

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Location: Sprague City Hall, 119 W Second
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Open Meeting:

Mayor Eagleson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members answered to roll call: Jeff Smith, Trace DeGarmo, Rocky Henson, Shawn Coombs, and Dustin Monen.

Approve/amend Agenda:

Coombs moved to approve agenda as amended. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Century West:

Waiting on close out statement, waiting on the State.

There are two items been working on. Water to the screen is being finicky; Kyle's been working on that. Locating the sewer services on Dayton, agencies and neighbors have been asking for that. They have shot those with GPS having difficulty getting to data to the GPS. Pursing and waiting on actual measurements to find them accurately. Flood damage repair, bridge installation has been going back and forth with the State Agencies submitted initial plans with Department Fish & Wildlife and the core of engineers. Gave minor comments back making some adjustments there. State agencies are being a bit more restricted than the Feds are taking trees out they want new bushes planted to replace as offset, they need more specifics on excavating and cross sectioning and so on. Talking with Dustin before the meeting; Hoping for a fall bid construction still, to get it in before winter. The process has moved like molasses. It has been mentioned to do a temporary fill in with culvert and re-excavating in Spring. That was the out lance before and that is possibility as a plan B. Will keep that avenue open. Bridge inspection with Susan Kovich we tried to schedule a couple weeks ago, there was water in the creek. There still is water creek, though it is not very much they need to see the foundation lines. Waiting that out for them to be able to see the bottom.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report.

Minutes:

The minutes from the April 17, 2019 council meeting were presented to the council. Coombs stated he wasn't at the meeting to make the motion to approve March Check Warrant Register. Smith moved to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2019 council meeting. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Sheriff's Report:

See attached report.

Treasurer's Report:

Hendrickson presented the Check Warrant Register from April 01, 2019 to April 30, 2019.
04/01/2019 through 04/30/2019

Claims: Checks # and 12403-12420 and 12425 and 12427-12429 and 12431-12435 and 12448-12449 and 4 EFTs = \$84,729.42

Payroll: Checks #12402 and 12421-12423 and 12426 and 12430 and 12438-12447 4 EFT's = \$12,865.12

Total: \$97,594.54

Smith moved to approve the Check Warrant Register. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor reported we have sent some utility accounts to collections and we have received some payments. Big help for the city getting money that is due them and get it collected and everybody is fairly paying what they fairly owe. Past due accounts are trending in the right direction, starting to get some collection on that. Friday around the town, you will notice kids helping with city clean up. Friday is yard debris pick up day. The students help us every year! So, you will see some of the city employees, Rocky is always heavily involved. Picking up branches and twigs, we are trying to get everyone. Make sure it is on the list, picked up first. If see anything along the way or on city property easily accessible, pick it up. People on the list are first.

New Business:

Safety Committee:

Mayor Eagleson brings Resolution 320, establishing a safety committee. Mayor, council member, public works, and someone to keep records and minutes. Will try to get a meeting in by the end of the month. Shawn Coombs, council member and everyone in Public Works, and all city employees appointed. Coombs moved to accept the safety committee. Monen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Randy Westfall Inland Power:

Randy reports has gotten over 145 signatures, more than what voted last year, out of this town. Looking to get about 30 more signatures. Have approximately, 205 meters here in town, not counting anything public or city. Nothing 100%, going to put it up there and see what they say. Randy states will keep us up to date as we go through. Coombs question is the final call in Olympia; Randy replies, no it is done right here between Inland and Avista. Most likely it will be brought up with Public Utilities Commission. Now that the majority of city, they must listen. Bob Ferguson would oversee the project making sure it is a smooth transition. Inland has requested us to be back on their power line several times. Avista has a contract with them, the difference is that we have most of the town that wants change. Avista has a contract to keep us, we are one of the 10 communities that has the choice of 2 power supplies. Under Washington State Law, we have the choice to choose which one we want, we are only one of the 10 places in the State that can do that. We are a little leaf that comes off that power station; Inland owns that power station; on Doerschlag if we decide and it goes through, the whole line will go inland

