

MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Council Members Smick, Smith, Watson, and Bezdicek were in attendance. Also attending were Shani Hergert, Chris Canaday and Steven Engles.

Linda Hayes was presented with a small token of appreciation for her 34 years of service to the Town of St John as City Clerk.

The minutes of the November 23, 2020 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 Bezdicek. Motion carried by vote of the Council.

Claims #13831, 13835-13846, 13852-13861	\$131,854.91
P/R #13832-13834, 13847-13857	\$12,477.63

Discussion on an income survey conducted by RCAC to be eligible for additional grant money for the sewer project took place. The Council was in agreement to approve the survey as long as the Town of St John is not obligated to put forth any money associated with the survey. Motion by Watson and second by Smith.

Discussion about Larry Miller's duplex water bill was initiated. It was discussed that his bill would remain as is. The duplex is considered two (2) separate residences and will be billed as such.

Chris Canaday explained the Liquid Engineering estimate for Reservoir cleaning. They would be scheduled for sometime in the spring/summer. Motion to accept cleaning inspection proposal by Smick second by Smith.

Steven Engles gave a report on supplies needed to repair the ditch along Front Street. Cost for Town of St John Public Works department to order materials and do the work was a considerable saving. Motion to approve the purchase of materials by Watson and second by Smick.

Question to clarify Overtime/Holiday pay was brought to the council's attention. Discussion to amend wording to clarify OT is approved when employee works on a scheduled day off.

A new interlocal agreement between the Town of St John and Whitman county was approved pending Public Works department review. Motion by Watson and second by Bezdicek.

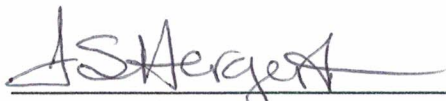
Mayor Webb reported on the email conversation with Dan Haupt from DOT regarding chip/crack sealing of Front Street (SR23) in the future. Everyone was in the agreement to contact them on a regular basis. This road is in need of repairs.

Building permit application was submitted by Joanna Jones (Hergert) for a single-family residence. After review, a motion to issue a building permit was made by Bezdicek and second by Smith with the contingency that the Town of St John would not be liable for any claim due to proximity of flood plain.

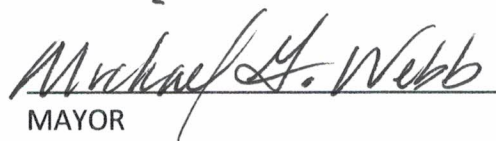
Building permit for Gerry Jessen's park model was approved with a motion by Smick and second by Smith.

Discussion was held on a new heater for the Public Works shop. Chris Canaday had one new bid and will get a couple more for a future discussion.

Discussion was held on the applications for the Janitor position. Motion to hire Karen Averitt by Bezdicek and second by Smick.



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