

February 21, 2023

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **(A moment of silence was held for former Mayor Mark Marin)**

The Regular meeting of the Loyaltan City Council was called to order by Mayor S. Jackson on February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Loyaltan City Auditorium

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor S. Jackson, D. Riede, J. Markum, J. Gerow, D. Gayner

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

### **STAFF PRESENT**

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

J. Buck, E. Morgan, B. Mertton, D. Lawler, T. Easley, C. Johnson, P. Roen, L. Horner

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jackson gave a report on the LIHWAP assistance program for past due utility services.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. It was moved by D. Riede, seconded by J. Gerow to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 17, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It was moved by D. Riede, seconded by J. Gerow to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

### **STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Mayor Jackson reported that J. Reeves has resigned from his position with the city. She stated that we will be interviewing for maintenance tomorrow.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

J. Buck inquired about water/sewer hook ups. Mayor Jackson informed her that if you have an existing water/sewer line we can put you on line, but no new connections will be allowed.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

## **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE**

No Finance report was given.

1. It was move D. Gayner, seconded by J. Markum to approve reconciled accounts for January 2023. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It was moved by D, Riede, seconded by J. Markum to approve the bill sheet for January 2023 not to exceed \$77,301.21. Motion unanimously carried.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS.**

1. It was moved by J.Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Enterprise Loan MM 0559 not to exceed \$24,000. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It was moved by D. Riede, seconded by J. Markum to approve the fund transfer from General 1956 to Fire Department Reserve 7243 not to exceed \$4,875.64 for Preposition. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by D. Riede to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Fire Department Reserve 7243 not to exceed \$9,587.88 for Preposition #1. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by D. Riede to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Fire Department Reserve 7243 not to exceed \$50,181.35 for Preposition #2. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by J. Gerow to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Fire Department Reserve 7243 not to exceed \$25,080.87 for Mosquito Fire. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Mayor Jackson stated that we have received a large payment on a past due utility bill, she asked the council for approval to wave the late fees on this account when the customer brings the account current with a payment of \$993.00. After a discussion it was moved by J. Gerow, seconded by D. Riede to adjust late fees in the amount of \$498.45 upon receipt of the remaining payment. Motion unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS/PARK AND RECREATION**

1. Councilmember Riede stated that she is awaiting spring to ready the Park.
2. Vice-Mayor Gerow reported that Acevedo will be hooked up to the system as soon as there is a break in the weather.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Transportation Meeting will be held on March 15, 2023

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

1. Mayor Jackson gave a brief update on the water distribution system, after a brief discussion It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by J. Gerow to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion unanimously carried. (This item will be added to next agenda)
2. Mayor Jackson reported that a meeting was held on February 2, 2023. She reported that we have received the filling grant for planning from USDA. She has met with DOWL Engineering in regards to the Planning grant with the State. The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2023. (This item will be added to the next agenda)

3. Mayor Jackson addressed the council on a request from S. Hood regarding High School Softball requesting use of the baseball field 1 for practice and games. After a discussion J. Markum will meet with High School and Little League to discuss options.
4. City Clerk K. LeBlanc reported that she has spoken to Mr. Belli and as soon as the weather gets better he will begin the process of cleaning up the property.
5. Mayor Jackson gave a report on the property on Main and Third street regarding the downed trees. She stated that either the property owner request a lot line adjustment or the City can assume the 20 foot section which will affect the renters and parking. Mrs. Morgan addressed the council with her concerns. After a discussion Mrs. Morgan will let the council know what she would like to do.
6. It was approved by consensus to have employees take the proposed training with the exception on the bucket truck for the office.
7. Councilmember reported that interviews will be held tomorrow, and a special meeting may have to be held to hire employee's.
8. This item in regards to new sewer hookup for Martinez will be tabled until we have more staff to address the issue.

### **INPUT FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

1. Reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System
2. Update on Town Hall Meeting
3. Richard Meder nominations
4. Update on use of Ball Fields

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:



Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Mayor Sarah Jackson