
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dalton called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Dalton, Council Members Anita Eylar, Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Public Works Director Ruth Olmstead, Chief Johnson, Officer Hopper, Nancy Wetch, Gray & Osborne, Tammara Byers, Janet Christy, Linda Roberts, Renata Rollins - Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING: 2025-2030 Six Year Street Plan:** Ms. Roberts asked if Dill Ave. was included in the plan, Ms. Olmstead said not at this time. Mr. Carriere asked if 2nd St. was included at this time, response was not at this time. Mr. Nash asked about Burdin Blvd., Ms. Olmstead that there is an upcoming project that may address some of this. Mr. Paris, via telephone, wanted to say he was glad to see 2nd and Division.

3. VISITOR INPUT:

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Johnson reported that the department had received 100 calls for service between June 1st and July 16th. The department currently has one applicant going through the hiring process. Chief also reported that during a traffic stop Officer Hopper had confiscated a large quantity of drugs and paraphernalia.

Public Works Department: Ms. Olmstead reported that the dept. had responded to several sewer plugs and has assisted the WWTF employees with several repairs. Ms. Olmstead said that there was a change order on the Fortuyn project due to large boulders, the project is on schedule to be complete by the end of July. Per Ms. Eylar request for change to minutes the following needs to be added to this: "The public works staff is very short staffed and only working on emergency projects because they don't have the resources with her previous position open now that she is the director." (Note: a replacement can't be hired due to an MPU with union for Ruth O's director position until after 6 months from the signature of the MOU).

Finance Department: Ms. Pearce informed council that the annual report was complete and included with council packet along with the June revenue and expenditure reports.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Ms. Eylar reported that she and the Mayor will be attending AWC's budget conference.

- 6. AGENDA REVISIONS:** Ms. Eylar asked to add discussion of hiring a public works employee to the agenda as Item 9.5.

- 7. CONSENT AGENDA:** Ms. Eylar motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8.1 Review Sample Small and Attractive Asset Policy: Mr. Poplawski provided a sample policy to council for review, after discussion Mr. Poplawski will provide the clerk with the policy after revisions. Ms. Pearce will forward to the attorney for review and final draft. The policy will be added to the August agenda.

8.2 Job Descriptions – Discussion: After discussion, Ms. Pearce was asked to provide the current position descriptions to department heads for review and input. Ms. Eylar offered to meet with the department heads to receive their input on the position descriptions.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Authorize Mayor’s Signature on Service Agreement with G&O for WWTF Design Phase: Nancy Wetch, Gray Osborne, provided updated information on the design phase. Funding has been secured through Dept. of Ecology. The design phase will include updates to the wastewater facility and camera survey of the sewer lines. Mr. Carriere motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the design engineering agreement, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

9.2 Authorize Mayor’s signature on Change Order #1 Fortuyn Street Project: Ms. Eylar motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

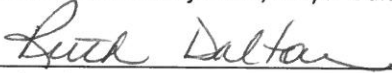
9.3 Resolution 24-02 Adopting the 2025-2030 Six Year Street Plan: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 24-02, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

9.4 Reconsideration of Motion to Award Basin Tree Service the Removal of Tree on Weil Pl.: Ms. Pearce let council know the bid that Basin Tree Service had previously provided was based off of their residential fee not commercial. Basin Tree revised their original bid which reflected an increase. Ms. Olmstead was also able to acquire to another bid, Basin Tree Service was still the low bid. Mr. Carriere motioned to award the job to Basin Tree Service, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote. Mr. Carriere, Mr. Poplawski and Mr. Nash voted yes, Ms. Eylar voted no.

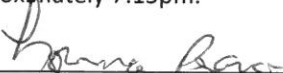
9.5 Discussion of Hiring a Seasonal Public Works Employee: The position would be for no more than 5 months. After some discussion Ms. Eylar motioned to approve hiring a seasonal employee at the current laborer hourly rate of \$19.71, Mr. Nash second, motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote. Ms. Eylar, Mr. Nash and Mr. Carriere voted yes, Mr. Poplawski voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer