

## TOWN OF St. JOHN PO BOX 298 St. JOHN, WA 99171-0298 (509)648-3905

## **MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Blumenshein, Hamshar, Hinds, and Smick, public works Steven Engles, Community Members M. Antle, and K. Isaacs, and the Town Clerk attended.

The February 10, 2025 meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for review and discussion. Hinds moved, Hamshar seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 15754-15757

\$ 11,873.00

PR# 15758-15771

\$ 25,527.51

Isaacs reported on the Library. The Library usage has grown and new patrons have been added along with successful after-school programs and other community-oriented programs.

The Capital Budget funding application was completed and submitted. Matt spoke with Penny at Schoesler's office about some of the funds in the application. It sounded favorable for a portion of the request. We won't know the details until after the budget is approved.

Letters of interest were reviewed for the Town Council. Interviews will be set up before the next meeting.

A letter was sent to the homeowner concerning a possible Air B&B. The homeowner will work on getting a business plan submitted to the council.

It was agreed that a bid announcement would be written and submitted to the paper for the Park Pavilion, along with the removal of the old gazebo. The memorial plaque on the current gazebo will be moved to the new pavilion or a new plaque will be installed.

A letter of recommendation for the Port of Whitman's funding application to support the demolition of the café and WHMC's next steps in designing the clinic was reviewed and signed.

The Mayor extended heartfelt appreciation to the Public Works Department for their exceptional dedication and tireless efforts in ensuring the town's safety and functionality during the recent flooding. Their commitment, including the additional manpower, around-the-clock monitoring of pumps, and continuous oversight of the sewer plant during the period of high flow, was instrumental in protecting our community. The Mayor sincerely thanks the entire team for their hard work and unwavering service, as does the council.

The council discussed the role of the Compliance officer. An agreement will need to be drafted. Each council member will review Ordinance 400X.

A list of residents not in compliance with the ordinance will be made and letters, including fines, will be assessed.

The council will set up a meeting with the school board, Century West, and Ecology to discuss the importance of the Roof project and the administrative order.

With no further comments requested, Mayor Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:15 PM.

F. Shani Hergert

CLERK-TREASURER

Michael G. Webb

**MAYOR**