

CITY OF MOYIE SPRINGS MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7th, 2015

City Council met in regular session October 7th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Moyie Springs City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Evans. Present were Councilmen, Chad Farrens, Steve Economu, Terry Johnson, Tim Narvaez, Public Works Supervisor John Nelson, Fire Chief Ken English, and City Attorney Dan Featherston .

Matt Plaisted from DEQ, Aubrey Funkhouser, James Dorhofer, Mike and Stephanie Baker, David Sims, Doug Helm, Jeff and Tia Avery, and Tammy Blanford were also present.

Discussed the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9th, 2015. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Tim Narvaez to approve the September meeting minutes as written with the correction noted to page two paragraph two, second line, seventh word thru twelfth words to be omitted. (*Tim Narvaez asked if they were*) from the minutes. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans asked that the September 16th Special Meeting minutes be waived as they were unavailable. Chad Farrens made a motion and Steve Economu seconded to waive the special meeting minutes until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

Discussed the current financial statement. Mayor Evans noted the new format and asked for comment or questions. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Tim Narvaez to approve the current September financials. Motion carried.

Dave Sims reported from the EDC committee. He reported the Boundary County Library was now Microsoft IT approved, with available online certification. He added that Derek Grow is a new employee in the Fab Lab and IT Academy at the library. He said that the SPOT Bus was close to servicing our residents in the Moyie Springs area on Friday's. Mayor Evans asked how it was going with the SPOT Bus. David Sims said very well, but that it was slower on Friday's and he thought that would make it possible to extend the transportation to the Moyie Springs area on that day. David Sims also mentioned that a representative from the Union Pacific Railroad was going to be in the area and that he wanted to set up a meeting and tour for Moyie Springs.

Mayor Evans asked the Avery's about the animal situation at their home since the certified letters had been sent. They said that they have shock collars for their dogs and that the goats would be gone the next day. Jeff Avery questioned the goat limitations for all areas, and why not cows. Mayor Evans was unsure why the limitations were set on the goats, but the ordinance was set many years ago. Chad Farrens said that maybe the Council needed to go over the farm animal types in the ordinance, but that the suburban zoned would still need to be restricted. Mayor Evans asked about the dogs in the complaint. The Avery's said that they were now using the goat pen for a dog run for the dogs. Steve Economu thanked the Avery's for their compliance and understanding.

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Doug Helm asked the Council for help in his sewer dilemma. He had KG & T Septic Services help him with a sewer problem at his home. He had asked John Nelson to locate the sewer line for K G & T Septic Services to dig. They had dug in the wrong area. He again asked John Nelson to try and locate the sewer line, and John relocated the line in a different area and they did find the sewer line there. K G & T Septic Services had knock off two hours of billing time for the missed location of the sewer line. Doug Helm purposed that the City give him four months of sewer charges at no cost for the expense he incurred due to the fact he had dug with John Nelson's direction in the wrong area. Mayor Evans asked for John Nelson's input to the situation. John Nelson said that he believe the line to be in the area he first gave direction for. He then had proceeded to find maps at the City shop that showed differently. He then did redirect K G & T Septic Services to the correct location. Mayor Evans told Doug he liked the suggestion that Doug had purposed. Tim Narvaez asked if this was a private or main line, and said he felt that if John had marked the wrong area, that it should be a City responsibility to help correct. Chad Farrens made a motion and Terry Johnson seconded to give Doug Helm four months of sewer charges at no cost. Motion carried.

Mike and Stephanie Baker addressed the Council in regards to the letter of compliance of the City Ordinances to have water and sewer in the next 30 days. Mike Baker said that it was possible for them to get the sewer septic tank put in, but financially they were unable to pay for the water hook on at this time. He asked if the Council would consider payments with conditions or that they could pay for with their income tax refund in February, 2016 for the water hook on. Mike said if they have the sewer septic tank done, would the Council give them till February, no later than March to hook on to the City water system. Tim Narvaez asked when they would have the septic tank done. Mayor Evans said that the Council did give leniency, as long as it does not hurt others. Terry Johnson made a motion and Chad Farrens seconded to allow Mike Baker a four month time extension to get the water hook on, but that the septic service needed to be completed within the 30 days compliance notification. Motion carried.

Tammy Blanford questioned the Council's allowance for the camp trailer on Westwood, regardless of the City rules and ordinances. Mayor Evans said the Council had granted the four month time extension because of the hardships the family had undergone.

