

7:00 pm

March 18, 2020

**678th MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Riley, Corvinus, Chartier and White present. Also present Gina Elmer City Clerk and Attorney Tony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the February 19, 2019 meeting of the City Council. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White would like to look into the bills from Norco to see if the City could get a better rate. Councilman White made a **motion** to pay the City's bills as presented. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

New Business:

- Longbranch, Stephen Whiteley:
Stephen has been working to get this business started but has run into two major challenges. The first challenge is the paving requirements. He said that paving costs are so much that it almost does not make sense to continue with business. He would like to see the paving requirements forgiven. The second challenge is the cost of getting an engineer's stamp on the drawings for the sewer plans for the project. The cost of having an engineer stamp them is \$5,000.00. He feels they should not have to be stamped since the State will be inspecting the job. Councilman White asked how many RV spaces will be put in. Stephen said there are currently three spaces and he wants to put in seven. Councilman Riley said that he thought the spaces would be for short stay only. Stephen said that he has people looking for long term stay, but he would require the tenants to keep the area clean and respectable looking. Tony Pantera said that the City would require a variance for the paving and the engineer's stamp requirement is state law.

- Zwygart, John & Associates PLLC:
The auditor handed a copy of the audit out to each of the Councilman and staff. He then explained how the audit was compiled. He also explained the state of the City in all three funds: general, water and sewer. He also answered any questions the Council had. He also suggested someone else also look at the bank statements each month along with the office staff.

- EMS Grant:
Cheryl Pleak is filling out an EMS grant application. All she needs to complete it is a roster of the EMTs and a calendar the EMTs use to know when they are on call. If the City were to receive this grant it would be \$25,000.00 for the power gurney assembly, and possibly two tablets for the EMTs to process their run report while on the ambulance. Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the grant application. Councilman Chartier **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- Boise Street Bridge:
County Commissioner Ryan Stirm is here on behalf of the County as they would like to hand over the Boise Street Bridge to the City. The bridge is not on the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Boise County so that makes it next to impossible to get grants to repair it. The County feels that if the City were to take it over and include it in their EOP that grants would be available to repair it. If the bridge is left with the County it would take at least three to five years to get repaired as they do not have the funding to repair it at this time. Mayor Goff would like to revisit this at a later date. Councilman White states that he would not be willing to accept a broken bridge from the County.

Department Updates:

- EMS:
Ryan Stirm said that it has not been super busy. They had one bad call and some of the personnel are looking into counseling. They are making sure that they have enough PPE on the ambulance. He received some gowns and masks from Boise County. Norco came out to inspect the oxygen systems in both ambulances and found them both to work well. Ryan would like to see the new ambulance inspected for mechanical problems. Councilman White feels there is a need to keep a running inventory of supplies on the ambulance. Mayor Goff also thinks we should Ada County or City of Boise if they would have any surplus equipment that we could buy for the new ambulance. Cheryl Pleak asked if the ambulance would be transporting people if they had the COVID19 virus. Ryan said they will transport anyone with a need to go to the hospital. He said that is our job.
- Public Works:
Michele Brothers: Michele said they are gearing up for spring and talked among themselves about having a clean-up day on May 16, 2020. The guys have been working on weed control. They have a contingency plan in place if anyone of them were to contract the virus. Phil Tschida would be called in if they were to need his help. They are also getting ready to exercise the valves and fire hydrants. Councilman Corvinus requests that they call the fire department when they are ready to exercise the hydrants so they could do some training. Councilman Riley had some concerns about side by sides being driven on the greenbelt. Michele said they would look into it.

- **Grant Writer:**
Cheryl is working on the Comprehensive Plan. The maps will need to be updated after the Census has been completed. She wants to help with the clean-up day. She is also working on the area of impact for the City.
- **City Engineer:**
Amy Woodruff said she did not have much to report. The bridge is being built on time and the production well is moving right along.
- **Attorney:**
Anthony Pantera: Tony will make sure plans are in place and he will be preparing a Declaration of Emergency.
- **Mayor:**
The mayor added that these are trying times. Maybe there will be a need to hold a meeting next week. Tony added that many cities are holding meetings on the internet. Councilman Riley added that if someone called needing help we should not turn anyone down.

Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to enter into executive session per IC 74-206 1(F) at 8:25pm. **Councilman Riley seconded. Roll call: Councilman Riley-aye, Councilman Corvinus-aye, Councilman White-aye, Councilman Chartier-aye. Motion carried.** Council came out of executive session at 8:44 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm.

ATTEST:

_____ **City Clerk**

_____ **Mayor**