

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Sarah Jackson on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Loyalton City Hall Auditorium.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor S. Jackson, N.Rogers, D. Reide, B. Mitchell, J. Markum

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT**

K. LeBlanc-Deputy City Clerk, Steve Gross-City Attorney

**GUESTS PRESENT**

B. Kinkead, M. Williams, G. Shelton, A. Fastbender, J. Beard, J. Powers, T. Brandow, L. Horner. G. Donowho, M. Fisher, J. Mertton, B. Mertton, M. Lombardi, T. Beals, M. Beals, P. Roen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by D. Redie, to approve the agenda as amended to add the addendum from Farr West for a change order contract increase of \$5,000.00 to cover cost of increase in pavement needed to complete Beckwith Street Project. This will become item # 1. Motion unanimously carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Markum stated that the Beckwith Street project is moving along nicely.

**STAFF REPORTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by N. Rogers to approve change order 1 from Farr West Engineering. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Mayor Jackson addressed the community on the reason why the City of Loyalton chose to Explore the subject on Disincorporation. Mayor Jackson stated that the Grand Jury Recommended that the City of Loyalton consider Disincorporation.
3. Mayor Jackson then reviewed the steps to Disincorporation (1) Initiation of Proceeding (2) Consideration by LAFCO (3) Election (4) Completion of Proceedings. A brief discussion Was held on these subjects.

4. Tim Beals Sierra County Director of Planning gave a in depth report on the process of LAFCO That would occur if the City of Loyalton chose to disincorporate. Including but not limited to Cost, Time Length to complete the process, Services, ect.
5. After a discussion on the cost to disincorporate, It was suggested that the City could hire a Financial Analysis to prepare a report for the City of Loyalton.
6. Mayor Jackson addressed Potential Reason and Benefits to remaining Incorporated.  
(1) Law Enforcement Grant Funding (2) Unique sense of community being the only Incorporated City in Sierra County (3) Ethical obligations to the current and retired Employees. Mayor Jackson then opened up to public and staff comments: Councilmember J. Markum stated that historical value should be considered, also the separation between Governments. Councilmember Mitchell spoke on self control and the LAIF Accounts. Vice Mayor Rogers stated that the current council has come a long way and continues to Move forward.
7. Mayor Jackson then addressed the Potential Reasons and Benefits to Disincorporation.  
(1) Lack of new or additional revenue sources. (2) Lack of Service specific professional Expertise. (3) Lack of inclusive feeling across the county. (4) Challenges to municipal service. (5) Ability to stay abreast of current legislation and procedural changes. (6) If Loyalton was Currently unincorporated and wanted to incorporate today would not likely need public Benefit. Mayor Jackson then opened up to the public and staff for comments: G. Shelton Is concerned about public work projects. Also mentioned was Sherriff protection. Sherriff M. Fisher addressed this issue.
8. Mayor Jackson then read several case studies regarding disincorporation.
9. Mayor Jackson then presented the council with a Draft Advisory Ballot. It was decided by Consensus of the Loyalton City Council that they have done their due diligence in regards to Disincorporation and the matter is now closed.

#### **AGENDA IMPUT FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Councilmember Mitchell would like to add approval of a property waiver. Councilmember J. Markum would like to add Cal-Trust Investment. Councilmember Reide would like to add use Of Fire Department Vehicle for snow removal use.

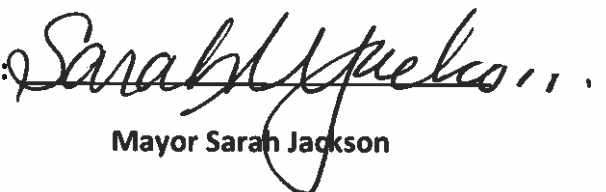
Mayor Jackson would like a letter to go out to the property owner for the clean-up to the burnt Building on Church & Zollinger Street.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

ATTEST:

  
Kathy LeBlanc- Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Mayor Sarah Jackson