John Nelson reported on City's the purchase of the flow meter from Whitney Equipment Co. and the lap top computer purchased locally at the Tech Computer store.

Discussed the Volunteer Fire Department. Ken English said that September had been a slow month for incidents. Ken English reported the following: September 2nd- LEPC Meeting; September 14th – Ambulance Assist- 36 Cherry Lane; September 16th – Fire Chiefs Meeting; September 21st – Communications Meeting. Ken also updated the Council that he had ordered the new headsets for the fire trucks.

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Discussed the Water & Sewer systems. John Nelson reported we pumped a total of 6,266,700 gallons; the high on the 11th of 307,300 gpd, the low on 7th of 94,400 gpd, with an average of 208,890 gpd for the month of September, 2015.

John Nelson updated the Council on the City's projects. The road project has been completed for this year on South Division. The dump truck purchased from ITD earlier this year had to have a new box to get rid of all the rust. Tim Narvaez requested that John put new red flags on the speed limit sign before the Post Office. Steve Economu asked for an update on the sewer line compliance at the Brooks. John Nelson said that there was still a hole and the line not buried. It was unhooked from the City's sewer line at this point. Mayor Evans said that John needed to check on again. Tim Narvaez asked about sending a letter. Mayor Evans said that John could just check on to make sure the line got buried.

Mayor Evans addressed Matt Plaisted from DEQ. Matt Plaisted questioned the Council on what the City's plan is to keep in the forefront to deal with the discharge from the sewer system. It is not permitted and the City needs to commit to a plan of correction. Matt Plaisted said that the original grant received for facility study was eight years ago. Mayor Evans said that the mill property was the best place to acquire for the land needed. John Nelson had talked to Chris from the mill and he thought that the mill did not seem like it was an option and that the City should seek other possibilities. John also tried to follow up with the State, but had no response from them. Mayor Evans said the City would need to seek out other avenues for the land acquirement. John Nelson questioned if the ITD Pit or even further up the road to the Gerhart Maas property and using the irrigation disposal system was an option. Mayor Evans said the purchase of land to swap with the Forest Service might be the way the City would have to proceed with. Matt Plaisted stated that the land had to be purchased or owned and could not be leased. Mayor Evans said the City would have to have similar type property located next to already owned Forest Service land to be considered for a possible swap with the Forest Service. John Nelson said the Kevin McNally property might be an option, but the distance was a hindrance. Matt Plaisted stated that the City needs to commit to a plan. Tim Narvaez said that the City is trying and slowly moving forward to make the plan. Chad Farrens said the sewer system with the fifty or so users; the expense was not feasible. Matt Plaisted said the compliance agreement schedule was a binding agreement with multiple steps to compliance. He said DEQ loans and other possible grants for funding were available. Steve Economu stated the City has moved forward with the sewer rate increase in the first phase of the two step process to be in the acceptable rate range for grant consideration. Tim Narvaez asked Matt Plaisted regarding the idea of disconnecting some services to reduce the outflow from the lagoon and the effect to the discharge to be acceptable by DEQ. Matt said that the lower flow would not help the sewer discharge. The discharge is not a DEQ approved discharge. Matt believes the two drain fields with a third drain field available to be a viable option for the City. Matt explained that DEQ wants to work with the Council for the DEQ compliance, and the

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City is on borrowed time with environmentalist. The grant extension is until December and the facility plan had been completed. Terry Johnson said the Council needs to purchase the property before proceeding. Matt said that the City needs to meet the December deadline or ask for another extension. Chad Farrens commented on the slow time process for Welch Comer Engineering to complete the facility study. Tim Narvaez asked if the City would be allowed another time extension. Matt Plaisted said that an extension was provable but not desirable. Mayor Evans said that the Council needed to work on getting the land and moving forward. Matt Plaisted agreed that the Council needed to work towards committing to a plan for DEQ compliance.

Mayor Evans asked John Nelson about Welch Comer Engineering concerns of the loss of accountable water. John had verified the numbers and taken into account the water billing usage, the mill, sale of water and the county usage and believes to be in the 1% margin of loss.

Discussed the accounts payable. A motion was made by Chad Farrens and seconded by Terry Johnson to pay bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Chad Farrens to adjourn. Motion carried.

Attest: City Clerk