspend billing with a motion from Smick and seconded by Hinds.

Discussion on school zones or slow signs was held for Bartholow. Public works will look into signage.

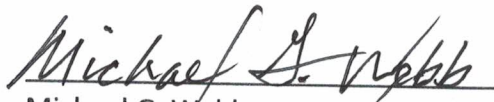
It was brought to public works that the Youth Sports would like to put up a building in the park to house equipment. After discussion, the council agreed a presentation should be made by Youth Sports.

The Fire Department has set up a Zoom with the Fire Attorney to discuss the incorporation of the Town into the District. The meeting is set up for November 20th at 8:30 AM. The clerk will send the Zoom link to the council and remind them closer to the date.

No request for additional comments was stated. It was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR