

Council Meeting

January 21, 2020

6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Willey. C.M. Dodd, C.M. Montgomery, C.M. Henderson, C.M. Cox, and C.M. Milanowski were present. Mayor Willey, Clerk/Treasurer Oster, Superintendent Petersen, and Attorney Unzelman were present.

A motion was made by C.M. Montgomery and seconded by C.M. Henderson to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Montgomery to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Cox to approve the addition of Claim #'s 19183 and 19186 to Blanket Voucher #201925 for an additional amount of \$1,325.47 for the new Grand Total of \$56,500.57 and for Blanket Voucher #202002 for Claim #'s 19187-19195 in the amount of \$82,620.42 and for Payroll \$19184-19185 in the amount of \$2450.00 for the Grand Total of \$82,620.42. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Dodd for approximately \$400.00 to Hung Right Doors for repair of the Overhead door at the WTP. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Henderson to approve the purchase of a 27 Gallon air compressor, 50 ft of air hose, floor mount drill press, drill press vice and a ½ inch Impact driver from Harbor Freight Tools for \$1227.95 before tax. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Cox and seconded by C.M. Milanowski to purchase from Keene Engineering Inc. the custom-made parts required for the Town's trash pump to make a power Jet for cleaning the intake screen at the Lester Creek location, price is \$632.20 before Tax. C.M. Henderson is going to check with her husband to see if they may have the required parts and the purchase would be if they do not have them. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Henderson and seconded by C.M. Montgomery to purchase the water main tap machine from HD Fowler and the required parts for approximately \$2517.57 before tax and shipping. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Montgomery to purchase 2 wet suits with gloves and boots in the amount of \$1000.00 before tax for Town Employees while they are standing in Lester Creek cleaning the intake screen. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Cox to approve the purchase of the Carbon Steel Digester Mixer shaft for \$1275 plus tax and freight. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no Utility Bill adjustments.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by C.M. Cox and seconded by C.M. Dodd to approve the purchase of the police decals located on page 2 from ADgraphix for \$525.

NEW BUSINESS

Samantha from the Youth Advocacy Group addressed the council about Services offered to the Town as well as the Marshal's office for Child Abuse cases. In the future she would like to have a place in Pe Ell where a safe and comforting environment can be established for interviews with potential child abuse victims.

A motion was made by C.M. Cox and seconded by C.M. Dodd to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution #244- Surplus of police vehicles and equipment. Attorney Unzelman noted that the vehicles must be sold at fair market value. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Oster notified the council that all Senior/Low Income accounts were recently sent renewal applications to verify that all accounts with this status still qualify. 2 accounts were removed from this status because they did not qualify any longer. We are still waiting for income verification on one account.

CITIZEN INPUT

Debra Sparks asked about the current status of our intake screen and how much it will cost the Town. Mayor Willey informed her that we are working closely with the Department of Health, Lewis County Department of Emergency Management, Washington State Emergency Management, Gray & Osborne, and FEMA to ensure that our main line is secure and to build a new road for upstream access to the Lester Creek Dam so that heavy equipment could be brought in to clean out the area more effectively than by hand. Officials from the Town, County and State have a meeting with Weyerhaeuser for a plan to build a different access road for upstream access next week. The Town received funding from FEMA in 2015 for the damage to the main line, there has been and continues to be work done to secure the main line, but has been difficult because of access problems. We are currently pursuing any and all grants for this project.

Karen Painter expressed her thanks to the Town Officials for being so calm during this water crisis. She also asked that since the power was not working at Memorial Park, that to stay in compliance with flag code to please have the Flag taken down at night so that it isn't flying in the dark. Chris Dodd offered to look into solar lighting for the flag pole, and she was assured that her concern would be addressed.

COUNCIL TIME

C.M. Dodd let the Mayor know that there are a couple pot holes by the Stowe Creek bridge that need addressed because they are getting big. He also asked Superintendent Paul Petersen to get a list of repairs that need to be made at each treatment facility so we can begin to check them off.

C.M. Henderson asked the Mayor about what was discussed at the recent Mayor's meeting. He informed her that local mayors talked about what projects they will be tackling this spring/summer. Also discussed were the recent rain/flood events. State Senators were also in attendance and were speaking about the up-coming legislative session.

C.M. Cox noted that he would like to see a long-term plan drawn to shorten the 5 miles of pipe from our Lester Creek location and possibly drawing out of the river or maybe another location.

C.M. Milanowski thanked Paul, Alex, and Terra for all their hard work.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by C.M. Henderson and seconded by C.M. Dodd to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED _____

ATTESTED _____