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# Town of Latah

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*For July 05, 2016*

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Larry LaBolle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were: Mayor Arnold, Larry LaBolle, Steve Leitz, Patricia Neumann, Garry Greenwalt and Cathy Dunkle. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Heidi Turnbough.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro Tem Larry LaBolle asked those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND TOWN EMPLOYEES:**

Mayor Arnold resumed the meeting.

The Clerk gave the council the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly financials with the line items that are 50% over budget specified. The park condition and park wage lines were discussed. The park condition was deemed unacceptable for the amount of wages that have been paid to date. Mayor Arnold stated that the parks will begin to improve. Larry LaBolle stated that he was not going to approve more wages for parks.

- IV. READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for June 07, 2016 were presented. Patricia Neumann made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with one addition\*. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes. (\*water level of tank added to the town employee report).
- V. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS, WARRANTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:** The Clerk/Treasurer presented check numbers 7648-7651, and 7661-7667 totaling \$155,904.75 as well as payroll check numbers 7652 through 7660 with EFT payments for 941 and quarterly reports totaling \$3,621.40. The clerk noted that check 7649 was a void and check 7650 was a stop payment. 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:**

Kevin Turnbough sent a complaint to the council regarding the condition of the parks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Mr. Turnbough also sent pictures. Mr. Turnbough was present to discuss the email that he sent stating that the parks were in a "sad state". Mayor Arnold told Mr. Turnbough that he appreciated his concern and that he was in agreement. Larry LaBolle mentioned performance standards for the park department. Mr. LaBolle would like to hold the mayor accountable to see that the park condition improves. Larry LaBolle also mentioned to the mayor that he needed to be available to his employees. Mayor Arnold stated that he will take care of it. Larry LaBolle suggested a time limit of 30 days to see improvement. Cathy Dunkle requested that the noxious weeds be sprayed within 2 weeks. Larry LaBolle

suggested a walk through to establish performance standards. Mayor Arnold stated that he would talk to the employees and get desirable results in the parks by the August meeting.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. WELL HOUSE PROJECT:** Layne Merritt was present to discuss the final punch list for the completion of the well house project. A change order was presented to add soffit vents with the remaining \$1,100.00 in grant funds. Larry LaBolle made a motion to accept the change order. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.  
Mr. Merritt also mentioned TIB approval requirements and a street plan that TIB suggested that small towns adopt. The TIB application will be presented at the August 2, 2016 meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. SPOKANE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE RESOLUTION:** Ozzie Knezovich was present at the June council meeting and presented a Task Force resolution for council to consider. The council did not approve the resolution that was presented. Bruce Hogan was present to oppose the resolution on the record.

**B. CASH HANDLING POLICY:** table until next meeting

**IX. ROUNDTABLE:**

The clerk was asked to create an animal control officer job description. Garry Greenwalt reported that the house on Mill had reduced their animal population.

Patricia Neumann asked about the recycle bin. The bin was to be emptied within the week.

Ecliptixnet lease agreement was discussed and Larry LaBolle volunteered to compose a letter to send and request the balance due to be paid.

Larry LaBolle requested that the town repair the Greenwalts personal weed wacker used for managing the parks. Cathy Dunkle made a motion to repair the Greenwalts weed wacker up to \$75.00. Patricia Neumann seconded the motion. All council members voted yes. Garry Greenwalt abstained from voting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Patrician Neumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

**APPROVED:**

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Douglas Arnold- Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Heidi Turnbough- Clerk/Treasurer