

Regular Council Meeting
City Hall
December 12, 2017
6:30 PM

Mayor Clary called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Roll call was taken with Councilors Joy Porter, Autumn Massender, Chris Robinson, and Gary Ventress present. Roll call was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the November meetings were approved in a motion by Councilor Porter, second by Councilor Massender and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

The financial statement was reviewed by Council; it was noted that there is additional carryover and Mayor Clary suggested Council should re-open the budget to bring forward funds that were not spent last year. Motion to approve (the financial statement) by Councilor Porter, second by Councilor Robinson and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Accounts payable were reviewed by Council. Councilor Robinson motioned to approve, second by Councilor Porter. A roll call vote was taken with Councilors Massender, Porter, Robinson and Ventress all voting aye– motion passed.

The Kootenai County Canvas of Election votes was as follows:

Kootenai County Results November 7, 2017 City-Fire Election							
Precinct	Candidates						
	City of Spirit Lake						
	Mayor		Council Seat (2yr term)			Council Seat (4yr term) Vote for 2	
	Todd Clary	Renee Eastman	William J. Millsaps	Joy H. Porter	Kim Trask	Chris Robinson	Autumn Massender
1	108	181	104	124	40	185	197
ABS SPLK SLF	14	10	5	14	2	16	19
Total	122	191	109	138	42	201	216

Councilor Ventress motioned to approve, second by Councilor Massender and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Council reviewed the following liquor license renewals for 2018: Blackwell Bar, Jo’s Hole Saloon, Linger Longer Lounge, Miller’s Harvest Food & Conoco, Spirit’s Mini Stop, White Horse Saloon, and MiPueblo. Councilor Porter motioned to approve, second by Councilor Ventress, and a vote of aye by all– motion passed.

Mayor Clary and Council reviewed the Innovate Service Contract Agreement for the police departments IT services. Councilor Porter motioned to approve, second by Councilor Massender and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor Clary and Council reviewed the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Idaho Internet Crimes against Children Task Force. Motion to approve by Councilor Porter, second by Councilor Massender, and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Mayor Clary and Council reviewed the Deputy Clerk Employment Agreement. Councilor Porter motioned to approve, second by Councilor Massender. Discussion ensued regarding an appointed position vs. a contract position; the contracted position requires the deputy clerk to give a 30 day notice to terminate the agreement, which is the only difference from an appointed position. Councilor Ventress repeatedly asked why this was being done and accused others of not being up front on the reason, even though Mayor Clary and Councilors Porter and Massender stated it is for continuity of employment and to protect the City. A roll call vote was taken with Councilors Massender and Porter voting aye, Councilors Robinson and Ventress voting no; Mayor Clary broke the tie in favor of – motion passed. Councilor Ventress stated he wanted it in the minutes that he felt it is wrong and crooked.

Council reviewed the Verizon Land Lease Agreement. Councilor Robinson motioned to approve, second by Councilor Ventress, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Massender, Porter, Robinson and Ventress all voting aye – motion passed.

Councilor Ventress asked why water hook-ups are not included in the sewer moratorium. Mayor Clary explained the water is not restricted, nor in danger of being restricted. Councilman Ventress repeatedly asked where the water goes, and if we have a sewer moratorium, why not a water moratorium; Mayor Clary explained we have a moratorium on building permits that require a new sewer connection due to sewer capacity. Heated discussion ensued, with Councilor Ventress again asking why we have no moratorium on water; Councilor Porter stated there is a moratorium on building permits and no water connections could be done within city limits due to the moratorium.

Lucille Robbins (of the Spirit Lake Senior Citizens) requested to talk about purchasing the senior/community center. Councilor Ventress voiced his concern over the legalities of the City's ability to sell and if there was adequate parking, although he believed it to be a good idea, including the Senior's use of the bottom floor of the Woolen-Brown Building for their other activities/functions that they don't currently have room for in the center.

Debbie Mann, on behalf of Spirit Lake Troop Support, requested permission to have a fund raising event in the Big City Park on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2018, with brewery/distillery permits and vendors, including use of the streets for a parade, and an open container permit for Maine Street to the Park; advice and guidance on the event was requested. Councilor Massender stated it was not a good idea to have open container on streets that are not closed to the public and to stick to a beer garden in the park. Discussion ensued regarding past events and open container. Councilor Robinson motioned to approve the parade, park use and beer garden in the big park, second by Councilor Ventress, along with a recommendation to discuss security with the Police Chief, followed by a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Joy Porter with Spirit Lake Visions requested their annual use of parks/streets for an Easter egg hunt, Old Fashioned 4th Celebration, parade and fireworks, Big Park use on Labor Day weekend for Sunday and Monday, and Santa in the Community Center on the first Saturday in December. Motion to approve by Councilor Ventress, second by Councilor Massender and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Frank Roberto, property manager for the townhouses on 7th and Monroe, on behalf of the owner, would like to purchase the property on the south east corner to construct additional units. Council would like further discussion on existing City properties, but would give him first option if the City chooses to sell. Mr. Roberto is to check back in 60 days.

The Park and Rec report was given by Park and Rec Director Laura Zimmerman. Laura is preparing for Winterfest on Sunday, January 28th and is looking for volunteers. There will be a meeting on December 28th at 6:30 pm at City Hall – please attend and help organize the activities for Winterfest.

Chief Sanchez presented the police report.

Mayor Clary and Council reviewed the Public Works report. Discussion ensued regarding potholes and if maintenance could fill them with cold patch, although it doesn't hold up or last; more discussion regarding the sandbagging of sewer plant lagoon 4, which was done in preparation for the intake piping and the need to de-water the lagoon to access those pipes, and to keep the lagoon dry. Councilor Ventress questioned why the maintenance crew was doing it and why it wasn't added to the contract. Mayor Clary explained that the engineer brought it to him and asked if maintenance could do it to save the city the funds vs. paying to have it contracted out, which he agreed. Councilor Ventress continued to question why maintenance was doing it and not filling potholes.

Councilor Porter motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilor Massender and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Attest:

Todd Clary, Mayor

Ann Clapper, City Clerk