



MINUTES
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
November 30, 2020
5:00 p.m.
(TELECONFERENCE)

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Bob Poch
Councilmember Fred Netzel
Councilmember Mervin Schmidt
Councilmember Dale Rey
Councilmember Larry Hall
Councilmember Keith St. Jeor

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden
Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens
Police Chief Paul Bowden

Mayor Bob Poch opened the Special Council Meeting at 5:03 p.m.

1. Action Agenda

a. Cares Act – Small Business Grants

Councilmen Mervin Schmidt and Larry Hall reviewed the applications received from small businesses requesting Coronavirus Relief Funds. In addition to the 2 applications previously received from Darla's Creative Curl and Riverview Lanes, 3 more applications were submitted. They included the dentist office, the daycare and a massage therapist. It was determined that the massage therapist did not qualify as the business was located in Grand Coulee. Schmidt recommended awarding the Karl Northrup, PLLC (dentist) \$15,000, Riverview Lanes an additional \$2,500 (for a total of \$10,000), Darla's Creative Curl an additional \$2,300 (for a total of \$4,800) and Coulee Kids \$2000. This brings the total of awards granted to small businesses to \$31,800. Mervin Schmidt moved with Larry Hall seconding to distribute the funds as presented. Motion carried with 4 in favor. St. Jeor abstained.

ADJOURNMENT of Special Meeting

Mayor Poch adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:12 to open the Budget Workshop portion of the meeting.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Clerk notified the council that a TIB grant has been awarded in the amount of \$122,726 for a Seal Coat project. This is a 100% grant with no matching funds requirement. The Clerk will adjust the Street Fund budget to reflect the grant.

Dale Rey asked why there is a fluctuation in line items from year to year. The Clerk stated it could be due to a number of reasons but would need to know which specific lines he is inquiring about before an answer could be provided. Rey asked to meet with Clerk to go over the items.

Fred Netzel asked why the budget doesn't reflect revenue that the Town will be collecting from Elmer City for repayment of their portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion was held that the final figures are not yet known. It would be hard to budget without solid figures. Netzel feels that the budget needs to show that the Town intends to collect from Elmer City and asked the Clerk if a line item could be added to the budget. Dale Rey asked that a meeting be scheduled with Elmer City. It was decided to have the finance committee review the anticipated revenues from Elmer City after the first of the year.

Keith St. Jeor mentioned the stump grinder again and suggested that the Town look into a small Bobcat Tractor with a grinder attachment instead.

St. Jeor would like to keep the Police Department requests of radios and vests in the budget but asked to put the police vehicle off until July. Dale Rey stated that the Criminal Justice Funds may have to be used to pay salaries and doesn't want to cut the fund short. Mervin Schmidt was okay with waiting until July on the vehicle. Rey stated he has looked at the vehicle repair costs for the past few years and it didn't "scare" him enough to "make the jump" into purchasing a new vehicle. Fred Netzel would also like to wait until July.

Mervin Schmidt asked the Police Chief which car he is looking at to replace. Chief Bowden stated it would be the 2011 Dodge Charger due to the issues it has been having. He would like to keep the 2010 Charger as a backup vehicle. Chief Bowden stated he is okay with removing the vehicle from the budget for now.

Chief Bowden requested to increase the targets and ammunition line from \$400 to \$1000 due to the rising cost and availability of ammunition. Council agreed to the request.

Clerk reminded the council of the upcoming Final Budget Hearing on December 7th and the regular council meeting on December 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm

Mayor Robert Poch Clerk Stephni Bowden