entirely, from the inception of it to here. Monen Q: how will it impact us? A: It will cut the power bill (Westfall offers copies) Henson Q: what would be the cost difference? A: We are in a 3-tier system at Inland for the first 800 kw you pay 7.7 cents. The city is on a different thing. From 800 kw-1500 kw goes to 8.9 cents. Anytime a tree blows down or there is a power interruption you go automatically to 10.45 cents. That is why everyone's bill was higher, it was higher because it is consider an emergency go to top tier. With Inland you are 6.7 cents no matter what. Now, the city businesses and the city are on a commercial, so we pay 12 cents, would get cut in half, which will help the city, the school, the school will save about \$1200 a month. Huge savings for the school and everyone around here. Westfall presents copies. Reports he will be going around and Has another week to collect signatures. 6.7 cents Inland basic rate, 6.5 cents flat rate. Giddings states doesn't affect her that much because she doesn't use much power, she pays 12 cents for her commercial buildings and house she lives in, pays 12%. Westfall states Mindy will save the local grocery store, is higher than the entire city. That is why grocery price is so high. Mayor points out that Kathy's uses a lot of equipment. If we have the option, lets exercise the option and see if we can get it. If we can lower the power bill for everyone in town it will help everyone. Henson Q: We don't have to change our meters? A: No, they don't change anything. Inland actually owns all the power lines here, Avista rents/leases them. The two power companies will have to juggle it around, that will take time, if it does go through, they have to litigate that themselves. Avista has been putting up poles up in the general area. Westfall reports 150 in town. For the power companies' cost between, \$10 and \$15 million.

Mayor states some people appreciate your effort working on this. Please keep us posted.

Giddings input it will not cost the residents anything.

Westfall states, if it does go through, the only change will be, one day you are going to have an Avista bill and then the next month it will say Inland but will still get an Avista bill for the gas which stays the same. Coombs reports they are to be raising that next year. Westfall inputs that it will be 50 cents a meter. Coombs includes at 8% electric bill. Westfall says 8% in January and 2% more in 2020.

Railroad Committee:

Mayor calls establishing railroad committee and funds request. Bruce, John, Lisa. Coombs motioned to put them on the committee. Monen seconded. Motion carried.

Lodging (Hotel/Motel) tax for Railroad Depot:

Mayor brings request for using hotel/motel tax for grand opening for this year's RR Depot. Mayor broke it down in itemized list, for what when where how and why. Coombs checked and the fund can be used. DeGarmo brings to the attention a request form needs to be filled out. Mayor responds, he does have that, the amount hasn't been filled out until approved by council. Pictures were provided to show the need for paint. The ad size was discussed, sufficient. Free-Press and Davenport Times. Brochures, paint, \$662.10 model train display getting fixed. It will take a few hours to sand down the track, can't under or over sand, there is electrical work to be done. City asset. Contract is for 2 more years. Box of record found to go through. Talked about brochures and shared examples. Plan of actions were discussed: Farmers Market, pie sales, pizza a lot of opportunities. Smith moved use the hotel/motel tax to use the \$662.10. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Avista EV charging station:

Hendrickson present information regarding Avista charging station at the city hall. Application and signature pages to be completed to receive a quote from contractor. Deadline is June 30, 2019. No cost. Coombs moved to go forward with the Avista charging station. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Credit Card application information request/Armada:

Hendrickson presents about Armada request for credit card application. This had been presented at time of Armada collection agency start. Dan Jess with Armada requested follow-up. Smith asked about charge. Hendrickson replied that charge is unknown, the form is required prior to getting the full details. Benefits would be more water bills paid. People have expressed interests. Coombs and Smith thought this was part of it. Same company, different department. Makes payments easier for online payments. Smith states let's get them out here. DeGarmo inputs in order to funds transfers with electronic card information. Granting them permission for the requesting critical person information. Coombs moved to go ahead with credit card application form. Monen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

We, the undersigned members of the City Council for the City of Sprague, DO HEREBY Certify that these minutes are true and correct from this Council meeting.

Mayor _____ Council Member _____

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ATTEST: _____ Clerk/Treasurer