

September 17, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Sarah Jackson on September 17, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Loyalton City Center Auditorium.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

K. LeBlanc-Deputy City Clerk, T. Smith-Bookkeeper, C. Willis-Assistant Bookkeeper

GUESTS PRESENT

R. DeMartini, P. DeMartini, A. Fastbender, J. Buck, D. Russell, T. Beals, P. Roen, D. Yegge, G. Shelton, M. Welbourne, T. LeBlanc, Alexa Kinsinger, K. Karpstein, R. Belli, J. Beard, J. Dines, K. Lombardi, M. Lombardi, S. Dryden, N. Tucker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by N. Rogers to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

EDUCATIONAL DISCUSSION ON DISINCORPORATION

Mayor Jackson addressed the council and community stating that the Grand Jury requested that the City look into disincorporation, she then contacted the City Attorney. She stated that there are four primary steps to disincorporation: 1. Initiation of Proceedings, 2. Consideration by LAFCo, 3. Election, 4. Completion of Proceedings. Mayor Jackson invited T. Beals of Sierra County to address the council and community of the process. He also stated that there are many components to this process including the LAFCo. He also stated that many services would be affected including funding streams. He recommended a series of workshops to see if there is enough interest in disincorporation before the City invests in the process as it can be expensive. Mayor Jackson will add this item to the next agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Markum stated that the school is installing a modular for Adult Education beside the City Hall Building and that Work Force Alliance will be moving from Sierraville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by N. Rogers to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 19 2019 as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayor Jackson informed the council that the next date for the bidding sale of the Loylton Mobile Home Park will be held on September 27, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the County Court House. Councilmember Markum will attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

G. Shelton addressed the council on the cemetery fence project. Vice-Mayor Rogers stated that it is a FEMA project and we are waiting on the engineer. He also asked what the council is doing about the trailers and vehicles that are on the street as they will impact snow removal. Mayor Jackson stated that the city will send out letters prior to snow season. Mr. Shelton also inquired about a street sweeper. T. LeBlanc addressed the council stating that there are pros and cons to disincorporation and has hopes that the City will make the right decision. He also announced that he will be running for Sierra County Supervisor for District 4. R. DeMartini inquired about the project in the yard next to City Hall. Councilmember Mitchell stated that they are putting in a model train exhibit, etc. Councilmember Markum thanked the volunteers for all the help at the Museum.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief R. DeMartini reported that the Fire Department has had 135 calls. He stated that there are new trainings every Monday night. He would like to surplus E-214 ASAP. He would like the public to know that more volunteers are needed for the Fire Department. He informed the council that he will be meeting with a contractor regarding the door at the Fire House. He again would like the community to be vigilant about fire danger.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bookkeeper T. Smith presented the council with a correct Financial and Income & Expense Report.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by N. Rogers to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by B. Mitchell to approve payment of the bills, not to exceed \$92,782.74. Motion unanimously carried.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR USDA

None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS

1. It was moved by B. Mitchell seconded, by D. Reide to approve reconciled accounts for August 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

2. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by N. Rogers to approve the fund transfer from General Account 1956 to Enterprise Loan 0559 for payment of USDA Loans for October 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

3. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by D. Reide to approve fund transfer from Contingency (General) Savings 0322 to General Checking 1956 for reimbursement of lump sum payment per CalPERS settlement for O. McGarity. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS/PARK AND RECREATION

Vice-Mayor Rogers reported that J. Castillo is doing a great job on maintenance and will be mowing next week.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

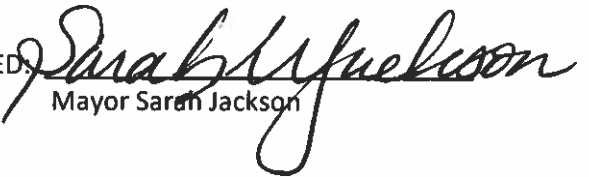
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Keith Karpstien from Farr West Engineering reported to the council that one bid was received from Q & D Construction for the Beckwith Repair Project for the amount of \$125,005.00. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by N. Rogers to approve the bid package. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Mayor Jackson has received a draft letter on the response to Mr. Nielson, once approved by City Attorney the letter will be sent out to Mr. Nielson.
3. Councilmember Markum presented the council with an option on investing monies for the WWTP Loan. After a brief discussion this item will be brought back to the council on the next agenda.
4. Councilmember Mitchell stated the Joe Dines could remove, top and clean up for \$1250.00. After a Brief discussion and with Mr. Dines withdrawal of offer this item will be on the next agenda.
5. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by D. Reide to approve the replacement of street light on Main Street. Motion unanimously carried.
6. After a discussion on the Floating Weir Skimmer, the council would like to obtain more information before proceeding with the purchase on the Floating Weir Skimmer. Item will be brought back to Council on the next agenda.
7. After a brief discussion on the Salary Schedule, some changes will be made and this will be added to The next agenda.
8. It was moved by B. Mitchell, seconded by D. Redie, to approve the amended Financial Policy. Motion Unanimously carried.
9. After a brief discussion on the repair of the Social Hall. The council will need to gather more info to Proceed with the repair.

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CLOSING REMARKS

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED: 
Mayor Sarah Jackson

ATTEST: 

Kathy LeBlanc, Deputy City Clerk