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Council Members

Brad Smith Mayor
Barbara Northington
Suzanne Hood
Matt Wenick

Audience

Melvin Herburger
Chuck White
Andrea Officer
Julie Klum
Jim Klum
Mike Allen Fire Chief
James Phillips

September 10th 2024 City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Brad Smith @6pm
Minutes taken by City Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman

#1 Open Floor

Chuck White asked three questions that residents requested him to bring up, 1st a letter of resignation from City Manager that was effective immediately, we don't know whether it happened yet or not, and number 2nd Is the new park up to code and it is a commercial property, 3rd shouldn't the jobs for the city be posted for two weeks or an determined amount of time before jobs were awarded?

#2 Fill Vacant Council Seat

Melvin Herburger gave the city a letter of interest to fill the vacant council seat. Councilor Wenick made a motion to accept Melvin's letter of interest seconded by Councilor Northington all were in favor, motion passed Mr. Herburger was sworn in.

#3 Public Work Request

James Phillips our new Public Works lead requested permission to keep a city vehicle at his home because he carries all his personal tools with him, tools that the city at this time does not have. Councilor Wenick requested that we create a list of tools we need and at some point, in the future start procuring them. The request was not met with opposition.

#4 Wastewater Inflow & Infiltration Scenarios

Due to the flooding of the lagoons spring of 2023 the city violated its permit and have entered into an agreement (MOA) with DEQ to correct the causes that contributed to 2023 flooding. The decision to use cured in place pipe lining was made and now monies have to be secured for the project. There are 3 scenarios and are as follows, 1st Scenario we receive 1/2 grant 1/2 loan but in order to tap into the grant we have to raise sewer rates by \$17.01, 2nd scenario is loan only raising sewer rate by \$3.60, and 3rd scenario we pay for the project with the funds we are receiving from the fall fire encampment which is \$62,395. After discussions Councilor Wenick made a motion to approve scenario 2 with amending the increase from \$3.60 to \$5, seconded by Councilor Herburger, all were in favor, motion passed.

#5 Goats for Vegetation Management

After discussion on the city maintaining their own goats for vegetation management it was decided that it would not be wise at this time.

6 Donation Request for Child Safety and Drug Prevention

The Grant County Sheriff's office is putting into effect a child safety and drug education for children and adults. Councilor Northington made a motion to donate \$250 to the Grant County Sheriff's Office, seconded by Councilor Herburger, all were in favor, motion passed.

#7 Lease Termination 312 E Ave

Owner wrote the city a note stating that he was terminating the lease agreement for property adjacent to his property. After discussions the consensus was to write a letter requesting the owner take down the fence.

#8 Sign Lease Agreements

Leases were signed by Mayor Brad Smith.

#9 Approve Minutes

Councilor Northington made a motion to approve July 9th minutes, seconded by Councilor Wenick, all in favor, motion passed.

#10 Bills Before Council

Councilor Northington made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Councilor Wenick, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:10



Attest: Mayor Brad Smith