
Town of Latah

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For September 06, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Douglas Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were: Mayor Arnold, Larry LaBolle, Steve Leitz, Patricia Neumann. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Heidi Turnbough. Garry Greenwalt was excused. Cathy Dunkle was delayed.
- 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 discuss his reason for resigning. Mr. Haxton expressed the difficulty he had working with Christina Greenwalt and when he expressed his concerns to Mayor Arnold, he did not feel his concerns were valued. Steve Haxton also said he would still be with us if it weren't for the fact his new job does not give him the same days off. He also stated that he enjoyed working with Larry LaBolle, Kevin and Heidi Turnbough. Larry LaBolle asked Steve Haxton about the park position and the town maintenance being combined. Mr. Haxton thought it would be more efficient if the right person was hired. Mayor Arnold apologized to Mr. Haxton for giving him the impression that his concerns were not important and for the lack of communication. Mr. Haxton gave an update on town equipment that may need attention.
- IV. READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for August 02, 2016 were presented. There were two corrections made. Larry LaBolle made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended. Cathy Dunkle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.
- V. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS, WARRANTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:** The Clerk/Treasurer presented check numbers 7691 and 7700-7708 totaling \$4,706.18 as well as payroll check numbers 7692 through 7699 with EFT payments for 941 report totaling \$2,738.52. Larry LaBolle made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Patricia Neumann seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.
- VI. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, CONCERNS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC:**
The Clerk reported to following:
- A second request from Mike Connelly for utility easement with a report of the condition of his septic tank. Larry LaBolle looked at the location of the easement and was inclined to grant the utility easement. David Swartz was present and stated that the town is able to grant a conditional utility easement. Larry LaBolle made a motion to grant full utility easement to Mike Connelly as requested in the utility easement agreement presented. Cathy Dunkle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes. The clerk will contact the town attorney to validate the agreement.

- A second letter from Pam Martin regarding speed limit enforcement on Main Street. Mayor Arnold will discuss the issue with Ms. Martin on September 13th.
- A CD Renewal Notice- The CD was to renew.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. WELL HOUSE PROJECT:** Layne Merritt was present to discuss the final issues with the well house project. The booster pump, flow meter and the generator were still not working properly and there were some cosmetic issues in the well house. There were still items that needed to be complete. The project was close to substantial completion. The council did not accept the project as substantially complete. The payment was to be held until the punch list is complete.
- B. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER RESOLUTION:** Table until next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING- CDBG APPLICATION:** Mayor Arnold opened the public hearing 7:51 p.m. Layne Merritt gave a summary on the CDBG grant money uses for infrastructure, housing and community facilities. Kevin Turnbough spoke in the public hearing and stated that the town does not need to have a second well house. David Swartz was present to protest spending the money on the well house number 2. Layne Merritt recommended that we once again apply for the refurbishing of well house #2 as a backup for the main well. A copy of the application was presented to council. A second public hearing will be at the October council meeting. Mayor Arnold closed the public hearing at 8:41 p.m.
- B. WATER ORDINANCE:** Table until next meeting.
- C. KYLE RYDELL- LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE:** Kyle Rydell was present to give the council hand-outs discussing enrollment, graduation and transportation. Mr. Rydell also explained savings to the tax payers on the last school bond that was passed. The renovation that will be paid for by the bond is hoping to be close to complete by next school year.

IX. ROUNDTABLE:

Steve Leitz gave an update report for the local food bank. The food bank purchased the food from Second Harvest. Mr. Leitz gave a list of planned activities.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Patricia Neumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:

Douglas Arnold- Mayor

ATTEST:


Heidi Turnbough- Clerk/Treasurer