

RIGGINS CITY COUNCIL
October 12, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Riggins City Hall

The regular meeting of the Riggins City Council was called to order by Chairperson Roy Akins. Councilors present – Sampson, Clay and Wilson. Mayor McClure was absent.

STAFF: Dan Wash, Cody Killmar, Jeff Joyce

GUESTS: Alan and Melanie Yearsley, Jerry Wolcott, Nicol Tyler, Jon Kittell

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Council members were individually polled and all confirmed they had read the September meeting minutes. Motion was made by Wilson to approve the September meeting minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Wilson, Akins, Sampson and Clay. No nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT and BILLS FOR PAYMENT: The financial statement was read detailing \$1,636.14 paid after the September meeting bringing the total September disbursements to \$87,819.78. Bills in the amount of \$46,186.64 were then presented for payment. Motion was made by Clay to approve the financial statement and allow the bills for payment; seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Wilson, Clay, Sampson and Akins. No nays; motion carried. A copy of the financial report is attached and hereby made a part of this record.

618 SOUTH MAIN – NICOL TYLER: Provided a written inquiry as to the feasibility of adding water and sewer to the front parcel she intends to split from the house; Tyler wants to make sure the City can withstand the additional load on the system. She intends to build a small workshop to move the roasting company into; would include a small kitchenette and bathroom. Dan indicated he had met with Tyler and believes her plan is feasible. The water hookup fee is \$3,000.

FIRST RESPONDERS FUND – MELANIE YEARSLEY: On behalf of the Salmon River Rural Fire Department, Yearsley indicated their department had a burnout fund but it was eliminated years ago. She met with the Salmon River Ambulance District Commissioners earlier this month about earmarking a portion of the monies raised at fundraising events to go to a fund for community victims of fires and medical emergencies; the Commissioners were in agreement. Currently, the City manages a "Burnout Fund" which provides some relief to fire victims in the community. Yearsley requested that the Council consider amending the "Burnout Fund" to the "First Responders Community Aid Fund" which will include monies from SRRFD and the SR Ambulance District to help community members after a tragedy. She proposed an Advisory Group be formed with a member from the City Fire Department, Riggins Ambulance, SR Ambulance District, and SR Rural Fire Department to review and approve expenditures for identified needs. Killmar indicated he was in agreement and was willing to develop guidelines and a review process. After discussion, motion was made by Wilson to approve the transition of the OP Burnout Fund to the First Responders Community Aid Fund and the formation of an Advisory Group as indicated; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Sampson, Akins, Clay and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Wolcott expressed his appreciation to the Public Works crew and the work they do at the treatment plant and throughout town... "they do a great job".

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LIBRARY – no report

FIRE – Jeff Joyce reported the following:

- Fire Safety Week – 79 elementary students toured the Fire Station last Thursday.
- Homecoming Bonfire is tomorrow; will be on site.
- Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, October 22nd.
- Working on completing the new benches and shelving in the Station.
- Expressed his appreciation to Sam Walker and Paul Gatti for their work on the crew; both are self-starters and often come to the station and go through gear, etc.
- Green truck – radiator issues continue to be problematic. Dan suggested checking if the thermostat is in backwards.
- Received a bid of \$400 from Robert Means for the surplus Mack truck behind the station. Jeff rejected the bid indicating it is worth more if scrapped. In order to drive it to the scrap yard, it needs a fuel filter replaced; Jeff is attempting to contact a diesel mechanic to get that done. Jeff will update the Council on the status at the November meeting.

AMBULANCE – Cody reported the following:

- ◆ Ambulance B was driven to New Meadows by some of the crew who attended the candlelight vigil for victims of the Hartland Inn shooting; diesel is still in the coolant.
- ◆ ARPA Grant application has been submitted for a new ambulance to replace "B"; will know by the end of the year.
- ◆ Advanced EMT Online Course – 7 EMT's will be completing the course scheduled to start in November and completion in February 2023. Course will provide an increase in clinical knowledge.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan Wash, PW Director, provided the following report:

- ◆ Dan has been on vacation – all went well in his absence.
- ◆ Apprenticeship Program going well – Trenton, Shane and Eric participating.

SALMON RIVER AMBULANCE DISTRICT REPORT: Chief Killmar reported the quarterly District meeting was held October 3rd. Station tour and equipment demonstrations by the crew were provided following the business meeting. In addition, a celebration was held for Ashley Gautney who passed her EMT testing and certification.

PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS: Killmar reported the recent shooting in New Meadows has brought the issue of public safety to the forefront. He is working with the Idaho County Sheriff's Office and the School District to provide Active Shooter Response Training for staff and first responders. There is an individual in Moscow who provides such training; it's highly probable that other cities and agencies would attend such an opportunity. Council voiced their support.

RIGGINS HOUSING TASK FORCE: Councilor Clay reported that due to the location of the site and the potential use of Federal funds, the project is on hold... the Nez Perce Tribe is requiring an archeological survey of the building site be completed, and requiring an Archeologist to be on site during the construction. The property owner is not willing to proceed as a result. At this time, private funding of the project, or locating a different property is necessary to proceed.

NUISANCE/JUNK PROPERTIES: Councilors are continuing to review other city ordinances.

RESOLUTION 23-1 – COMMERCIAL WATER RATE ON VACATION RENTAL

PROPERTIES: At this time, the Resolution to charge vacation rental properties the Large Commercial Water Rate was reviewed. Motion was made by Clay to approve Resolution 23-1; motion was seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Akins, Wilson, Clay and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

PAST DUE WSG ACCOUNTS/UTILITY CHANGES: reviewed

FACILITY RENTAL APPLICATIONS

Park: Ashley Couie – October 15th from Noon to 6 pm for Baby Shower

Heritage Center: Syringa Hospital & Clinics–Friday, October 28th from 10 a.m. to Noon – Flu Shot Clinic

CONSIGNMENT SALES – RESORT TAX: Councilors discussed if businesses that allow consignment sales on their property should pay resort tax on those sales. Case in point, the Riggins One Stop has vehicles on their property that are for sale. Clerk cited the Local Option Tax Ordinance #220 definition of *"All Other Taxable Retail Sales: the term means a sale for any purpose other than resale in the regular course of business where the sale is taxable under Idaho Code 63-3612, with the exception of the lease or rental of tangible personal property."* After discussion, the Council requested the Clerk contact City Attorney for clarification.

WILDERNESS EATERY – INQUIRY: Clerk reported that Mike Rowton, who is leasing the building, contacted the City about plans to upgrade the building and city requirements. Rowton is considering building out a front patio and upper deck that will provide better outdoor seating for folks; requested feedback on the proximity of the sidewalk. Dan reviewed the inquiry and clarified where the sidewalk is as well as the meter pit. Council requested feedback on what ITD's requirement is; Dan will check into that.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Tilley, City Clerk-Treasurer