

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:00 P.M.
Location: Sprague City Hall, 119 W Second
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Open Meeting:

Mayor Stephens called the council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answered to roll call: Trace DeGarmo, Randy Westfall, Shawn Coombs, Aaron Snider, and Michelle Barrus.

Approve/amend Agenda:

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

Century West – Dan Remmick: We are still waiting for Department of Ecology approval to go to bid for the Sewer Lift Station. Snider moved to approve to advertise the lift station project for bid upon approval from the Department of Ecology. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) public hearing was held. Coombs moved to Approve the 2018-2023 STIP. Barrus seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

A meeting with FEMA is scheduled for Thursday, July 20, to go over projects from the flood.

Public Comment:

Rob Simon- Ethics – Mr. Simon stated he was appreciative of Evelyn Kramer organizing the Meet the Candidates event. It was well organized and a nice opportunity for everyone. However, it got a little out of hand. Councilman Trace DeGarmo started making accusations accusing myself of high jacking the sewer project and stealing pumps during the flood, as well as Travis McKay stealing vehicles. Mr. Simon asked if Trace was going to substantiate his accusations or answer to any of the questions raised after the event. Mr. Simon stated he hopes Travis McKay gets a hold of Trace. Mr. Simon suggested that the council look at adopting a code of ethics, or get someone from the school board, or a county commissioner to come help draft a policy or explain proper behavior of council members.

Jill Sheffels – Summer Lunch Program – They have been doing a lot of crafts, and been feeding about 30 kids lunch Monday through Thursday. Mrs. Sheffels thanked the City for allowing them to have the lunch program in the Library. She has invited senior citizens to participate in the lunch program. Lexi and Mickey Moore have been working on the summer reading program. The kids can earn prizes based on how many books they read. Thank you to Dorothy Giddings for donating various items so the kids can do their crafts.

Kevin Hanan – Large Animals Code in City Limits – Mr. Hanan is concerned the large animal code isn't being enforced as well as the ordinance regarding manure. Is the owner aware of the amount of horses living on a half-acre space? Mr. Hanan stated he hopes eventually the code will be enforced. Please deal with it.

Minutes:

The minutes from the July 5, 2017 Public Hearing for the Land Use Application for Randy Westfall were presented to council. Snider moved to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2017 Public Hearing. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes from the July 5, 2017 Council meeting were presented to the council. Coombs moved to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2017 council meeting. Snider seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Sheriff's Report:

No report this meeting. Deputy Gant stated that a Radar trailer was put up by the Sprague Motel.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report. We had a great summer intern this year, Tyler Eddington. He was a great worker and we are sad we aren't able to have him longer. Thank you to St. John Hardware for working on our mower for free.

Treasurer's Report:

The Check Warrant Register from June 22, 2017 through July 19, 2017 was presented to the council. Snider moved to approve the Check Warrant Register from June 22, 2017 through July 19, 2017. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

06/22/2017 through 07/19/2017

Claims: Checks #11592-11602 and 11609-11627 4 EFT's= \$43,470.38

Payroll: 11603-11608 14 EFT's = \$14,054.13

Total: \$57,524.51

Mayor's Report:

We have been having some internet problems, but they have been resolved, it did however, delay some work. We have a timer that we will probably start using at the meetings to keep public comment to 3 minutes, just to help keep things orderly and running smoothly. We received a complaint about a tractor and truck on 4th Street. A letter will be sent out to the owners. We also received a letter of interest for the PDA, Shari Stowell submitted. Coombs moved to approve Shari Stowell for the PDA. Snider seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Land Use Application – Randy Westfall: Coombs moved to approve Randy Westfall’s Land Use Application. Snider seconded. 4 ayes. One abstention Randy Westfall, conflict of interest. Motion passed.

Ordinance 691: Council decided a work session was needed to fine tune the details of this ordinance. It will be addressed again at the next regular council meeting.

Lagoon Ordinance 799: Canaday explained that in the past it caused problems with people dumping things not allowed, and Canaday and Melton don’t really have time to babysit the lagoon every time somebody needs to use it. Canaday recommended just continuing to have it open a couple days a week. Coombs moved to rescind Ordinance 799. Westfall seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Surplus Land: Coombs suggested they table the surplus land until the interested party could be present.

Adjournment:

Mayor Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:38 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