

## Town of White Pine Council Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all members present except Mrs. Voiles. Attorney Churchwell was present also.

Ellen Busler approached the board concerning a water bill re-connect fee. Her water bill did not get paid and she was placed on the cut off list thus resulting in her having to pay \$100. She claims the check she placed in the box never cleared the bank, yet her late notice came after the disconnect. Another resident Robin Parker asked the board what the reasoning was behind spending funds to renovate town hall, instead of building a community center. She said our town needs more for the older kids to keep them out of trouble. The mayor and several council members expressed the need for more, but informed her that a recreation director will be hired first and then they would try to build up the recreation program.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Strom, the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to accept the contract for engineering the sewer by-pass project from Hatfield and Allen.

Chief Cotter reported a busy month with calls and an increase in citations. The fire department report was given to the board as well.

Under Planning Commission reports, board member Bob Hardy said a site plan had been reviewed and approved for B. J. Jenkins for the old industrial carving property.

Mayor Taylor reported the back board had been replaced for the vandalism at Lions Field. He also told the board that the rock on the concession stand would be done as well.

Richard Harnage reported on the wastewater plant progress. The contractor has found a lot of leaks and are working diligently to get them all fixed. The state has been in constant communication with personnel concerning the violations.

Mr. Hardy said the street department is doing well, and picked up a lot of large items.

The industrial board did not meet.

Under financial news, a second budget meeting was discussed and a date was set for May 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

Pine Fest committee has not met but sponsors are being contacted. Food City has committed to being a sponsor again this year.

Under new business, Mayor Taylor conducted a bid opening for the metal roofing that was removed from the house being torn down at the corner of Walnut and State Street. The highest bid was Don Lane at \$400.01. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second by Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to award to Don Lane.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mrs. Strom, it was decided that since the customer Ellen Bussler's late notice was received after cut-off notice, that she be refunded \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

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

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

  
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Fred Taylor, Mayor

  
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Alyson P. Susong, Recorder