
Town of Latah

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For April 07, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Douglas Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were: Larry LaBolle, Garry Greenwalt, Patricia Neumann, Cathy Dunkle and Steve Leitz. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Heidi Turnbough. Miles Boulton presented an invocation.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Douglas Arnold asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND TOWN EMPLOYEES:

The Clerk Report:

- Response from MRSC regarding Dog Violation Fees. Clerk read to the council.
- Water Account Adjustments for January – March 2015.
- Collection accounts
- A copy of the letter that was sent to Anna Hansen from the office of Stephen Bishop at the council request was presented. There was discussion regarding the letter and the clerk presented a request from Marty Hansen to the clerk, requesting the town to trade parcel number 51304.1207 that belongs to the town for parcel 51304.1206 (Anna Hansen lot). The council discussed the offer. Citizen Chuck Crockett informed the council that this has been a battle with the Hansen family for decades. The Mayor mentioned that if the town trades parcels with Ms. Hansen, the right of way would still not be able to use. Patricia Neumann expressed that the town has requested the removal of the fence enough that the request needs to be followed through with enforcement this time. The council maintained the position to continue the process to have the fences removed from the right of way and parcel 51304.1207. Larry LaBolle made a motion to request the lawyer to send a letter denying the parcel trade request and to enforce the request made on March 30th to remove the fence and the structures from above said parcel and town right-of way by April 30th. Cathy Dunkle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

- IV. READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for March 03, 2015 were presented. Cathy Dunkle made a motion to accept the meeting minute as written. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

- V. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS, WARRANTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:** The Clerk/Treasurer presented check number 7307 and check numbers 7319-7335 totaling \$2,642.69 as well as payroll check numbers 7308 through 7318 with EFT payment for 941 payment totaling \$2,939.60. Patricia Neumann made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

VI. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC:

- A second complaint from residents at 127 N. Main regarding Feltwell's dog ,Choko, running at large. Council member Garry Greenwalt stated that the morning of April 7, 2015, he nearly hit Choko, running at large on Market Street. The council requested that the clerk to send a letter to the Feltwells, stating that the offense was going to be sent to the Spokane District Court. A fee of \$180.00 (as stated in Resolution 12-1) was to accompany the letter that was to be sent by signature certified mail. The clerk was to contact Spokaninimal. The clerk will send a copy of the Spokaninimal contract to the council by the next meeting. Gail Mackie from Spokaninimal will attend the May meeting to discuss the contract.
- A request from the Storm family to place pots of flowers around the community that they will maintain. The council was in support of the beautification and was very grateful. Patricia Neumann mentioned the Orbom property mess. There was discussion regarding the trailer on parcel 51301.1501being unsafe. The legality of the issue was discussed. Larry LaBolle asked the council how they would like to address this. Larry LaBolle was going to ask Rita Orbom if she would allow a volunteer clean-up crew to assist with the clean-up.
- A 2015 AWC board recruitment letter. Sent by email.
- A thank you note from Ackermans Heating.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR 2015: Larry LaBolle reported that the application for larvacide has been filed out but the season was passed to abate mosquitos this year. Steve Leitz recited an RCW stating that a community can require each property owner to abate the mosquitos on their property and that the town does not have current obligation to abate mosquitos. Pending legality to distribute a laracide, the town will purchase pellets to distribute to homeowners who have ponds. Larry LaBolle volunteered to contact the proper agency regarding the legality of distributing, and if it is allowed the clerk will post this in the monthly newsletter.

B. RESOLUTION 15-2 FEE SCHEDULE: Table until next meeting

C. 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT: A budget amendment was presented to council as Ordinance 15-1. The amendment contained an addition of the current job positions in the town of Latah and a \$15,000.00 inter fund transfer change. The transfer was budgeted to transfer to streets from CE reserves. The amendment stated the transfer to streets to come from CE. Larry LaBolle made a motion to accept Ordinance 15-1 with the above said changes. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AVISTA GRANT: Paul Kimmel was present to talk to the council regarding an electric franchise renewal. Mr. Kimmel also offered the town of Latah a \$1,500.00 grant for the community center furnace replacement. Mr. Kimmel requested to be on the May agenda to discuss the franchise renewal packet presented, with the council.

B. SPOKANE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE:

Cathy Dunkle made a motion to accept the Spokane County Solid Waste Management Plan referenced in Resolution 15-1 as presented. Patricia Neumann seconded the motion; all council members voted yes

C. JUB- STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: After advertisement in an approved publication for two weeks, the town of Latah received a statement of qualifications from JUB. JUB was selected as the engineering firm for the CDBG and for other engineering needs for the town of Latah for the next two years. Alex DelRiccio and Layne Merritt were present to introduce themselves to the town council and the citizens that attended the meeting. Future projects were discussed for future planning and capital improvements. Mr. Merritt offered his service to help with projects and apply for funding opportunities as they become available. Mr. Merritt also offered the services from JUB to assist in grant administration.

IX. ROUNDTABLE:

Patricia Neumann made a request to get a compression brake sign for Spring Valley road. It was decided that the location would be too close to the stop sign. Ms. Neumann also mentioned getting a generator to run the community center in the case of an emergency. There was discussion of the need of a management plan.

The council is in favor of a single chipping event for the community. A date will be chosen at a later date and advertised. The town man will be asked to remove extra bushes and trees on Vine Street. Christina Greenwalt will show the town maintenance man the bushes and trees that need to be removed.

Cathy Dunkle made mention of frequent speeders in city limits. Patricia Neumann said that SCOPE can aid in speeding matters.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Cathy Dunkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

Douglas Arnold- Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Turnbough- Clerk/Treasurer