



CITY OF LOSTINE

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3 2021

THOSE PRESENT: MAYOR/FIRE CHIEF DUSTY TIPPET. COUNCIL MEMBERS LEE ALLEN DARCI CALHOUN AND SPENCER SHELTON. WATER MASTER SHAWN YOUNG AND CITY RECORDER TONI CLARY.

VISITORS: RICK BOYD

COUNCIL VACANCY:

- CITY RECORDER TONI CLARY PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL SUBMITTED COUNCIL APPLICATIONS. THERE WAS ONE SUBMISSION, RICK BOYD. COUNCIL MEMBER DARCI CALHOUN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT RICK BOYD TO FILL COUNCIL POSITION #3. COUNCIL MEMBER LEE ALLEN SECONDED IT.
- RICK BOYD WAS SWORN IN BY MAYOR TIPPET TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- MEETING MINUTES
 - FEBRUARY MINUTES. COUNCILMEMBER SPENCER SHELTON MAKES MOTION TO ACCEPT, DARCI CALHOUN SECONDED.
- **STATEMENTS AND BILLS:**
 - OPENED AND ACCEPTED BY COUNCILMEMBER SPENCER SHELTON, DARCI CALHOUN SECONDED.

WATER REPORT:

- HUB APRIL CONTACTED WATER MASTER SHAWN YOUNG ABOUT A STRONG CHLORINE SMELL WITH HIS WATER. YOUNG FLUSHED HYDRANT AT NORTH SIDE OF ELIZABETH ST.
- WATER MASTER YOUNG ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL IN REGARD TO "SNOW BIRDS" (RESIDENTS THAT LIVE HERE ONLY PART OF THE YEAR) CURRENTLY WE CHARGE \$25 TO HAVE THE WATER SHUT OFF WHEN THEY LEAVE AND \$25 TO TURN WATER BACK ON WHEN THEY RETURN. WE CURRENTLY DO NOT CHARGE THEM RENT WHILE THEY ARE



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GONE. YOUNG BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL THAT A LOAN WAS ISSUED TO US BY USDA AND BUSINESS OREGON FOR THE WATER SYSTEM AT SUCH TIME OUR RATE OF REPAYMENT WAS SET BASED ON NUMBER OF WATER CONNECTIONS, THEREFORE WE ARE NOT BRINGING IN ENOUGH REVENUE TO MAKE OUR YEARLY PAYMENT IF WE ARE NOT RECEIVING REVENUE FROM THESE CONNECTIONS. MAINTENANCE ON THE SYSTEM CONTINUES YEAR-ROUND AND DOES NOT CEASE IF A RESIDENT HAS THERE WATER TEMPORALLY SHUT OFF. FURTHERMORE THESE RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO GET THE BENEFITS OF THE WATER SYSTEM SUCH AS THE INCREASED WORTH OF THEIR PROPERTY WITH THE WATER CONNECTION. HE GAVE THE EXAMPLE; COVE CHARGES EVERYONE A BILL THAT HAS A WATER CONNECTION WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE IN THE HOME AT THE TIME. MAYOR TIPPET SUGGEST WE TABLE TILL NEXT MEETING TO GIVE THE COUNCIL TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT.

FIRE REPORT:

- FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A VEHICLE ACCIDENT NEAR THE LOSTINE WATER TOWER.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT SIREN DID NOT SOUND WHEN CALL CAME IN. FIRE CHIEF TIPPET IS LOOKING TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- MAYOR TIPPET ASKED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BUDGET OFFICER AND RATE. COUNCIL MEMBER SPENCER SHELTON NOMINATED CITY RECORDER TONI CLARY AT A RATE OF \$1100.00. COUNCIL MEMBER RICK BOYD SECONDED.
- MAYOR TIPPET SUGGESTS ADDING SNOW REMOVAL AND PARK MAINTENANCE AS A LINE ITEM ON THE BUDGET, POSSIBLY AT \$500.00 SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS PROJECT PROCEEDS

OTHER BUSINESS:



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- MAYOR TIPPET READ WALLOWA CO SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT OF LOSTINE INCIDENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021.
- POST OFFICE UPDATE: MAYOR TIPPET CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS WITH POST OFFICE OFFICIALS REGARDING THE COST OF POWER TO THE PREMISES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE POST OFFICE WOULD BE LIABLE FOR THIS COST AND THE CONTRACT WAS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THIS. THE CITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND PARK MAINTENANCE ON THE PREMISES.
- CITY RECORDER CLARY CONTACTED KEN HALL WITH THE WALLOWA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE JACOBSON PROPERTY AND REQUEST TO CONNECT THEIR LOTS ACROSS CITY ALLEY-WAY. MR HALL ADVISED AGAINST ABANDONING ANY ALLEYS. THE COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO ABANDON ANY ALLEYS OR EASEMENTS OF THE CITY. MAYOR TIPPET MADE A MOTION TO WRITE UP A FORMAL RESOLUTION TO NOT ABANDON ALLEYS OR EASEMENTS OF THE CITY. THIS BEING SAID THE CITY IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE USE OF SAID AREAS BY THE RESIDENCE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. CITY RECORDER TONI CLARY WILL WRITE UP A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL NEXT MEETING AS WELL AS WRITE A LETTER TO MRS JACOBSON AS TO THE DECISION.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 8:20 PM

APPROVED: _____ **MAYOR**

ATTEST: _____ **CITY RECORDER**

DATE: _____