

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 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. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Henson stated she would like to see the public hearing advertised more so more residents can attend. Coombs made a motion to table the public hearing for utility rate increases. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CenturyWest:

Dan Remmick updated the council on the lift station project. The flow meter has been wired and he has only a few other things to check on with the contractor. He provided the council with a pay request for the final payment for Wm Winkler for Mayor Eagleson to sign. Remmick stated this does not mean the city accepts the project is done, only once the paperwork is complete. Remmick reported there are still a few issues they are working on, but the warranty will still be valid for some time once the project is complete. He also reported that the project came in \$15,000 under construction budget which means less of a loan from Department of Ecology. DeGarmo made a motion to approve Mayor Eagleson to sign the pay request. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

FEMA Flood repairs: Remmick reported that a new applicant agent form had been submitted to Emergency Management Division to designate Clerk-Treasurer Behrens and Remmick as the reporting agents for the city before they could go any further. After that is finalized, he is submitting plans. He stated there should be two permits coming and would like the council to approve Mayor Eagleson to sign them once they come in. DeGarmo made a motion to accept Mayor Eagleson to sign the CDBG and FEMA permits when they arrive. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

TIB Third Street Rehabilitation: Remmick reported TIB requires engineering services be advertised and resubmitted every two years. He stated there are no requirements for pricing out engineering services like there are for contractors. The City can still stay with CenturyWest if they are happy with them.

Armada Debt Collection Services: Dan Jess was present to report for Armada Debt Collection Services. See attached presentation. He reported there are no collection fees for the City, Armada will add those on to what the past due residents owe. Armada makes it easy for residents to pay there past due balances, such as, online services, automated phone services, or automatic payments. Dan also reported that Armada has payment services for companies so they can accept credit card payments online or at city hall for a fee. Behrens stated she will look further

into the merchant services. Henson made a motion to accept Armada Debt Collection Services and for Mayor Eagleson to sign the contract. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Margie Hall: Margie Hall provided an update on a meeting that was held with multiple agencies to help with flood protection planning for the homes in Sprague as well as the homes and resort on the south eastern shore of Sprague Lake. Property owners are encouraged to reach out to Department of Fish & Wildlife and Department of Ecology. They have offered to meet onsite to provide input. The Lincoln County EDC and the Lincoln County Commissioners have submitted requests for assistance with water levels at Sprague Lake. The Army Corps of Engineers are the lead agency on a new digitized map of the area to see the flow of water. Margie stated this is the first step to get the ball rolling but there will be a kick off meeting for grants very soon. The only thing we can do right away is investigate additional funding. See Margie's attached notes from her meeting.

Margie reported to the council that she has been in contact with Nu-Agra and they are still interested in doing business in Sprague. She also reported that Lincoln County is starting a pilot program for sharing certified water operators for cities that may not have one.

Minutes:

The minutes from the December 19, 2018 Council meeting were presented to the council. Coombs moved to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2018 council meeting. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Shelley Martin: Shelley asked Kyle Canaday if he has looked into if the Sprague Events Committee could do a rubber ducky race in the creek this Spring. She reported the rubber ducks are safe to use, will float and not sink, and there will be a net to across to make sure they all get out of the creek. Shelley also reported to the council the Sprague Events Committee would like to do sponsored hearts for Valentines Day at \$10. They will be putting these hearts up on the light posts the first week of February. Shelley asked the council what the city needs for this July's Hoodoo Billy Bash three-day event. Council reported they will need a road closure map, proof of insurance and possibly a vendor list. Shelley asked about camping in the park and that she may have at least a hundred cars for the car shows. Behrens stated she will ask the city's insurance company about rules and regulations for camping in the city park.

Sheriff's Report:

See attached report.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report.

Treasurer's Report:

Behrens presented the Check Warrant Register from December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
12/01/2018 through 12/31/2018

Claims: Checks #12218-12238 and 12243-12257 and 12279-12285 and 4 EFTs = \$52,473.71

Payroll: Checks #12239-12242 and 12258-12271 and 5 EFT's = \$14,316.03

Total: \$66,789.74

Henson moved to approve the Check Warrant Register. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Eagleson reported that City Hall now has a cabinet to display historical Sprague/Lincoln County items. He encouraged the public to come take a look and if there is anything you may want to have displayed to please bring it in.

New Business:

Viking Overage: Behrens reported to the council that back in 2012 the Viking had an overage that was found to be at fault of the City, but nothing had been done yet. Gary Martin is requesting these overage charges be reversed. Council discussed that since so much time had gone by, they would split the cost with Gary and reverse \$1,335.55 of these charges. Coombs motioned to reverse \$1,335.55 of the overage charges. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stanley Schwartz/Witherspoon Kelley: The council has reached out to several lawyers but only one had returned information back. The council reviewed the resume from Stanley Schwartz of Witherspoon Kelley Law Office in Spokane and decided they would like to obtain his services. Coombs motioned to accept Stanley Schwartz as the lawyer for the City of Sprague. Monen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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 _____

Council Member _____ Council Member _____

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ATTEST: _____ Clerk/Treasurer