

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 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, Trace DeGarmo, Rocky Henson, Dustin Monen and Shawn Coombs.

Approve/amend Agenda:

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

Sprague Events Committee: Hotel/Motel Tax:

Alice Callen representing the Sprague Events Committee is requesting \$300 from the hotel/motel tax for advertising the Zombie Fun Run on Saturday November 3. They have advertised in five newspapers and expanded Facebook ads to other cities as well. She states she feels this event is eligible to receive these funds. Smith made a motion to approve \$300 for the Sprague Events Committee from the hotel/motel tax fund.

Sprague Events Committee:

Alice Callen informed the council that they appreciate having the opportunity to decorate downtown for Halloween. The committee has been receiving a lot of positive feedback and they would like to decorate for future holidays as well. Discussion followed about insurance and liability. Monen stated the sidewalks were set to be for ADA standards and he feels there would not be a problem. Henson stated she thinks it brightens up the town. Mayor Eagleson thinks it should be on a case by case basis. Alice said she thinks that is fair and thanked the council for being reasonable. Shelley Martin asked the council if they need to ask to decorate every month. Alice stated they would like to decorate for Thanksgiving, they will be leaving the hay stacks and putting up scarecrows on November 5th. They will discuss the take down date at the next council meeting. Eagleson informed the committee that the city may want to decorate for Christmas so there is no guarantee that they will be able to. Coombs made a motion to approve the Sprague events Committee decorating downtown for Thanksgiving on the week of November 5th. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

IGA Proposal-Solar Energy: Brent Tracy from Apollo Solutions was there to present the council with the next steps for moving forward with solar panels for the City Hall garage. He stated that there are good Commerce grants that will help with this such as a TransAlta Energy Technology Grant. See attached proposal and requirements for the investment grade audit. He informs the council that utility incentives are going fast, and some cities are taking 15-year term loans. There is also a guarantee if it doesn't produce enough energy to pay for itself. The deadline to apply for a grant through the Department of Commerce is December 31 so Apollo Solutions is asking the council to vote on whether they want to proceed with the IGA. Council states they are not ready to make a decision and need more time to think about it. Brent informed them that since it's a small system they should be fine to think about it, but the more time they have to get the

application in the better. Coombs made a motion to table the IGA until the first week of November. Monen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes:

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

The minutes from the October 8, 2018 Special Meeting were presented to the council. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2018 special meeting. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No public comments

Sheriff's Report:

See attached report.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report.

Maintenance report was read by Public works director Justin Sauer. He stated that the city needs safety rails installed at the new lift stations. The contractor wants too much money and the city could do it much cheaper. He can't find 4-foot railings, so they would need to be custom built and they need to be approved barriers and the right kind of steel. This is a requirement for L&I. Coombs stated this needs to get done immediately.

Treasurer's Report:

Behrens presented the Check Warrant Register from September 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 09/01/2018 through 09/31/2018

Claims: Checks #12075 and 12076, 12079-12096, 12098-12103, 12107 and 12112 and 6 EFTs = \$26,642.99

Payroll: Checks #12077 and 12078 and 12097, 12104-12106, 12108-12111, and 12113-12118 and 2 EFT's = \$12,294.77 Total: \$38,937.76

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Eagleson reported on a meeting that was held regarding flood planning. The meeting was held with residents of Sprague Lake as well as Rex and Ann Harder, Rocky Henson, Shawn Coombs, Lexi Behrens and County Commissioner Mark Steadman. We are trying to stay ahead of the flood. We will be meeting again in the near future, but we spoke of putting in a dam east & another canal or spillway to the west, without flooding residents to the west.

Executive Session:

Mayor Eagleson and the council went into executive session at 8:19 for ten minutes to discuss the performance of an employee. At 8:29 the council requested a ten-minute extension. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 pm.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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 _____

Council Member _____ Council Member _____

ATTEST: _____ Clerk/Treasurer