

WESTFIR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 7, 2019

Westfir City Hall 5:30pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Matt Meske called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Councilors D'Lynn Williams, Thalia Lerin, and Randy Stark were present. Councilor Brian Miller was absent. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 479:

Councilor Thalia Lerin motioned to approve Resolution 479 accepting the 2018 election results for City Council and Mayor of Westfir.

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Matt Meske, D'Lynn Williams, and Thalia Lerin stood while Melody Cornelius administered the Oath of Office for Mayor and Councilors respectively.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – Mayor Matt Meske reviewed the process of declaring a vacancy on City Council. He then read Councilor Brian Miller's letter of resignation. Councilor D'Lynn Williams motioned to accept the letter of resignation, declare a vacancy, and remove Brian Miller from the bank signature card. Councilor Thalia Lerin seconded, and the motion carried.

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1

MAYOR'S MINUTE:

Mayor Matt Meske wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Council on the election. He reviewed goals which he would like to move toward during this term, one being the fiber to premise project and another to add a second water storage tank.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no Councilor comments.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Councilor Randy Stark motioned to approve the minutes from December 3, 2018. Councilor D'Lynn Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

GRANT PROPOSAL:

Devin VansCoy introduced himself and summarized his proposed event, the "Oakridge Triple Summit Challenge." There was discussion about ways to promote Westfir, and although Mr. VansCoy can't add the City to the name of the event, he said he would be able to include it in the banners and promotional material. Council was curious about other resources Mr. VansCoy is exploring for funds and he stated that Westfir was the only support he had received thus far. Councilor D'Lynn Williams suggested he search out additional sponsors and return to Council in April if additional funding was necessary. The item was tabled until April's meeting.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Jackson Stone presented the water and sewer report. He said that all systems were functioning at normal levels. He congratulated Larry Cornelius for his work as Relief City Operator during the two months that Jack was recovering from back surgery. He said that he was healing well and feeling better each day. Jack reported that a City owned trailer was stolen from the storage area at the water processing plant in late December. A police report and insurance claim had been filed. He was unable to locate video footage of the theft, which prompted Council to seek better surveillance of the area. Melody Cornelius stated that she would include new camera systems for the City in next year's budget. Councilor Thalia Lerin inquired about an Oakridge coworker of Jack's who had been injured on the job. Jack responded that he was still out on medical leave and might not be able to return to work due to the severity of his injuries.

POLICE / FIRE REPORT:

The fire and police reports were reviewed and there was no comment. Representatives from neither entity were present.

CITY RECORDER REPORT:

Melody Cornelius presented the report and summarized the items. She said that the elected essentials class she attended was very informative and shared the materials she had acquired with Council. Melody is working on writing a grant for a bike repair station at the Portal. Council expressed their support for the idea. She stated that the variance for resident Richard Evans to keep goats in City limits was set to expire this month. Council directed Melody to write a letter to Mr. Evans stating that he would need to apply for a new variance if he wants to keep goats in the future.

CITY FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Melody Cornelius submitted the bank statements, reconciliation, cash deposits, and updated expenditure sheet. Councilor Thalia Lerin motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$39,266.86. Councilor D'Lynn Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

CITIZENS CONCERNS NOT ON AGENDA:

Resident Lola Meske introduced herself and inquired about the City adding a skate park or path somewhere since the skating rink in Springfield had closed. Council discussed a few options with Lola, and she thanked them for their input. Jackson Stone announced that there were dozens of empty five-gallon containers that were used to store chlorine, which the chemical company no longer reclaimed. He explained they could be used for a variety of purposes and were free if anyone would like to pick them up at City Hall.

COUNCILOR CONCERNS NOT ON AGENDA:

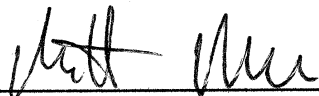
Councilor D'Lynn Williams inquired about a street light on 20th Street which had been damaged and never replaced. Melody said she would follow up with Lane Electric. Mayor Matt Meske expressed concern about the rising cost of PERS, especially for larger cities. Although Westfir has so far remained within budget for PERS, it was determined that the increase should be addressed during budget committee meetings.

ADJOURN MEETING:


Councilor Randy Stark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilor D'Lynn Williams seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt Meske, Mayor



ATTEST:
Melody Cornelius, City Recorder

2-4-19
DATE: