

City of Spirit Lake
Special Council Meeting and Budget Workshop
City Hall
March 7, 2018
1 PM

Mayor Eastman called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm; roll call was taken with Councilors Angel Vanderwilt, Joy Porter, Chris Robinson, and Gary Ventress present.

Discussion ensued with the police department on the potential hire of an additional officer. Chief Sanchez discussed the department's need for this officer, and will find ways to trim their general budget.

Public Works Director Tim Wilkerson shared quotes for replacing the water heater and furnace with natural gas at the community center and is waiting for a dollar amount of potential Avista rebates. Also discussed were rock material bays, enclosing bays in the existing lean-to for signs and mowers, and leaking roof issues at the city shop; replacing all the remaining manual read water meters with digital, replacing a valve at 8th and Madison, and pump house #2 replacement; street needs included paving Maine Street from 5th - 10th avenues after the Maine Street Path project is complete, and much patching needed on all of the chip sealed streets.

Anthony Brandt discussed needs at the parks and cemetery, including more grading (due to settling over the winter), hydro seeding and fencing Volunteer Park; fencing the north side of the cemetery and improving irrigation; renovating the interior of the bathrooms at the Big Park and Volunteer Park with material similar to Fireside Park; repairing new fencing around the skate park that has been vandalized (again); would like a wide area mower, sod cutter, and turf sweeper to cut down maintenance time and result in a better finished product, and rent a limb chipper for the many fallen and pruned tree limbs.

Wastewater Operator Luke Eastman discussed the many maintenance needs for the sewer department, including numerous issues with the lift stations at R-Ranch, Frederick Loop, and the 2 in Spirit Shores, along with mainline maintenance at dead ends, old brick manholes, and tree roots encroachment; sewer plant issues with aging cell liners, undersized cells, aeration, etc.; and multiple needed land application repairs/upgrades.

Parks and Recreation Director Laura Zimmerman discussed existing programs and potential additions.

Next workshop on March 14th at 2 p.m.

Councilor Ventress motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Robinson and a vote of aye by all - motion passed.

Renee Eastman, Mayor

Attest:

Ann Clapper, City Clerk