

Town of White Pine Council Meeting April 5, 2022

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present also.

A citizen from 1179 Rosella Drive asked the board if he could have an adjustment for a broken water line between his home and the water meter. The mayor explained that if he would supply a bill from a plumber that repairs the line and it did not go into sewer, an adjustment can be given on the sewer only.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Strom, the minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance #1-22, raising the water and sewer taps, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance #2-22, amending the food truck ordinance, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to hire Izaak Owens as a full-time police officer.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to hire William Barnett as a full-time street employee.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to hire Richard Harnage as a full-time wastewater treatment plant operator.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to have the low bidder, Newport Paving, to do the needed paving projects.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to approve Sue Southerland as the low bidder for the metal roofing. Mr. Richard Allen was the only one to bid on the removal of the house but the bid was not valid because he was under the assumption that we were looking for someone to tear down for us instead of tearing down and hauling off for the materials.

The LPRF 2020 Recreation grant from the state has offered an additional 25% of funds to go toward the capital project line item. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to add \$34,859.38 to our portion with a total of \$174,296.88.

Officer Ramsey gave the police reports to the board. Rocky, the dog, had a successful drug bust with drugs, cash, and two cars the night before.

Fire reports were in the packets.

Under Planning Commission news, Mr. Stump informed the board that a resolution for a new zone is being considered for I-3, for cryptocurrency. A variance was also approved for WSCC for a new sign at the entrance to the farmer's market.

Vandalism at the Lions Park was discussed. A basketball goal was destroyed and a new one has been ordered from Baseline Construction. They will complete the project and it will be matching the existing one.

Mr. Hardy reported a busy month for the water and sewer department. The sewer plant is scheduled to go online next week.

Large item pick up was in full force and will have to be continued the next day as well.

Industrial board and the Pine Fest Committee did not meet.

Financial reports were given to the board as well as a copy of the 2021 fiscal year budget.

Under new business the mayor asked if the board would like to pursue updating town hall and get a loan from US Bank or the TML Bond Fund. Mr. Dukes mentioned he would like to see US Bank if they would hold the rate. On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Stump, a motion was made to lock in a 2.93% for ten years. In a roll call vote all members voted to approve the loan except for Mr. Marshall.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Under announcements, the mayor told the board that he would look at the details of the generator and get back with them. A tentative date for the all-day budget work session will be April 29, 2022 at 8 am.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



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