

Council Meeting
September 7, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Anna LeDuc, and Joe Hanson.

Minutes: The July 6, 2021, minutes were reviewed. Anna made a motion seconded by Joe to approve the minutes. Anna, Joe voted yes, Jaime abstained. The motion carried. The August 3, 2021, minutes were read by the clerk. Jaime made a motion seconded by Joe to approve the minutes as read. Jaime, Joe voted yes, Anna abstained. The motion carried.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Anna to pay the claims from check number 16121 through 16138 in the amount of \$30,264.05. All were in favor.

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.

Appoint New Council Member: Sharon Briggs had filed for a write-in candidate and is interested in taking over Marvin's position until the end of December and then take over in January for a 4-year term. Jaime made a motion seconded by Anna to accept Sharon Briggs as a new council member.

Water Sewer: The Mayor stated that we have a person who is interested in the position. His name is Chris Baez. We will offer the position to him with a starting pay of \$18.00 per hour, after passing the certification tests goes to \$20.00. Marvin Garding updated on what he had been doing for the last month in the department.

The mayor stated that he had been doing research on the annexing of Alberton Lower Meadows. Something to think about is the possibility of the leaching of nitrates into the Clark Fork River with so many septic.

Fire Department: Chief Joe Calnan was not at the meeting.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Toth was not at the meeting.

County Planner: Andy Short was not at the meeting.

Resolution 306 No Election: The Clerk stated that there had not been enough filings for election for the positions that were available. This resolution declares that we will not need to have an election in November.

Possible Health Insurance for Employees: This was discussed during the budget hearing. It was decided to open a fund for health insurance for employees and offer it.

Public Comment:

Mica Clarkson the principal of Alberton School was at the meeting. There is going to be a protest on Friday at 10:00am regarding the school boards decision to make mask wearing mandatory. They are concerned about the student's safety. The Clerk will contact the person she had spoke with and ask that they do the protest on the southside of Railroad Ave. and not between the two schools.

Keren Wolhort discussed the annexation regarding having private septic's vs hooking into the town's sewer system. She thinks that if the town annexes them, they can then have up to 4 homes on one acre instead of the single home that they are currently discussing. The mayor stated that the town would have say as to how many homes could be on one acre.

Jaime made a motion seconded by Joe to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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