

Plummer City Council Meeting
November 14, 2019

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Weems.

Present: William Weems, Mayor
Julie Miller, Council President
Tim Clark, Council
Ashley Gauthier, Council
Stacey Sonder, Council

Also, Present: Sara Allen; City Clerk-Treasurer, Les Hall; Chief of Police, Leonard Johnson; Public Works Director, Andrew Doman; City Counselor, Nicholas Phillips, Jamie St. Louis, Kenda St. Louis, Valinda Ratz, Dan Jolbois.

Announcements & Presentations: **Nick Phillips new City Crew Member:** Nick introduced himself.

Consent Agenda: Clark made a motion to substitute the copier lease payment. Gauthier seconded. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Gauthier made a motion to approve the October 10, 2019 meeting minutes, October 2019 Treasurer's report, disbursements for October 2019 and payables for October 2019. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

- A. Election Results:** City Clerk-Treasurer presented Election Results: Mayor: Tim Clark 72, William Weems 78. City Council Julie Miller 125, Leticia Kennar 111. Gauthier made a motion to accept the election results. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed.
- B. Possible Lease of Building Next to City Hall:** City Clerk-Treasurer stated that this software engineer is looking for some where closer to his home rather than driving to Coeur d'Alene. He would be ok if it was a month to month lease and he would pay the utilities, he would also need to get internet and that would be his cost. Miller asked if we should look into him prior to leasing the building. We could also require him to have certificate of insurance as we as. Miller made a motion to begin the process of beginning the lease paperwork with Chris Miller. Sonder seconded. Roll Call Vote all aye. Motion Passed.
- C. TML Contract for Sewer UV Room: City Clerk-Treasurer** read Brian from TML's email. City Attorney stated half a year is a long time. Leonard stated that it is typical for any contract because they are custom made to fit each plant. Tabled.
- D. City Hall Closure for Training:** The Closure of City Hall would be for Association of Idaho Cities Fall academies. If anyone would like to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so I can register everyone. Gauthier made a motion to approve the City Hall

Closure for training. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed.

- E. Final Approval of Time Warner Pole Agreement:** City Attorney presented the final changes from Time Warner on the pole agreement. Changes include: one clarification on insurance and paragraph 13 on the event of wanting to get a new pole attachment. Miller made a motion to approve the Time Warner Pole Agreement as presented. Gauthier seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed.
- F. Personnel Wages:** Clark stated that it was brought to his attention that the Mayor had given wage increases to employees without council approval. Clark questioned the City Clerk-Treasurer about the wage increases. Idaho Code section 50-602 duties of the mayor. Duties of the council 50-701. City Attorney reported on the issue of Mayor's authority to grant merit pay increases and advised Council that the Mayor did have authority to do so. City Attorney further advised that the Council could seek review by the Attorney's office if the council chose to do so. City Attorney said if they would like clarification, they could contact the Attorney General's office. After City Attorney had a conversation with the Association of Idaho Cities, the Mayor does have the authority to grant merit pay increases. Clark made a motion to take this to the Attorney General's office for clarification. Sonder seconded. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed. Miller would like to say one thing, she is not sure if it is the way it was handle but Leonard and Sara are both from here, raised here and are raising their families here. They are the faces of this town we should show them some gratitude.
- G. Hidden Bay Outage:** We received one letter regarding this scheduled outage. Mayor Weems spoke with the President of the Hidden Bay Association and he was going to talk to the rest of the residents and see if he could work something out with them. Also, if we do shut off their power for several months are, we able to not charge them the base rate as we are not providing them power? Gauthier made a motion to approve not charging hidden bay residents base rates during the months of the scheduled power outage. Sonder seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed.
- H. Charter Lease Agreement Renewal:** City Clerk-Treasurer stated that this agreement does not expire until August 2020. However, they have submitted a proposal for a new agreement. This agreement is just for the building they use for their data storage. Tabled until next meeting.
- I. Discussion on Poleyard:** Mayor Weems stated that even before he was on the council about finding the crest in the poleyard. In the discovery part they did found crest. The goal here is to develop the poleyard in the future for commercial use. Phase 1 was completed at no cost to the City. General discussion. Tabled until we receive the report.
- J. A&E Quick Stop Reimbursement:** They are requesting that the City reimburse them for being shut down for 12 hours due to an odor coming through the sewer. We submitted tests to the lab and are still waiting for the results. Leonard stated that we had an event last month and we had fuel that killed our biology at the sewer plant. Tabled until next meeting.

K. Deductible for TML UV Room: ICRMP has paid TML for everything except the deductible of \$500.00. We need a motion to pay this deductible. Gauthier made a motion to pay the \$500.00 deductible to TML for the UV Room. Clark seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Clark aye, Sonder aye. Motion Passed.

Reports:

Staff:

Les: On File.

Paulina: On File.

Sara: On File.

Leonard: On File. ACI is down at the community for the new furnace they should be finalizing it all up by Friday November 15th.

Legal Reports: Letter received from a Tekoa Attorney about Irene Church gravesite.

Council Reports

Tim Clark: None.

Stacey Sonder: None.

Julie Miller: Someone ask about a certain type of light by the fire station. Is there a certain type of light that they should have? Also, at the PCAT meeting they were talking about some way to recognize some deceased members with maybe possibly putting something at the community center with something about them to keep their memory alive. Members of PCAT would like to keep the decorations coming.

Ashley Gauthier: None.

Mayor Weems: None.

Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:15p.m.

William Weems, Mayor

Sara Allen, City Clerk-Treasurer