

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 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, Trace DeGarmo, and Dan Bonk. Rocky Henson arrived at 7:15pm.

Approve/amend Agenda:

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

Century West Engineering:

Sewer Lift Station – Equipment submittals are complete, but it will still be about 5 months before construction will start.

Bridge Design – Dan reported that they are going through the permitting process right now.

We are starting to move forward with the CDBG Planning Grant. We will have a certified bridge inspector look at our bridges to assess damage from the flood. We will also have the roads evaluated.

DeGarmo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the work orders for the CDBG planning grant when they are received. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Margie Hall:

See attached report

Land Use Application Public Hearing Johnstone:

The public hearing began at 7:15 pm.

Saucier presented the Land Use Application requesting a variance for a hardship unit at their property at 419 W Third Street to allow her father to reside in his RV (she is his caretaker) while their residence is being built.

Henson stated she thinks they were misled, and that there would only be one RV on the property.

Robert Vercoe stated that the purchase of the property has had a negative impact on his property value. He is apposed to having two RV's there. Mr. Vercoe stated that he is becoming very aware of all the hazards in town and the properties that are in violation of city ordinances. Downtown is in shambles. Mr. Vercoe agrees with Mrs. Henson that there is an RV park in town and they should stay there. Mr. Vercoe is not opposed to one trailer, but he is opposed to two.

Tj Johnstone stated that they are making progress on their house. They are working on getting the foundation in, but weather has been causing delays, but they are doing everything else they can to get it completed in a timely manner. If they are required to pay for space at the RV Park it will take from their budget for building and they can't afford that expense. Ms. Johnstone explained they have homeowner's insurance and are making sure the RV's are safe and not creating any type of hazard.

Scooter Dearing said he lives right next to them and heard them state at the last hearing there would be two trailers. They are making a lot of progress and working hard to get everything done.

Randy Westfall stated that TJ has followed through with everything she has said she would do and her word is good.

The public hearing ended at 7:25 and the regular council meeting resumed.

Bonk moved to approve the Johnstone Land Use application for allowing Terry Ascziger to stay in his RV. A permit will be issued to stay in their RV for not more than 12 months. Coombs seconded. 4 Ayes Henson Nay. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 21, 2018 Council meeting were presented to the council. Bonk moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2018 Council meeting. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Robert Vercoe - he signed up regarding the land use application, but he wanted to mention the property behind the post office, something needs to be done about the mess there.

Sheriff's Report:

See attached report. Deputy Steadman was present.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report.

Treasurer's Report:

Saucier presented the Check Warrant Register from February 22, 2018 to March 21, 2018
02/22/2018 through 03/21/2018

Claims: Checks #11830-11834 and 11841-11864 and 3 EFT's = \$76,266.43

Payroll: Checks # 11835-11840 and 11848 and 12 EFT's = \$12,337.58

Total: \$88,604.01

DeGarmo moved to approve the Check Warrant Register. Smith Seconded. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

We need volunteers to man the Lagoon, so community members can dispose of yard waste. Henson volunteered to help. Anyone else interested should contact City Hall.

Old Business:

Rob Simon – Sewer/Water connection: Smith moved to accept the agreement with Rob Simon. Bonk seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Saucier will contact the city Attorney to have her draft a contract.

Railroad Depot Committee: Three letters of interest were submitted. Sharon Stowell, Alice Callen, and Scooter Dearing.

Coombs moved to appoint all three to the Railroad Depot Committee. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Dorothy Giddings – Farmers Market: Gary and Dorothy Giddings and Steve and Jill Sheffels presented a proposal to City council to purchase parcel number 0704021001000. See attached proposal

Coombs moved to accept Gary and Dorothy Giddings and Steve and Jill Sheffels offer. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reservoir Cleaning: Saucier presented a quote from Liquid Engineering Corporation. The reservoir is supposed to get cleaned and inspected every five years, it has been seven. Bonk moved to approve the reservoir cleaning expense as quoted by Liquid Engineering Corporation. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council moved into executive session at 8:03pm for 5 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. Regular council meeting resumed at 8:08pm.

Bonk moved to approve a \$.50 raise for public works employee Shawn Melton and an increase of \$.50 upon completion of water and sewer certifications. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 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