
Town of Latah

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For May 03, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Douglas Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Council members present at the meeting were: Larry LaBolle, Steve Leitz, Patricia Neumann, Garry Greenwalt and Cathy Dunkle. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer, Heidi Turnbough.
- 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:**
- Garry Greenwalt was present to report regarding the concerns about the pitbulls that were a written concern from a citizen at the April 5th meeting. Mr. Greenwalt informed the council that there was no action taken because the complaint was not able to be proven to the animal control officer. Mr. Greenwalt does not feel that the dogs that were running at large were a danger to citizens. Mr. Greenwalt also made an observation that most citizens in town are NOT complying with the livestock ordinance. Because there have not been any complaints, no action will be taken. For the un-licensed dogs, the clerk will send a final letter to warn those who have not paid that the debt will be turned into collection if not paid.
- IV. READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for April 05, 2016 were presented. Patricia Neumann 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 7606, and 7615-7625 totaling \$7,793.45 as well as payroll check numbers 7607 through 7614 with EFT payments for 941 and quarterly reports totaling \$3,780.46. Cathy Dunkle 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, CONCERNS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC:**

A request from Shelly O'Quinn for elected officials to volunteer to be a Precinct Committee Officer for Spokane County. The clerk gave the council information about responsibilities.

Communications from a few citizens with LARGE winter water usage. Marie Supon was present and stated that she had a leak detection company confirm that she did not have a leak. Corina Bouquot was also present and stated that they did not feel they had a leak. The town public works re-read the meters the following business day.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. WELL HOUSE PROJECT:** Layne Merritt was present to update the council on the well house project. The project is behind because a couple of a job-site theft and an incorrect siding order. Mr. Merritt asked that the Mayor sign a request to CBDG to extend the deadline of the project. An application for payment from the contractor was presented to the council for approval. Patricia Neumann made a motion to approve the payment request. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion; all council members voted yes. A change order for \$2,162 was presented for council approval. Larry LaBolle made a motion to approve the change order. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes. Color for the door to the well house was chosen. There was discussion about the main pump. Several problems had been reported and the pump was not functioning properly. Mr. Merritt was informed of the issues and explained that the pump was being manually turned off and on to keep it from cycling to avoid wearing out the starter. Concern for the proper care of the pump was noted. The pump was reported to be functioning automatically before the construction began.
- B. UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL AT CHURCH PROPERTY:** Avista was going to run the power underground without the town having any expense.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CITIZEN COMPOST ON TOWN PROPERTY:** The council did not approve the citizens to use the compost pile on town property. Cathy Dunkle made a motion to provide a one-time, scheduled chipping event. This event would be for branches only that could be brought to the property on the day of the event only. The council would like restricted access to the current compost property. Larry LaBolle seconded the motion; most council members voted yes. Steve Leitz voted nay. A suggestion was made to donate to the food bank for those who use the chipping event. The clerk was asked to advertise in the next newsletter.

IX. ROUNDTABLE:

Steve Leitz requested the food bank information be placed in the newsletter.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Larry LaBolle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Garry Greenwalt seconded the motion; all council members voted yes.

APPROVED:



Douglas Arnold- Mayor

ATTEST:



Heidi Turnbough- Clerk/Treasurer