

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Riede on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton City Auditorium

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

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

## **STAFF PRESENT**

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

T. Wiley, J. Buck, D. Lawyer, L. Horner, J. Herod, L. McIntosh, J. Powers, L. Garza, C. Johnson, M. DeBerg

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Mayor Riede announced she would like to set up a Fund-raising committee. She also stated that she will be looking into getting a separate account for Prop 218 monies.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 17, 2023. S. McIlravy abstained. Motion carried.
2. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on November 6, 2023. S. McIlravy abstained. Motion carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. It was decided by consensus that Mayor Riede will be appointed to the Solid Waste Task Force.
2. Councilmember McIlravy announced that she is working on getting a waiver for the Housing Element as the City needs the money for the water infrastructure. She will be working with Senator Dahal office.
3. Mayor Riede gave a brief update on the fund transfer for the Loyalton Fire Department stating that the City will be paying them as soon as funds become available.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. L. McIntosh addressed the Council on HUD-Community Development Block Grants.
2. J. Herod presented a letter to the Council signed by We The People regarding the Prop 218 taxes. Councilmember McIlravy read the letter to the public.
3. L. Garza stated that the letter does not speak for all the citizens of Loyalton.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No Fire Department Report.

## **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE**

No Financial Report was given.

It was moved by B. Mertton, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the reconciled accounts for October 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve bills for October not to exceed \$112,479.14. Motion unanimously carried.

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

1. It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by D. Gayner to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Enterprise Loan MM 0559 not to exceed \$24,000. Motion unanimously carried.

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

1. Mayor Riede spoke on snow plowing for the City of Loyalton, she also reported that the maintenance crew is working on keeping weeds down at the WWTP. Mayor Riede reported that the Bathrooms are now closed for the winter at the park and the water downtown has been shut off. Mayor Riede reported that she has interviewed for general maintenance and snow plowing.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Councilmember Gayner stated that Cal-Trans will paint lines downtown Highway 49.

## **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 D. Gayner to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion unanimously carried. (This item will be added to next agenda)
2. Councilmember B. Mertton gave a brief report on the Town Hall meeting on November 2, 2023. He reported that Justus Lundy and Kenn Bennette attended and answered questions for the community. (This item will be added to the next agenda)
3. After a brief discussion, it was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by J. Markum to approve Pricing Recapitulation for surge protector for the WWTP not to exceed \$11,241.00. Motion unanimously carried.
4. After a brief discussion, it was moved by J. Markum, seconded by B. Mertton to table the purchase of duck weed skimmer for the WWTP until spring. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Councilmember Gayner stated that there was no conflict of interest regarding the contract with Sierra Valley Cogen, LLC. She informed the council that the price would be \$175.00 per hour with a 4-hour

minimum. After a brief discussion, it was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by J. Markum to approve the contract upon a clean provision of the contract with the changes. Motion unanimously carried.

6. After a brief discussion, it was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve the Holiday Incentive for the employees for a \$100.00 gift certificate from Leonard's Market. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Magdeline DeBerg Executive Director of the Loyaltown Senior Center addressed the Council regarding a new heater for the Thrift Store. She stated that the Senior Center will purchase the heater for the Thrift Store and would like to maintain a good working relationship with the City of Loyaltown. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by J. Markum to approve the purchase of the new heater. Motion unanimously carried.

### INPUT FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Discussion on grant manager/writer for proposed grants.
2. Appointment of Mayor and Vice Mayor and Committees.

### CLOSING REMARKS

Happy Thanksgiving

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED:   
Mayor Darlene Riede

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk