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MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2024

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Blumenshein, and Smick, Public Works Steven Engles, Community member David White, and the interim Town Clerk Linda Hayes attended.

The October 14, 2024 meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 15643-15645, 15576-15588 & EFT's \$ 60,448.21 PR# 15572-15575 & EFT's \$ 16,535.33

David White gave an update on the progress of the building. They will be hooking up to the town sewer system. Precautions and measures must be taken to ensure they meet all codes and regulations, as they are so close to the water system. Department of Health and Whitman Co. Public Health will have guidelines the Town must follow to keep the water system safe.

Public Works gave a report on the conference. There is possible funding through the Public Works Trust fund but a definite location needs to be determined, soon. It was suggested that the property owners need to be contacted to get everyone on board and decide what needs to be done. Letters to state representatives were also suggested. The mayor will try to talk with the representatives and the landowners. A consensus to move that plant down to the town's property on the other side of the slough was established.

The support letter for the Port of Whitman is on hold. The EPA does not allow letters of support per email From Kara Riebold.

The Andreeva building permit is also waiting for a written plan with more details. The drawings submitted are vague. Public Works will talk with the homeowner and try to establish the exact measurements and building plan. The town's building inspector will need to inspect the plans prior to giving a variance.

Letters/statements were read to the council for dog complaints. Residents/dog owners at 105 S Park were sent a letter including the ordinance, informing them their dog is now considered a potentially dangerous dog. The police report was referenced and the town would follow the findings of the police report. At this time this is what the council can enforce. If the complainant had turned in a statement at the time of the first incident, the council may have been able to take the next step this time.

A complaint about the dog at 112 E Nob Hill was read. It was concluded that the neighbor that was bit needed to write a statement as well. The complaints and previous findings will be discussed with the town attorney to see what can be enforced now.

An estimate to repair Well #2 was given from Halme Electric and Pump. This estimate is for labor and material to install a 6" gate valve, pipe spool, 6" check valve, flow meter (supplied by owner), connection to existing 5" air vac, and misc. 2" galvanized line with ball valve to stub out of the building. 3/4" PVC drain line and 3/4 galvanized pre-lube line using existing meter and solenoid valve. The bid was accepted with a motion from Bezdicek and seconded by Smick.

Public Works ordered the School Zone – Slow sign and is waiting for delivery to install.

No request for additional comments was stated. It was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Notes taken by Linda Hayes

Typed and signed by F. Shani Hergert

CLERK-TREASURER

Michael G. Wébb

MAYOR