

July 16th, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Riede, on July 16th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton City Auditorium

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Riede, J. Markum, B. Mertton, S. McIlravy

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc, Ken Bennette-Certified Water Operator

GUESTS PRESENT

J. Buck, P. DeMartini, S. Heywood, L. Horner, N. Rogers, R DeMartini, J. Dines, D. McCoy, Gerow, D. Lawlor, J. Herod, L. Garza

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of June 11,2024 will be added to the next agenda after amendments.

STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. After a brief discussion the council moved by consensus to approve the use of the Ball Fields for the Loyalton Sports Club providing proof of insurance.
2. Mayor Riede announced the reportable action from the closed session stating that pay raises for Dan Lane and Kathy LeBlanc were approved.
3. Mayor Riede announced interviews to be held with Chris Robles for on call Internet Technician.
4. Mayor Riede addressed the council on draft study for the Water Rate Increases.
5. Ken Bennette gave a report on the status of our water system.

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION FOR DOUG MCCOY

Mayor Riede presented a plaque of appreciation to Doug McCoy on behalf of the Loyalton City Council and the citizens of the City of Loyalton for all his help and dedication he has given the City of Loyalton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. J. Herod spoke on fixing the sewer line on her property.
2. Lorie Horner thanked D. Lawlor for the cleanup of the Old Trailer Park property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief R. DeMartini gave the following report: (1) 129 Calls so far this year. (2) Loyaltown Fire Department will participate in the funeral procession for Scott Thompson on Saturday. (3) Thanked staff for issues with credit cards. Chief S. Heywood addressed the council on the following: (1) Would like to have the credit cards paid off in full every month. (2) Train tracks near Fire Department. (3) Fence around Fire Department. (4) Widen Doors at Fire Station. (5) Fire hazard on train tracks. P. DeMartini addressed the council on the Fire Department Budget reports and reserve account balance.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

Council Member Markum reported on the LAIF accounts. She also stated that K. Champion will be working on the budget. Mayor Riede addressed the issue with past due utility accounts.

1. After a brief discussion it was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by J. Markum to approve the reconciled accounts for February, March, April, May and June 2024. Motion carried.
2. After a brief discussion it was moved by J. Markum, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the bill sheets for May 2024 not to exceed \$81,214.31 and June 2024 not to exceed \$42,350.18. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS.

1. After a brief discussion it was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve reinstating the fund transfer from General Account 1956 to Enterprise Loan MM 0559 on the 19th of July. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS/PARK AND RECREATION

1. Mayor Riede reported that the regular safety meetings will focus on heat related issues, park is looking good and the truck has been fixed.
2. Councilmember McIlravy reported that the hole at the site of the old pool has been filled in and she is looking into getting some chips. She would also like to look into equipment tags and inventory system.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Mayor Riede gave a brief update on the water distribution system, after a brief discussion It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by B. Mertton to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion unanimously carried. (This item will be added to next agenda)

2. Doug McCoy gave an update on the Federal Appropriation grant and the EPA progress. He stated that the City of Loyalton was not selected for the 2024-2025 grant. He thanked the council for all their hard work.

3. Councilmember McIlravy gave a report on Musica Sierra regarding hook up to acquire their own electrical meter. After a brief discussion it was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by B. Mertton to allow the electrical meter to be hooked up. Motion carried.

4. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve the business license for Rene Ryckebosch Hand Made Gifts. Motion carried.

5. It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by B. Mertton to approve business license for DIRECTTV Entertainment Holdings LLC. Motion carried.

INPUT FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Water Rate
2. Fire Department Reserve Account Transfer
3. Past due utility bills

CLOSING REMARKS

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED: 
Mayor Darlene Riede

ATTEST: 
Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk