

## TOWN OF St. JOHN PO BOX 298 St. JOHN, WA 99171-0298 (509)648-3905

## **MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, Smick, and Smith, Public Works Steven Engles, community members Dan Wardwell, Mike Thomas and the Town Clerk were in attendance.

The minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 14402-14412 PR# 14397-14401, EFT's

\$ 1,311.74

\$13,214.51

Mike Thomas reported on the progress of the Car Show. He has been in contact with Lori Loomis to also coordinate the Town Wide Yard sale event in the same weekend. Thomas would like to bring the downtown businesses in on a poker walk and have them open during the event. The Cars will be parked between Main and Park. The fire station entrance will not be blocked. Thomas requested permission from the council to block off a portion of Front Street for the event. A letter would need to be given to the County that states the Town does not have any objections. The council was in agreement this would be allowed. Road closed and detour signs will need to be purchased or rented. Thomas asked the council if the town had any that were available and if not, would the town be willing to purchase a couple. The council was in agreement the town could use a couple for other events but would look into other options prior to purchasing.

Public Works reported Well #1 will need the pump and motor pulled. Fail to start errors are occurring and having to be manually started. KME Specialties will give an estimate on replacement. Quotes for crack sealing Park, portions of Front, Sohon and Broadway are in the works. WSRB fire rating came and gave the town a "gold star", Hydrants will still need to be upgraded as Century West is looking into grant options.

Discussion on Pickup Truck replacement ensued. The option of applying for federal financial assistance with the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development was brought to the council. A notice of intent to apply and a resolution will need to be completed. A Motion by Smick seconded by Hinds was given to proceed with the application process. Public Works and the Mayor will investigate options also.

Clerk reported that Whitman County landfill, Empire Disposal, and Sutton Salvage have been contacted in regards to Spring Clean Up Day. Empire Disposal and Sutton Salvage will supply bins April 8 and will pick up April 18. Whitman County landfill agreed to give Empire the discount price for the disposal.

A concerned resident reported their car was broken into on Park Street the week of February  $14^{\rm th}$ . Loose change seemed to be the only thing missing.

Mayor reported on updates with meeting with residents concerning dogs, garbage, chickens, etc. They are aware and will be working on the situation. They are looking forward to the Spring Clean-Up Day.

No request for additional comments were stated and it was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

F. Shani Hergert

CLERK - TREASURER

Michael G. Webb

**MAYOR**