

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 20, 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 7:01 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. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CenturyWest:

Dan Remmick reported about a meeting he had with the Silver Jackets getting more information on digitizing a flood map starting this spring. They will be using lidar to recreate existing flood maps that will show a 3d model of the surface and will have much more detail and higher quality. DeGarmo asked about a grant for ground penetrating studies. Remmick stated this new flood map is only the first step for the flood mitigation process and they are focusing on protecting structures instead of moving the floodway. Department of Fish and Wildlife is doing some clean up at cow creek above the water line, they said no dredging is allowed. Remmick also stated the grant money needs to be spent by July.

Remmick also reported that the ads for engineering services are due by March 1st.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report.

Canaday reported he had a contractor come out to suck out debris from the lift station but unfortunately there is a large piece that they could not get out at that time. He stated the solution would be to do a confined space entry to remove it. He received a quote to remove it in the amount of \$2600. He reported that the city has some equipment that could remove it, but not all of it. DeGarmo suggested calling another city to ask if we could borrow the equipment needed. Eagleson asked if there was a time frame to get this completed. Canaday informed him this needs to be taken care of very soon or the sewer could get backed up and cause problems. The earliest the contractor could come out is the following Wednesday. Coombs made a motion to approve the contractor to come out and get the debris out of the lift station. Smith seconded. 3 in favor. DeGarmo abstained. Motion carried.

HD Fowler & Halme- Well #4 Quote

Canaday reported to the council and provided quotes from HD Fowler and Halme Electric & Pump to get Well #4 up and running per a letter from the Department of Ecology stating we could lose our water rights if it is not complete within a year. Behrens stated she will send in an extension request. Canaday reported he will be meeting with HD Fowler on the following Monday. Coombs stated we need to get Well 4 going so we do not lose our water rights. Coombs made a motion to approve HD Fowler and Halme Electric to repair Well #4. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 23, 2019 Council meeting were presented to the council. Smith moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2019 council meeting. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Sheriff's Report:

See attached report.

Treasurer's Report:

Behrens presented the Check Warrant Register from January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2019.
1/01/2019 through 1/31/2019

Claims: Checks #12272-12274 and 12286 and 12288 and 12299-12317 and 6 EFTs = \$51,079.77

Payroll: Checks #12275-12278 and 12289-12298 and 3 EFT's = \$7,896.79

Total: \$58,976.56

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

Mayor's Report:

The council wants to return to our base rate on water usage, with possible exception to the third tier. This means in all likelihood, you will no longer see overages on your water bill when simply watering your lawn this year.

New Business:

Sewer Rates: With no public comment at the public hearing on February 20th, the council discussed the 5% rate increase for the sewer per the auditor's suggestions. Coombs made a motion to raise the sewer rates 5%. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water Rates: Behrens reported that the proposed 5% rate increase would put the base rate for water at \$30.45, an increase of \$1.45. Council also discussed the possibility of increasing the tiers for residents' overages. DeGarmo stated if people are using the water then the pumps are still running, and the city needs to make sure they can handle it and the costs won't out-way the amount we are charging. Behrens stated if people are paying their bill every month, we are staying on budget. The overages are not factored into budget, only base rate times the number of service locations. DeGarmo made a motion to approve the 5% base rate increase. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Garbage Rates: With no comment from the public at the public hearing on February 20th, council discussed setting the increase at 5% until we receive more information from Wheatland Waste on going to a one size garbage can. Coombs made a motion to approve the 5% garbage increase. DeGarmo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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