

7:00 pm

February 15, 2017

**620th MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Cooper, Green, Fisher and Riley present. Also present, City Clerk Gina Elmer and Attorney Tony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Green made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman Riley made a **motion** to approve the previous minutes for the January 25, 2017 meeting. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** to approve and pay the City's bills. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

New Business:

- Water/Sewer Shutoffs:
Terri Lawson, Treasurer, stated that the auditor was concerned about the amount of uncollectable bills. He suggested that the City just charge the shut-off rate for accounts that have been shutoff for nonpayment. Tony Pantera adds that the ordinance will have to be changed to reduce the price. He will write a draft of the ordinance to be viewed and approved by Council. Amy Woodruff adds that the base rate is charged even if the customer has been turned off, because the service has to be maintained.
- Emergency Action Plan:
Jobie Catherman, Public works, says he has been talking to John Roberts and others about emergencies that could occur due to the Payette River flooding. He says that we have sand bags and he would like to do some training with people who are willing to help fill them. Mayor Goff would like to be present when they do the training. Michele Brothers added that they have talked to different contractors about helping out if the river floods. Jobie also said he and Michele would be attending disaster training in Garden Valley on March 11th & 18th.
- Bud Kerbein:
Mr. Kerbein is asking for an exception to the resolution regarding the water/sewer hookups being paid for in full before the hookup can be done. He is trying to attain a home loan to pay for this but the loan cannot be granted unless water and sewer are already installed. The bank would send payment in full to the City when his loan has been approved. Tony Pantera states that the ordinance allows some leeway for relief under 7-1-9B. Councilwoman Cooper made a motion to allow Bud Kerbein's water and sewer to be hooked up pursuant to Ordinance 7-1-9B allowing 60 days for payment. Council will review to make sure payment has been made at the April 19, 2017 meeting.

Department Updates:

- **EMS:**

Judith Hutton said that the maintenance on the ambulance has been completed and it is running well. A new battery charger for the gurney has been ordered since it was no longer in working order. She also said that the state still does not have their online classes up and running yet. Judith feels that the City should consider having a gas card in the ambulance to fuel up just in case the Ray's Corner is closed. Melissa Seibel has asked for a copy of her training records for 2015 and 2016. The city Clerk will see that she receives a summary of her training records.
- **Public Works:**

Michele Brothers says that they have produced 1.7 million gallons of water this month, about 70,000 gal per day. The sewer plant has been running fine. They will be doing some maintenance around the plant after the snow melts. Producing water has been a challenge with the runoff. They have had some breakdowns which required repair. The runoff has been exceptionally dirty and does not react as well with the flock. They used a sump pump on the ends of a few streets to remove excess water.
- **City Engineer:**

Amy Woodruff has been working with the EPA on our NDPES permit which expired in 2008. The City filed for an extension which was granted and she is working on the renewal. Public works has been busy with snow removal and such, but will now be able to work with her to provide the needed documentation. She may also need to call on Tony Pantera to provide legal advice when dealing with the EPA. Amy also brought up the amount of turbidity that the water plant has to deal with in a daily basis. To solve this problem they are planning on drilling a new well for the City. They will draw up a proposal for the cost of the test well and engineering for the project to be presented to Council. Amy said that they will first try drilling down by the water plant as it would be the most logical. If that location does not work out they will try a test well on other property owned by the City. Mayor Goff would like for Civil Dynamics to provide a report explaining the amount of money this would save the City over time in chemicals, maintenance and man power. Amy received an email from ITD concerning lighting on the new bridge. Cost of the lights will run anywhere from \$4500.00 to \$10,000 per light so the City should budget on the high side if they want to purchase lights. There was discussion about the number of lights that would be needed, whether ITD could put all the wiring in now and the City install the lights when funding became available. Amy will check with ITD to see if this will be possible.
- **City Attorney:**

Tony Pantera provided Council with a copy of the new EMS Policy. He suggests that they look it over and then make a decision at the next City Council meeting. Tony also said that the intern for his office, Jeff, will be at the March meeting to speak about changes to the Ordinances.

Public Comments:

Councilwoman Cooper said she had a visit with one of the neighbors of Vannoy's property. There is a pickup without wheels, an unlicensed car and a wood trailer parked in the street making it difficult to pass. There was discussion about possible solutions. Tony will talk to Prosecuting Attorney Richard Linville concerning the current lawsuit.

Meeting Adjourned 7:57 pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor