

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 P.M. ELECTRONIC MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2020

Council Present: Wilford Conetah, Bradley Gingell, Larry Dye, Jim Dieter, Dakota Bruns

Absent:

Mayor Present: Mayor Kathleen Cooper

Recorder Present: Kalecia Fowler

Visitors: Alan Allred, Kyle Richens, Cameron Olson

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

MOTION: JIM DIETER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 MINUTES AS READ. WILFORD CONETAH SECONDED. LARRY DYE VOTED AYE. BRADLEY GINGELL VOTED AYE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cooper asked if there were any public comments for this meeting. There were no additional comments.

AYCOCK, MILES & ASSOCIATES – PRESENTATION OF 2020 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

Mayor Cooper turned the time over to Cameron Olson from Aycock, Miles and Associates for the presentation of 2020 Fiscal Year Audit. All in all the city has done well. There is concern about uncollectible balances over 90 days. There were two findings as well. One was that the unassigned general fund balance exceeded Utah Code Limits. Kalecia reported she contacted Pelorus and they helped her move quite a bit but it was not enough. The second finding was some meeting minutes were not uploaded to the Utah Public Notice Website within three days of being approved. Also, some meetings were not posted at least 24 hours before being held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DUCHESNE COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BUDGET

Mayor Cooper informed the council that Duchesne County Mosquito Abatement is looking to have their 2021 budget approved.

MOTION: JIM DIETER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DUCHESNE COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BUDGET FOR 2021. BRADLEY GINGELL SECONDED. LARRY DYE VOTED AYE. WILFORD CONETAH VOTED AYE. DAKOTA BRUNS VOTED AYE.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON COMPUTER LAB

Mayor Cooper asked about whether to continue to pay the two library workers or should we discontinue the library. Council felt that because the library is closed due to COVID, the wages can be reimbursed so we can continue to pay the library staff.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXTENDING THE RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID 19; RESOLUTION 04142020-001

Mayor Cooper stated we should extend the emergency declaration resolution 04142020-001 another thirty days.

MOTION: LARRY DYE MOTIONED TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION 04142020-001 ANOTHER THIRTY DAYS. BRAD GINGELL SECONDED. DAKOTA BRUNS VOTED AYE. JIE DIETER VOTED AYE. WILFORD CONETAH VOTED AYE.

CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON THE LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

Kyle Richens – Maintenance

Mayor Cooper turned the time over to Kyle Richens. Mayor Cooper stated she would like to acknowledge the passing of Ronnie Young on November 18. Kyle Richens reported we took our monthly bacteriological sample to the lab and we did a quarterly Disinfection Byproduct sample as well. Kyle Richens stated we may need a power cord for a pump at the pump station. He does not know how it happened, but the cord wrapped around the propeller and was destroyed. We do not know how much a new cord is going to cost. It may have destroyed the motor as well. Kyle stated we will know more in the morning. Alan Allred stated we are still cleaning up the shop. Alan Allred asked about the old dump truck, loader and the old fire truck. Kalecia stated she believed that the dump truck and loader was designated as surplus property a long time ago. The fire truck was to be restored and used in parades. Larry Dye agreed that we wanted to restore the old fire truck. There have been a lot of people that have taken on the challenge of restoring that fire truck, no one has been able to finish it. Mayor Cooper stated to take the loader and dump truck to the spring auction and get rid of them. Council concurred.

Alan Allred – Fire Department

Chief Alan Allred asked about an in person Santa Clause. Chief Allred stated he cannot see a safe way to do it without the city being fined for someone not wearing a mask or become a super-spreader event. Dakota Bruns stated we could do a social media holiday greeting instead of in person. Chief Allred seemed to like that idea. He and Dakota would get together to come up with something.

Larry Dye stated he is concerned about the audit showing that amount of uncollected bills. Shut offs should be done monthly. Mayor Cooper stated we are in a pandemic and we cannot shut anyone off right now. Larry Dye wondered why we couldn't shut those people off. Council asked that we contact other local cities to find out what is being done about this and follow accordingly. If some of these unpaid bills are related to COVID job losses, we may be able to use CARES money to offset some of those amounts.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CHECKS

Kalecia stated the list will be available in the city office for the November Expenditures list for council signatures.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 52-4-205(C) AND (D)(II) STRATEGY SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING, REASONABLY IMMINENT AND ONGOING LITIGATION, WATER RIGHTS OR SHARES

Mayor Cooper stated there is no need for an executive session this evening regarding this matter.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 52-4-205 (1)(A) – DISCUSSION OF THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL(S)

Mayor Cooper stated there is no need for an executive session this evening regarding this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.