

JUNCTION TOWN BOARD
MAY 12, 2023
6:30 P.M.
JUNCTION TOWN OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Greg Pearson
Councilman Sherm Buck
Councilmember Jodi Hurdsman
Councilman Coy Morrison
Councilmember Lori Taylor
Town Maintenance – Paul Garvey
Town Clerk – Teresa M Pearson
Town Worker – Toni Jensen
Ensign Engineering – Tyson Jewks

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Mayor Greg Pearson.

The minutes for the April meeting will have to be approved next month. The clerk did not get them out.

Time was turned to Tyson Jewks to report on the water project. He stated that they got approval on the application from the Division of Drinking water. It would be \$120,000 in grant and \$480,000 in loan. There is a meeting coming up on May 16th that would have to be attended. Tyson stated that the Town has a few options into this money. Option 1 would be to take the amount above but we would likely have to increase our water bill by \$5 a connection. Option 2 would be to contact the members of the board and talk to them to see what they could help us with on this. Stating that when we applied for the ARPA grant the costs were less and now they have gone up. Option 3 is to reduce the application to \$60,000 grant and \$240,000 loan. This will have the same conditions as the full amount. Mayor will call and talk to them to see what is feasible for the town and plead our case about raising the water bill. Option 4 is to say no and try applying thru the CIB for the extra money. Tyson made clear to the board members that if you drop the loan amount the grant amount also drops. If we go with the \$300,000 then the \$5 we just raised the water bill will cover the cost and we would not have to raise it.

Tyson then stated that he has talked with the contractor to see when they will start the project and they are finishing up a couple other projects then they will start to dig and do the dirt work on the new tank.

MOTION: Made by Councilmember Lori Taylor to go with the request of \$300,000 with an 80% loan and 20% grant.
SECONDED: Councilmember Coy Morrison
VOTE UNANIMOUS

The clerk then reported on the Pelorus program. She stated that she finally got back in touch with Kyle Walker and she needs to send him one more report. She will get that done and email him and include Tyson Jewks on the email.

Overdue water bills were discussed. The clerk will send out notices to those on the list and 4 disconnect notices to the others.

The water is running at 80 gallons per minute at the spring.

Councilmember Lori Taylor discussed the option of the old inactive meters. If a meter is not active then the town should charge them a fee to make it active and to pay for a new meter and any issues that it may have. These fees would be paid for by the property owner.

MOTION: Made by Councilmember Lori Taylor to only install active water users the new meters. Non-active water users will need to pay for the meter, \$1500, and any issues to the line.
SECONDED: Councilmember Jodi Hurdsmen
VOTE UNANIMOUS

The old water line on the east side of the highway has been fixed and capped off. The water leak at the old post office and the store has also been fixed.

Mayor Pearson reported on the fire department. He stated that they had a Wild land fire up Kingston Canyon that they went on.

Councilman Coy Morrison reported on the roads. He stated that there is some big potholes on the old Church farm road that need to be fixed. The Mayor stated getting some patch mix from home depot or Ace hardware and fill them.

Councilmember Lori Taylor reported on the park. She stated that she got a quote for the 3 pieces of equipment for the park. They board said to go ahead and get them ordered.

Lori Taylor asked as a resident about bringing the Friki Tiki to the park area during the week of the fair. She would like to park at the north end of the ball field and plug into the firehouse if possible. She stated that it is town property so the board should be able to decide not the fair. Mayor Pearson suggests that she should talk with the fair board about this.

Piute recreation sent out a letter asking businesses and towns for donations to help with the costs of the kid's softball, baseball, coach pitch and T-ball.

MOTION: Made by Councilman Coy Morrison to donate \$200 to Piute Recreation for costs.
SECONDED: Councilmember Jodi Hurdsmann
VOTE UNANIMOUS

The tentative budget for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 was looked at and is as follows:

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	
Administration	22,500	
Sheriff	3,000	
Fire House	19,000	(9,000 FH Payment)
Dump	5,000	
Health	600	
Recreation	9,000	
Airport	4,000	
Park	9,000	
Cemetery	3,000	
St. Lights/GF Roads	20,000	
Roads	95,000	
Wildland	36,138***	this amount has to stay
TOTAL:		233,340

We have 7,102.00 to put where we need it to go.

Water	76,711
Capital Projects	11,278

With the extra\$7,102 they would like to put that money into the park to see about getting some new tables.

MOTION: Made by Councilmember Lori Taylor to approve the tentative budget for 23-24 year with the changes being made.
SECONDED: Councilmember Jodi Hurdsmann
VOTE UNANIMOUS

The Mayor discussed some options with the maintenance worker that has need be filled yet. He stated that he talked to some local contractors about getting bids in case of a water line brake.

The following two contractors put in bids: Morrison Rock and Bedrock Concrete.

Bedrock Concrete – David Lee

Was \$110 hour and \$600 fee per month for retaining

Morrison Rock – Shane Morrison

Was \$110 hour for backhoe and 2 people

MOTION: Made by Councilmember Lori Taylor to use Morrison Rock and if not available contact Bedrock Concrete for the repairs.

SECONDED: Councilmember Jodi Hurdsman

VOTE UNANIMOUS

The financial statement and bank statement for the month of April were available for review.

ORDER: Claims were available for the May payroll and accounts payable which goes from Check # 11889 to Check # 11915.

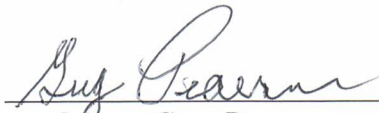
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. by Mayor Greg Pearson.

MOTION: Made by Councilman Sherm buck to adjourn the meeting.

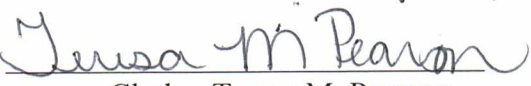
SECONDED: Councilman Coy Morrison

VOTE UNANIMOUS

ATTEST:


Mayor Greg Pearson

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Clerk – Teresa M. Pearson