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# Town of Latah

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*For December 01, 2015*

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Douglas Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were: Larry LaBolle, Steve Leitz, Patricia Neumann and Cathy Dunkle. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Heidi Turnbough. Garry Greenwalt was absent.
- 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:**
- Steve Haxton was present to report the progress on truck repair and town maintenance after the wind storm.  
Chris Greenwalt was present to update the council on the parks condition and the work she needs to do.
- IV. READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for November 03, 2015 were presented. Larry LaBolle made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. Steve Leitz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.
- V. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS, WARRANTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:** The Clerk/Treasurer presented check numbers 7488 and 7496-7507 totaling \$24,079.34 as well as payroll check numbers 7489 through 7495 with EFT payments for 941 totaling \$2,722.82. Steve Leitz made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Cathy Dunkle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.
- VI. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC:**  
The Clerk presented the following communications to the council:
- A letter from TIB regarding our Pine/Mill street project denial. The mayor will contact Gloria Bennett to ask how to improve our chances next year.
  - AWC Community Scholarship application.
  - A request from Mobilitie regarding the process to install utility poles or cell towers in city limits. The council had a list of questions for the clerk to ask and report back next meeting.
  - A letter from CDBG acknowledging the receipt of our 2016 grant application.
  - A letter from Spokane County regarding the overhead fee added to the invoice for the road work done on Harvey Street. Larry LaBolle will contact Howard Hamby regarding the discrepancy on the invoice. The clerk will hold payment until told otherwise.
  - An invitation to the elected officials to serve as a member of the County Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
  - A notice from Avista regarding Public Safety Awareness.

- The new owners of 220 N. Market were present to discuss with the council plans to restore the lumber yard. The new owners wish to turn it into a lumber yard specializing in reclaimed lumber. There was no water and no septic. The clerk gave a contact number for a contractor who is water and sewer certified.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. WELL HOUSE DESIGN:** There was none.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT-PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Arnold opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed. Cathy Dunkle made a motion to accept Ordinance 15-6- Budget amendment as presented. Steve Leitz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**B. 2016 FINAL BUDGET-PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Arnold opened at 8:20 p.m. There was no public comment. Patricia Neumann made a motion to accept Ordinance 15-7- 2016 final budget as presented. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion all council members voted yes. The public hearing was closed at 8:30 p.m.

**C. TRAILS TO RAILS DISCUSSION:** Monte Morgan presented a few resolutions adopted from other communities to keep the John Wayne trail open. The John Wayne trail is being called the “Trails to Rails” campaign to keep the trail open for public use. Mr. Morgan explained the politics of the fund allocation for the trails from the parks department. Mr. Morgan explained several advantages to keeping the trail open and working with the farmers that own adjacent property. A bill is being presented and Mr. Morgan is raising support and to ask the council to support the funds to keep the trail open and vital. Larry LaBolle made a motion to adopt the Tekoa Resolution 15-04 with noted additions from Spokane resolution and to add the word “ALL” to the recommendation and modify it for the town of Latah as Resolution 15-7. Steve Leitz seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

## **IX. ROUNDTABLE:**

Patricia Neumann had a question regarding animal control and enforcing our ordinances. It was stated that the animal control officer was given the authority by the council. Ms. Neumann also questioned Empire Disposal green bin response. The clerk will call Empire Disposal. A question was asked regarding Avista burying utilities at the church. Discussion was tabled.

The Mayor reported that Vince Voelker had gone to his house demanding his water to be turned on. The full balance was not paid. Mr. Voelker stated that he deposited directly into the towns bank account. The clerk will contact the bank regarding a direct deposit from Mr. Voelker.

Larry LaBolle requested that our agenda read concerns rather than complaints under VI.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT:**

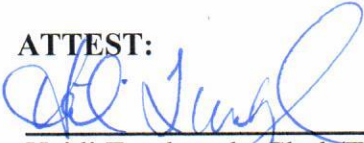
Cathy Dunkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**APPROVED:**



Douglas Arnold- Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Heidi Turnbough- Clerk/Treasurer