

Council Meeting
March 1, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Anna LeDuc, Marvin Garding, Sharon Briggs, and Joe Hanson.

Accept Mayor's Resignation: John Bigart III resigned as the mayor effective February 7, 2022.

Appoint New Mayor: Anna LeDuc was interested in taking over as mayor for a 2-year term with a mid-term election in 2023. Marvin made a motion seconded by Sharon to appoint Anna as the new mayor. Marvin, Sharon, Anna voted yes, Joe abstained. The motion carried.

Minutes: The February 1, 2022, minutes were read by the clerk. Sharon made a motion seconded by Marvin to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Marvin seconded by Sharon to pay the claims from check number 16138 through 16253 in the amount of \$34,496.30. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The Council received and reviewed the bank reconciliation and cash report. They have access at the Expenditure to Budget and Revenue to Budget financial reports.

Water Sewer: Marvin introduced Justin Smith the town's new water/wastewater operator. Justin updated on what had been going on in February. The track system at the lagoon needs repair. He has contacted a contractor to give the town a bid on the update. The chlorination pump has been repaired and is functioning again. It had not been working for a while. He will be taking the exams within the time frame and will be attending the conference in March in Great Falls. The trash pump is ready and available if needed at the lagoon. Marvin stated that the town had not received any violations or fines from the DEQ.

Fire Department: Chief Joe Calnan was at the meeting. He updated on the fire department. They have been experiencing about a 40% growth in calls in the last 2 months from previous years. They need volunteers as their numbers are going down. They have applied for two federal grants totaling about 2 million dollars. Sharon wanted to know if the new subdivision at the east end of town would affect them. Yes it will rather the town decides to annex or not, the volume will increase.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Toth was not at the meeting.

County Planner: Andy Short was not at the meeting.

Brovold Variance: The Clerk explained the variance. Bob Summerfield is requesting that the town grant them a variance for a piece of property that is barely within the town limits to obtain a private well and septic instead of hooking into the town's water and sewer system. This will be on next months agenda for final approval.

Clerks Notes: The Clerk stated that there are some parents that are trying to get a kids baseball team in town and want to use the baseball field. She will be taking the following Thursdays off 3/3, 3/10 and 3/17 to use up leave time. She will be putting her house up for sale sometime in June.

Public Comment:

Denley Loge state representative introduced himself and stated that if the town needs any assistance, he is willing to help. He also stated that the forms for receiving the gas tax money is going to become easier to fill out.

Rosie Zimmerman requested that the town supply backflow valves for her house and the house at 100 Parkway dr. This will be on next month's agenda for approval.

Keren Wolhart wanted to know who was responsible for replacing the flag and light at the vet's memorial. The Clerk stated that the original funds have been used up.

One lady requested that some benches be placed in the park so that people can sit down. Marvin suggested that she contact the PEAK foundation.

Bob Summerfield updated on the orchard. They are now a non-profit organization. They are going to put in a new parking lot and new signs. They are hoping to put in a trail with benches in the future.

Sharon made a motion seconded by Marvin to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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