

City of Spirit Lake
Special Council Meeting and Workshop
City Hall
January 19, 2018
5 PM

Mayor Eastman called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm; roll call was taken with Councilors Joy Porter, Chris Robinson, and Gary Ventress present; Autumn Massender was absent.

Mayor Eastman read aloud the title paragraph of proposed Ordinance #577, amending Ordinance #490 and changing the penalty provision for parking violations. Councilor Ventress motioned to waive the reading rules, approve proposed Ordinance #577, and publish by summary, second by Councilor Porter, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Porter, Robinson and Ventress all voting aye – motion passed.

Council reviewed proposed Parking Fine Resolution #2018-01-19. Councilor Ventress motioned to approve, second by Councilor Robinson, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Porter, Robinson and Ventress all voting aye – motion passed.

Workshop for septic failures during the sewer moratorium: a few grammatical corrections to the Septic System Replacement/Sanitary Sewer Utility Connection Agreement were made and it was clarified with our attorney and the agreement was changed to requiring connection to the sewer system within 7 years of the repeal of Ordinance #576 vs. the date the agreement was signed. Also clarified that DEQ has no requirements for septic systems, they are managed through Panhandle Health. Councilor Robinson suggested to allow repair of the septic system and not require connection to the city sewer system until the newly repaired system fails. Discussion ensued regarding the need to eliminate septic systems to protect the aquifer, the time frame to require connection to the city sewer system, the cost the homeowner incurs to repair the septic system and connect to the city sewer system. Mayor Eastman stated that if credit for their cost to repair septic system is given to the homeowner towards the connection fees, the rest of the residents would end up absorbing the cost. More discussion ensued regarding enforcement of connecting to the sewer system after the repeal of the ordinance, pre-payment of connection fees, and future access, or lack of access, to existing sewer mains.

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

Attest:

Renee Eastman
Mayor

Ann Clapper
Clerk