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MAYOR: VIOLET DAWE
POST1: ERIC CARLSON
POST 2: JASON PRESLEY
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT
POST 4: HILDA KURTZ
POST 5: MEAGAN CUNDIFF

September 25, 2023

7:30 PM

Regular Council Meeting APPROVED Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Dawe.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was declared.

Members Present: Mayor Dawe, Council members Carlson, Cundiff, Kurtz, and Wright in person.
Council member Presley via conference call for part of the meeting.

Members Absent: None

Guests present: Stephen Goad, Fred Johnson

Agenda Setting:

1. Council member Cundiff made a motion to Move the discussion on Hickory Ridge roads to the October 16, 2023 meeting.
Seconded by Council member Presley.
Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimous.
2. Council member Presley made a motion to move the discussion about emails to a later meeting.
Seconded by Council member Cundiff.
Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimous.
3. Council member Kurtz made a motion to add an update on a recent Open Records request from a citizen to the agenda under unfinished business as #3.
Seconded by Council member Presley.
Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimous.
4. Council member Carlson made a motion to accept the changes to the agenda.
Seconded by Council member Kurtz.
Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimous.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of August 21, 2023:

Council member Wright made a motion to accept the minutes of August 21, 2023.

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstention -Council member Carlson was not present at the meeting.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Financial Statement for July 2023:

Council member Carlson made a motion to accept the July 2023 Financial Statement

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed -Council member Presley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Financial Statement for August 2023:

Council member Wright made a motion to accept the July 2023i Financial Statement

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed -Council member Presley.

Motion passed.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item: None.

Unfinished Business

1. Report on Jefferson Rd.

a. Mayor Dawe reported that the repairs to Jefferson Rd should begin soon.

2. Review Timber Ordinance and vote to publish for first hearing at the Council meeting on September 18, 2023.

Council member Wright made a motion to accept the Timber Harvesting Ordinance.

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Council member Presley.

Motion carried.

3. Report on Open Records request by Town resident.

Mayor Dawe reported that a Town resident had made a formal request for information on all Council members.

A Council member requested that members be notified by letter of what information had been requested and disseminated.

The Clerk will draft the letters.

Council member Presley zoomed out of the meeting at 8:35.

New Business

1. Communications Committee update – Council member Cundiff.

Council member Cundiff made a motion to allow a budget of \$800 for the Town Event scheduled for October 14, 2023.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 4 – 0.

Motion passed.

2. At Council member Cundiff's request, sidewalk discussion – no documents provided.

Council member Cundiff made a motion to request an Engineering Firm do a Feasibility Study regarding sidewalks to be done in two phases for Hillsboro Rd. and Ray's Church Rd. with a cap of \$10,000.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

After some discussion, Council member Carlson offered a Friendly amendment to cap the cost of the study at \$20,000. The amendment was accepted by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 4 – 0.

Motion passed.

2. Eric Wright requests a review of and remuneration for flood damage to the Old Town Hall which he rents. Documents attached:

- a. Email thread with Mr. Wright and Council members
- b. Signed lease for the Old Town Hall.

Council member Wright apologized to the Council for erroneously stating that he wanted reimbursement. He wanted to know what could be done to solve the flooding problem.

3. Tax rollback vote.

Council member Wright made a motion to keep the millage rate as is.

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote: 0 in favor, 4 opposed.

Motion failed.

Council member Cundiff made a motion to roll back the millage rate to 000854.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 4 – 0.

Motion passed.

4. Hickory Ridge Roads

5. Precision – Add a Change Order to add the Park drainage work to our already existing contract with them.

Council member Carlson made a motion to authorize a Change Order to add the Park Drainage to the already existing contract with Precision to tie into what the County is doing regarding the Hillsboro Rd. drainage; the cost of which cannot exceed \$19,999.99, to be taken from the old checking account.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 4 – 0.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 4 – 0. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Dawe at 10:15 PM.

Respective Submitted,

Sue Bishop, Town Clerk