

October 15, 2024

## **REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Riede on October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton City Auditorium

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

## **STAFF PRESENT**

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

J. Dines, K. Dines, P. Mitchell, A. Polistrini, N. Rondeau, M. Mosley, K. Fee, P. Demartini, M. Foreman, M. Thomas, N. Rogers, L. Horner, L. May, C. Johnson, C. Spencer, D. Spencer, A. Sheer, A. Lechowics, J. Powers, L. Garza, M. Hughes

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the agenda as corrected.. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 17, 2024, Motion carried.
2. It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of September 25, 2024, as amended. Motion carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS/Written COMMUNICATIONS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Councilmember McIlravy addressed the council with an update on the electrical panel for Musica Sierra. She stated that there is only one meter at the social hall so Musica Sierra will have to obtain their own meter and account. They will have to immediately disconnect from the social hall meter to have the red tag removed. Councilmember McIlravy stated that Musica Sierra is looking into getting a generator and they will remove the sub meter.

## **TIMED ITEM 630 PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER RATE INCREASE**

Mayor Riede stated that 63 protest letters have been received and then opened the public hearing for public comments:

1. M. Thomas asked why the increase was so high. Councilmember McIlravy gave a brief report on the increase.
2. M. Hughes inquired about water meters
3. M. Foreman asked if a comparison of water rates was done.
4. P. Mitchele stated that the increase presents a problem for fixed income people.
5. P. DeMartini spoke on the cost increase. Councilmember Markum gave a brief summary on the reason for the cost increase.
6. C. Johnson inquired about the economic scale. Mayor Riede stated that the \$300.00 attached to the property taxes is a separate account. Councilmember Markum spoke on the 2 Million grant monies.
- A. Polistrini asked about the water leak at the Sierra Valley Apartments. Mayor Riede then stated that the number of protests letters the City received were not enough to prevent the increase. Mayor Riede then asked for any more public comments, having hearing no more Mayor Riede closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to adopt the water rate increase as properly notice for Prop 218 process. Roll Call: Mayor Riede-Aye, J. Markum-Aye, B, Mertton-Aye, S, McIlravy-Aye. Motion carried.

## **HOUSING ELEMENT COMMENTS FOR HOUSING ELEMENT COMMENTS 2024-2029:**

Mayor Riede asked if anyone had any more comments on the Housing Element:

1. Councilmember Markum stated that the Downieville School was listed in our housing element and would like G. Price to run a spell and grammar check for the document.
2. J. Buck inquired about the cost for the Housing element.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

P. DeMartini reported that 4 lights are out on Main Street and a light is hanging at the Pavillion.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

## **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE**

1. No Report given.
2. Reconciled Accounts will be moved to next agenda.
3. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve the bill sheet for September 2024 not to exceed \$85,562.38. Motion carried.
4. LAIF Account: Councilmember gave a brief report on the LAIF account and stated that she would like to pull \$200,000 out of the LAIF account to cover City of Loyaltan bills. After a brief discussion it was moved by B. Mertton, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve the fund transfer to General Account in the amount of \$200,000. Roll Call: Mayor Riede-Aye, J. Markum – Aye, B. Mertton -Aye, S. McIlravy-Aye. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS.**

1. After a brief discussion this will be moved to the next agenda

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

Councilmember McIlravy gave an update regarding the painting for the crosswalks, she also stated that she did an inventory of the potholes, and the repair should begin soon.

Mayor Riede stated that the park will soon have the water shut off at the restrooms for the season.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

1. After a brief discussion It was moved by B. Mertton, seconded by J. Markum to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion carried. (This item will be added to the next agenda)
2. Councilmember Mertton stated that no more meeting will be held until we receive more information.
3. Item was removed from agenda.
4. After a discussion it was decided by consensus to move all Task Order from Dowl to the next agenda.

**IMPUP FOR UPCOMING MEETING**

1. Task Orders for Dowl Engineering

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED: *Darlene Riede*  
Mayor Riede

ATTEST: *Kathy LeBlanc*

Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk