

**Sprague City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 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, Shawn Coombs, Rocky Henson, Trace DeGarmo, and Dan Bonk.

**Approve/amend Agenda:**

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

**Century West Engineering:**

There is a technical tool grant available through the Secretary of State. We could use it for GIS mapping of our utilities and then digitalize them, so we have a current record. The application is due the end of this month. It's pretty straight forward and available online.

Coombs moved to submit the application for the grant for GIS mapping of the city utilities. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

There is a change order to address some things that have arose with the lift station. The change order will be for about \$21,000.00. The change is for the electrical system, the junction boxes need to be in a separate vault. We will still be within the funding limits of the grant.

Coombs moved to authorize the change order of the lift station. Bonk seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Land Use Application Public Hearing Johnstone:**

The public hearing began at 7:05 pm.

Saucier presented to the public the application for a variance to live in their RV while they are building their residence, as well as a variance for the house which is less square footage than the current zoning ordinance allows.

Henson asked if they have a building permit yet. They have started the process but have not purchased it, they are waiting until they know their land use application is approved.

Joy Wilken asked what the variance was for. She had no problem with them staying in their RV while they are building.

Bonk was concerned about them staying in the RV. Saucier read Section 1.14.140 from Ordinance 822 which allows for residents to stay in their RV while building a primary residence.

The public hearing ended at 7:17 and the regular council meeting resumed.

Coombs moved to approve the Johnstone Land Use application for staying in their RV and the square footage of their house. A permit will be issued to stay in their RV for not more than 12 months upon receipt of their building permits. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the January 17, 2018 Council meeting were presented to the council. Coombs moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018 Council meeting. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 2, 2018 Special meeting were presented to the council. Bonk moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2018 Special meeting. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

### **Maintenance Report:**

Melton reported that he had been plowing snow, monitoring the creek, and had to pull the sewer pumps a couple times with the help of Shawn Coombs.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Saucier presented the Check Warrant Register from January 1, 2018 to February 21, 2018

01/01/2018 through 02/21/2018

Claims: Checks #11775-11805 and 11812-11828 and 8 EFT's = \$89,926.19

Payroll: Checks # 11806-11811 and 22 EFT's = \$21,478.50

Total: \$111,404.69

Saucier reported she received the request from Lincoln County Fire District 1 to close out the ambulance fund and turn those funds over the Fire Department, as well as the request for \$5,000 from the EMS Levy Fund to purchase equipment. See attached letter.

Coombs moved to approve the Fire Station request. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Justin Sauer has been hired as the Public Works Director. He has some good mechanical skills and will be a good fit. We are saving \$100 a week on wages with the difference in Chris and Justin's wages.

### **Old Business:**

Rob Simon – Sewer/Water connection: Mr. Simon proposed to the council that they will sign the Agreement for Reimbursement of Construction Costs for Sanitary Sewer Collection, Water Distribution Systems over to the City as well as all equipment, parts and pieces in the street in exchange for 2 water and sewer hookups. Council requested we take the proposal to the attorney. Saucier will get the information to the City Attorney.

Ordinance 863 RV's: Coombs moved to approve Ordinance 863. Bonk seconded. 4 ayes. 1 Nay. Motion Passes.

### **New Business:**

Railroad Depot – Michelle Kimes: Michelle asked if the community would be able to use the Rail Road Depot for a small business. She would like to set up vendors in the back part of the museum. She would like to start in April or May and run through October. Saucier explained that one of the grants we received allowed for a small business to be in the museum and that person could act as the curator of the museum. Saucier also explained that we need to have a Rail Road Depot Committee. Council had some concerns about damage being done if people were careless. There is also a concern about the space. There was also a question about who would pay the power bill. The grant states that the small business would pay the power bill. Saucier suggested that some time in the near future a few council members should go over to the depot to take a look around. More information and a Rail Road Depot Committee would be needed in order to move forward.

Community Event Proposal: Michelle Kimes has been in contact with No Rhyme or Reason Country Flea Market out of Zillah, WA. They would like to have an event in Sprague May 4-6, 2018. They do not charge a fee and they carry liability insurance. Michelle explained that some streets would need to be closed for the event because there would be quite a few vendors. Council inquired what streets would need to be closed. Michelle said First and Second Streets. Council stated we can't close all of First and Second Streets, a more specific request is required. Michelle got frustrated and left the meeting.

Fence Ordinance 862: Coombs moved to approve Ordinance 862. Bonk seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Residential Fence Problem: We have a resident who has put up a fence. The fence is not set back far enough from the curb/city right of way. There is also a problem with the number of vehicles and other items that are in his yard. The resident has been sent letters both via certified and regular mail. He was instructed to remove the items and was told where the fence was allowed to be. Council instructed Melton to move forward aggressively to get these matters resolved.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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