

September 19, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Marin on September 19, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Loyalton Social Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Marin, J. VanDaam, N. Rogers

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

K. Graves-City Clerk, K. Lombardi-City Bookkeeper

GUESTS PRESENT

R. Belli, L. Ryan, M. Lombardi, J. Markum, R. Belli, D. Yegge, J. Buck, L. Horner, R. Demartini, P. Demartini
E. Bensen,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(1 attachment) J. VanDaam moved to approve the agenda, N. Rogers seconded. Roll call, J. VanDaam-Aye, N. Rogers-Aye, M. Marin-Aye. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. J Buck wants to have a downtown city cleanup, she would like for all the business and homeowners to clean up their properties. Darlene Reed said that they could help in October, pull weeds that are around the downtown area that is not on private property. It was suggested to maybe have probation does it as they have in the past; M. Marin said that Chuck Hensen with probation is working on that but at this time there is no one that can do it. It was also suggested to contact the High School and Local 4H chapters to see if they would be interested for community service. Libby will talk to echo 4H and someone from the council will contact the High School.

2. N. Rogers let the council know that Kim Lombardi is resigning as the City Bookkeeper as of October 10, 2017. We will need to fill this position as soon as possible. Kim said that she would be available to help train the new person. M. Marin said that Kim was really green when she first started but she has been a great bookkeeper, and the City Audit was better now.

3. J. VanDaam is looking into possibly getting some solar panels for the Water Treatment Plant. It costs the City \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 a month to run the pumps that is a cost of about \$160.00 a day. The USDA could help some. J. VanDaam is checking on some contractors to see the costs. He did check with Liberty Utilities but they do not promote that. The Sierra Business Council could also be another avenue that could help.

3. We just got an extension to spend the \$600,000.00 until June of 2018. This money needs to be spent on fixing Beckwith Street and Lombardi Lane, also needs to go to fix the liners of the sewer plant. The pipes on Beckwith need to be taken up and all replaced and reset. The council is working on getting bids on it and plan to start working on it next spring.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(1 attachment) J. VanDaam moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. N. Rogers seconded. Roll call J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ray Belli said that the meeting last month was very informative. He would like to have on every agenda about the water bills. N. Rogers said that there have been no shut offs lately, most people are paying. The people with large balances are paying a set amount monthly plus their current balances. They have all signed contracts to pay monthly. We are collecting from some of the trailer park residents; if the city shuts the water off with the other ones then we would have to pay to rehouse them. There are only 4 spaces that belong to the City the rest belong to the County, if the water is shut off on the County spaces then the county has to pay to rehouse them. It was brought up that the Board of Supervisors voted on this day to shut it off, since the council had not heard from them we cannot do anything at this time.
2. Community Member J. Markum has come to the City about the 4H pig that lived next door to her. She is concerned because they never cleaned the pen and the flies and the smell waft over to her house. She would like to remind the owner that it is a privilege to keep the pig on her property and that the city can revoke it if she does not keep it clean. The council will send her a letter about cleaning it up.
3. Community Member L. Ryan wanted to talk about fire hazards. Most other cities get letters sent to the property owners that they need to clean there lot. If not cleaned then the water and sewer gets shut off and then they could get Liens on the properties. It was stated by L. Horner that we should check with the City Attorney to see if we can place liens on those properties. The city has limited resources and employees to take care of this problem.
4. PERS, M. Marin said that there has been no resolution on the PERS contract. We did take \$27,000.00 out of the contingency fund but this has to be paid back. Not sure what to do about this.
5. Water rights law suit from William Jameson. Water costs will be going up not sure how much.

TIMED ITEM

None

STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

R. Demartini Assistant Fire Chief reported that they have had 114 calls as of last night. The call last night was arching lines that were not what was happening. It was just a street light. 95% of the calls are medical and 5% are fire related. Not sure how many of those calls are at the trailer park. The seasons are changing and things are still dry so please careful. Libby questioned on how many volunteers are here during the day and Robert said that number is very low, as most of them work outside of the city. We need to commend the ones that get out of bed at 2 am to help keep the city safe. We can call for mutual aid from other districts if we need to.

The fire district is very little help. Shawn Heywood would like to talk to the City Attorney about what to do with the fire district. M. Marin did talk to Rick Maddelena about the contract to review about the fire district .We want to see it in Black and White what the plan is. Rick did say that we would have something in a week or two. There is a group of people in Sierra Brooks that would like to start their own district. We would like to have our own District but it would cost some major money. The fire department needs some monetary help with the costs of the trucks. We would like a preliminary contract from the county. Talking with the city attorney is \$200.00 an hour so we need to make it count. Sierra County Fire District is offering to help.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Funds transfer to account 0559:
J. VanDaam moves to approve funds transfer to account 0559 for Payment of USDA Loans, October 2017. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call J. VanDaam –AYE, N. Rogers- AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries
2. Approval of Reimbursement invoices for the USDA, J. VanDaam moves to approve Reimbursement invoices to the USDA. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call. J. VanDaam-AYE, N.Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion carries.
3. Approval of Financial Report. J. VanDaam motions to approve the Financial Report, N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries
4. Payment of bills
M. Marin motions to pay the bills not to exceed \$41339.69. J. VanDaam seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of water supply, Virginia Bowling, 200 Taylor Street, J. VanDaam motions to approve the water line for Virginia Bowling. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE, Motion carries
 2. Approval of Thrift Store Utility Bill:
The city will bill the Thrift Store \$3398.45 in past bills, in the future the Thrift shop will pay 25% also they will but an additional heater and the city will buy one. J. VanDaam motions to approve the Thrift Shop Utility Bills. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VnaDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE, motion Carries.
 3. Approval to fill council member:
The people have to resubmit there application to be on the council. We have 30 days to fill the space. A special election will cost the city \$3000.00, we have one opening. Brooks's position can't be filled until 2018, since no agreement was made at the last council meeting. The majority can't be appointed so we can only appoint one and that was J. VanDaam
 4. Appointment of city maintenance worker.
J. VanDaam motion to hire a new city maintenance worker. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries
 5. Abandoned vehicle program
No vote at this time until council talks to the supervisors
 6. Business License Joel Thomas
M. Marin motions to approve the Business License for Joel Thomas. J. VanDaam seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion carries
- Meeting Adjourned**

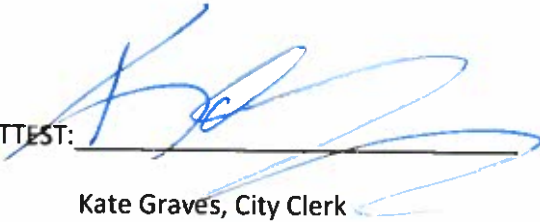
Closed Session: None

APPROVED:



Mayor Mark Marin

ATTEST:



Kate Graves, City Clerk