



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF November 25, 2024

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Hamshar, Hinds, and Smick, Public Works Steven Engles, and the Town Clerk attended.

The November 12, 2024 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# 15672-15679 & EFT's	\$ 157,155.86
PR# 15667-15671 & EFT's	\$ 19,196.50

Discussion on the Fire District incorporation ensued. Concerns on the levy ability of the Town was discussed. The Town will have to look into how to fund an increase for fire. The District is waiting for a proposal from Rosalia fire, until that proposal is brought forth the council will not have numbers to see what is needed. Possibility the budget could be reworked to include additional funding. The Town will look into who can file an EMS levy.

The council is still waiting for the results of the soil samples for the brownfield project for the Port of Whitman. The grant application was due November 15th and the result will not be known until May of 2025.

The new roof of the Public Works shop now displaces more water at a higher rate and is flooding the surrounding areas of the building causing major pooling of water that is hindering entrance and damage to the building. Pictures show 1-3 inches of standing water. Gutters need to be installed ASAP to prevent further damage and keep the shop from flooding. After discussion the council approved an emergency resolution to install gutters with a motion from Smick seconded by Hinds. Public works will work on getting a contractor to install gutters under the emergency resolution.

The Clerk gave a report that the residents of 7 N Park want to establish a coffee stand on the commercial property. A business plan was to be submitted to the council for review. No plan was submitted. The council has concerns on parking for the stand. Patrons and residents will need to abide by the codes of Washington for parking and setbacks.

Letter to legislative body was discussed. Changes from Century West were approved and council agreed to send to legislative body right away.

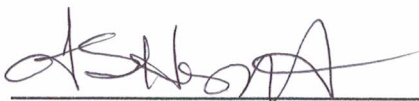
Budget was discussed. After discussion it was concluded a special meeting would need to be set for the approval of the budget so the other council members could have time to look over the information. A meeting for Dec 3rd at 9 AM was agreed upon.

The park pavilion was discussed. .09 funds must be used before May 30, 2025. To start the project the town will need the engineered plans for the building with the anchors and anchor bolts. This is about \$3,500. The council approved the go ahead to purchase the plans with a motion from Hamshar and seconded by Smick.

The current Gazebo can be given to the Winterfest Auction.

Public works reported there is a 1950's style water meter on 6 E Brights. They are working with Avista to get the meter hole vacuumed out so they can asses if the meter would be workable. Hopefully this winter the project could be done when Avista moves the power pole.

No request for additional comments was stated. It was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR