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MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, Smick and Smith, Public Works Steven Engles and Steve Gibson, Century West's Hunter Carroll, and the Town clerk attended the meeting.

The minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 15204-15225, 15231 & EFT's	\$ 39,432.65
PR# 15226-15230, EFT's	\$ 15,842.58

Hunter gave an update on the procurement package and the progress of the wastewater treatment plant. The council and public works discussed aspects of the plant and a few concerns were discussed. Electrical will be reviewed and discussed with Sam Snead (SJ Environmental), Public Works, Avista, and Century West in a meeting to be held shortly. A backflow system will be discussed when the creek runs high and in emergencies.

Resolution 473X was discussed for declaring an emergency to fix the Shop Roof which is now in desperate need. The patchwork will not hold up to the amount of wet weather that has occurred. The mayor was able to speak with a contractor who is willing and able to repair the roof. After discussion, it was motioned by Smick and seconded by Hinds to approve the declaration of emergency to repair the shop roof to prevent further or possible catastrophic damage to the shop, its contents, and staff. Due to the urgency of the repair, it was approved to order the trusses. These will not be ready until mid to late January.

There has still been no contact with 6 S Jennings regarding the update on the electrical inspection. The Clerk will speak with the town attorney to see if or what can be done.

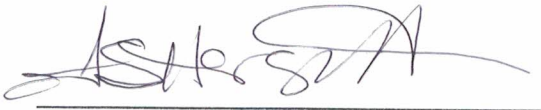
Hinds, Smith, and the Mayor signed oaths of office.

Public Works disused the replacement of fire hydrants. They have been researching the process and feel they will be able to do some of the minor replacements themselves this spring.

Whitman Co. Elections would like to put a ballot box up in town. Public Works found a location that could meet the needs of the elections department and the Town. The council agreed a ballot box would be useful. Until staffing could be arranged, the Clerk, with help from the council and mayor when needed, would need to be responsible for locking the box at 8 PM on election days.

After the ballot box discussion, the topic of a fire levy next November was brought to the council's attention. More information will be needed and the topic will be discussed at a later date.

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 7:14 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR