
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 Tim Snead, Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash

Also Present: Clerk Pearce, Chief Fish, Officer Hopper, PWD Ruth Olmstead, Tony Marin, Linda Roberts and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Fish reported 35 ambulance calls to date, 4 fire calls one involved a fatality. The fire department received a DNR grant for a brush truck, it is a 2015 Ford F550 with a 400 gallon tank.

PWD Olmstead reported that they had serviced the sewer jetter and all of the trucks and have been working with the Bureau to bring their new water meter online.

Ms. Pearce provided information a partial estimate of the damages to city hall from the break in, we are still waiting for the estimate on the windows. Ms. Pearce asked council to consider replacing the remaining windows that were not broken, she is hoping to have an estimate by the February meeting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee: No meeting

WWTF Committee: The January meeting was canceled and has been rescheduled for February 13, 2025 at 6pm at the Electric City City Hall.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS: Mr. Poplawski motioned to add Item 8.2 Resolution 25-01 Setting 2025 Water Charges, 8.4 Resolution 25-03 Setting 2025 Sewer Charges and Item 8.7 Resolution 25-06 Setting Dept. Head Salary and Wages be added to the consent agenda as they had previously been discussed and set, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

6.1 Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes of December 10, 2024.

6.2 Motion to approve Council Meeting minutes of December 17, 2024.

6.3 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated December 31, 2024, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated December 31, 2024, certified by the City

Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 44074 and 44077 thru 44092 and EFT items in the amount of \$44,574.56.

- 6.4 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated January 28, 2025, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated January 28, 2025, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 44093 thru 44127 and EFT items in the amount of \$160,785.12
- 6.5 Motion to approve Payroll Vouchers, dated December 31, 2024 certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, vouchers numbered 44073 and 4075 through 44076 and Direct Deposit and EFTs (no sequenced numbers) as listed on the Payroll register in the total amount of \$88,105.42.

Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Changing of Telephone System: After a brief discussion no action was taken.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Appointment of Council Committees: Mayor Dalton made the committee appointments, she then said that once the vacant council seat is filled there may be some changes. Mayor Dalton asked the clerk to provide a copy of the roster to each council member.

8.3 Resolution 25-02 Establishing Fees Related to Water Service: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 25-02, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

8.5 Resolution 25-04 Establishing Fees Related to Sewer Service: Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Resolution 25-04, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

8.6 Resolution 25-05 Setting 2025 Solid Waste Collection Fees: Council had set the increase to collection fees at 2.5%, this increase is reflected in the 2025 fees. Mr. Snead motioned to approve Resolution 25-05, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

8.8 Authorize the Mayor to Sign Amendment for Engineering Services: Ms. Pearce told council the amendment is for a Cultural Resources Survey. At the time the original engineering agreement was signed it was not known if the city would be required to do a cultural resources survey, the Dept. of Ecology is now requiring it. Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment for engineering services; Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

8.9 Discussion of Turning Back the DOJ Grant: Ms. Pearce informed council that no funds have been expended. Mayor Dalton commented that the city is appreciative of the effort that was put into the grant application but that this grant was not really a good fit for the city. Mr. Carriere motioned to turn back the DOJ grant, Mr. Snead second, motion carried. Mayor Dalton asked the clerk to contact the city attorney to draft the letter to DOJ.

8.10 Discussion of Installing Camera/Alarm System: The consensus of the council was that some type of alarm system is needed at city hall. Mr. Nash asked if there may be a grant available to assist with cost of the system, Ms. Pearce said she was not sure if there were grants available. Mayor Dalton asked the city hall facilities committee to research the

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issue and report back to the council in February. Ms. Pearce said that Officer Backus had provided some information on camera/alarm systems that she could provide to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45pm.


Ruth Dalton, Mayor


Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer