

Plummer City Council Meeting
January 19, 2011

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Clark.

Present: Tim Clark, Mayor
John Wheaton, Council
Tim Stockdale, Council
Jannette Taylor, Council
Terry Allen, Council

All Present

Also present: Rod Willard, Rich Christensen, Les Hall, Joann Connor, Melanie Meagher, & Guests.

AMEND AGENDA. Tim Stockdale moved to amend the agenda to add executive session, Jannette Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA. Tim Stockdale made motion to move payables and collection write offs to be discussed in depth at a later time, and to approve remaining consent agenda, containing minutes from December 2, 7, 9, 14 council meetings, Treasurers Report, Disbursements and Pay Request #20 for USDA Rural development. John Wheaton seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

SEWER PROJECT. Alan Gay provided a report on the sewer project regarding treatment plant contamination. Flow meter and seal vault problems are warranty items. Alan also reported that problems in blower room-not cooling in summer, bid did not include sheet metal cutting. NW Engineering will pay TYCO Mechanical to fix the problem so that it works correctly. Rod requested a copy of work to be done from Alan Gay.

Alan requested approval to go ahead with work to correct this issue. Tim Stockdale made a motion to approve work, Jannette Taylor seconded, motion carried.

Tim Stockdale questioned Alan Gay about continued problems with the wastewater treatment plant. Tim Stockdale requested a review of engineering design of plant. There was also discussion between Alan, Tim Stockdale and Rod Willard about concerns that the City of Plummer is paying for winterizing when this is something that should have been addressed by design by Blue Water. Alan proposed that he have a meeting with Blue Water at no additional charge to discuss issues the City continues to have in regards to freezing. It was also mentioned that Blue Water assured us that we wouldn't have a freezing problem.

Alan also mentioned an additional list of items that he felt were needed for the sewer plant operation, also the pump in place is not sufficient for operation. Additional pump will be needed for optimum operation.

John Wheaton also requested a review of design of plant. Alan Gay agreed to do a complete review of plant and analyze what is working and what's not working and give a full accounting and address the problems.

The question was addressed to Alan in regards to what other plants are running in their systems to keep from freezing. Alan reported that he would have a report to council one week before the next council session.

Alan proposed that USKH do a reconfiguration of the Cemetery roads. No action taken at this time.

Alan also reported on the Water Facilities Scope. Application to DEQ has been submitted. Part of the fee for the Water Adjudication is to start the process of getting a future water source, as this needs to be part of our original claim with the water adjudication process. The City of Plummer attorney stated that we would need this documentation done for our permit to have an additional well, and this will need to be done prior to sending in our water rights claim. The Claim deadline is June 11, 2011.

John Wheaton made a motion to accept the scope letter from USKH, Tim Stockdale seconded, motion passed.

It was requested by The City Clerk that we receive the completed paperwork from USKH earlier than June deadline. Alan agreed to have the process done by April.

Bond was reported on by Alan requesting signature to release. JoAnn reported that we don't have confirmation that the \$7,000.00 claim against C & I has been dropped. It was suggested that we don't sign off on bond until written confirmation is obtained. Alan will write a letter to C & I for confirmation.

Alan was questioned on the scope letter pertaining to leak detection. The scope letter states leak detection is needed on mains. Rod stated that most of our leaks are probably on the laterals and not the mains, also questioned Alan to find out what that price would cover in detecting leaks in laterals instead of mains.

Multi-jurisdictional meeting report- Rod reported that all the members of the multi planning committee will be working together to help facilitate grant money, and that to access the grant money it is a requirement on the application that shows different entities are working together. It was discussed that as long as no finances were involved that staff could give support to help facilitate application process.

Meter Deposits It was discussed how we can change policy to try and recoup part of what is being turned over to collections by non-pay customers that leave town. JoAnn reported that we do add 33% to accounts that go to collections, but this does not offset the 50% we lose in the collection process, and that some accounts are never recovered. It was determined that we would do some checking into our options and revisit the meter deposit issue next month. No action taken.

Beer & Liquor License Renewals Mayor made statement that one of the licenses belong to him. Licenses include: Bobbi's Beer & Liquor, Benewah Automotive, Benewah Market, Spice of Life, Plummer Quick stop. Tim Stockdale made a motion to approve all renewal beer & Liquor licenses, Jeannette Taylor seconded motion, Motion passed.

Written Decisions Warpath Annexation/zoning request & Bringman Home Business Decision. John Wheaton made a motion to approve decisions, Terry Allen seconded motion, motion passed.

Letter Sent to Mr. McGraw Clerk reported no response was received from letter sent to Mr. McGraw. Rich questioned what was left owing and cost to remove lines from our poles. Rich requested copy of lease and all correspondence.

Time Warner Lease Rich reported that he rewrote lease cleaned up some issues and typos, also will remove option 15 for lease to terminate with 30 day notice. John Wheaton made a motion to accept with changes that Rich will make, Tim Stockdale seconded, motion carried.

York Motor Sports Kelly York requested that the City give him a lease for 10 years so that he can sell the building he has on the leased property. Terry asked about insurance on the property, as that was the problem with the previous lease not being renewed. Kelly stated that he did have insurance. Clerk noted that office still hasn't received a copy of insurance verification. Council informed Mr. York that he needs to give City a written proposal of what he plans to do.

Authorize Credit Card Authorize \$4,000.00 credit card for Melanie and remove Donna from credit card. John Wheaton made a motion to approve, Tim Stockdale seconded motion, motion passed.

New Beer License Mahoney's John Wheaton made a motion to approve beer license for Mahoney's One Stop, Jannette seconded motion, motion passed.

Substitute Office Worker Job Description Jannette made a motion to approve job description for substitute office worker, John Wheaton seconded, motion passed.

Dave Krasselt Requested that we consider leasing the property to Brian Tee. Brian Tee stated that he wanted to park farm equipment on the property, there was discussion about the building being close to the well head protection zone. Also that leasing to Brian Tee wouldn't be in line with guidelines for leasing land to use for promoting businesses for Plummer citizens. After some discussion it was requested by council that Brian Tee write up a proposal of what he wanted to do with the leased property and building.

Surplus Old Police Les Hall requested that we donate the old police car to St. Maries. Car is valued at less than \$200.00 only good for parts. Jannette made a motion to donate car, John Wheaton seconded motion, motion passed.

Sommer Construction Bond release signature needed for insurance company to pay amount due from Sommer Construction. Tim Stockdale made a motion to sign release, Jannette seconded motion, motion passed.

Payables Jannette made a motion to approve payable, John Wheaton seconded motion, motion passed.

Staff Reports No reports

Legal Reports Rich reported that processing paperwork to file claim shouldn't be too difficult, needs to be sent to Twin Falls Court. Need to include anticipatory needs.

Collections It was discussion about using Tribal Court, also checking into making landlords responsible for utilities. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Stockdale moved to go into executive session to discuss possible pending litigation with city attorney pursuant to 67-2345(f). Taylor seconded. Roll call as follows: Taylor aye, Allen aye, and Wheaton aye, Stockdale aye. Motion carried. The Council went into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

The Council returned to open session and adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Tim Clark, Mayor

Melanie Meagher, City Clerk

