Town of Butte Falls Council Minutes

Regular Council Meeting February 18, 2020

Members present were Mayor Linda Spencer, President Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Loren Oden, Councilor Stacy Equitz and Councilor Anna Huerta.

Staff present was Town Treasurer Katie Misfeldt, Town Recorder Lori Paxton, Fire Chief Jeff Gorman, Firefighter Dave Azevedo, Firefighter Jeff Rambo, Code Enforcer Marc Ellis and Planning Commission Head Rodger Hayden.

Audience in attendance was Lyle Boseworth, Mildred Arnold, Phil Long, Kathy Rambo, Jackie Hampton, Glenna Yeater, Barry Holmes, Sandy McConochie and Shone Ellis.

Mayor Spencer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes: Councilor Huerta asked to listen to the recording of last months meeting before approving the minutes. Mayor Spencer said that is fine. Councilor Equitz asked to go ahead and approve the minutes now. Town Recorder Paxton said that they can be amended later if needed. **President Callahan made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Councilor Equitz seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Bills: Councilors had a few questions that were answered by the Town Treasurer. Councilor Equitz made a motion to approve the bills. President Callahan seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Business from the Audience:

Dr Long gave the council an update on current events happening at the school including the NRC houses are painted and being turned into classrooms, adding an amphitheater, partnering with the town by using our officer as a SRO, enrollment this year is up to 230 students, new school funding coming will strengthen their partnership with the landing and the school is working on a possible partnership with Prospect for sports.

Mildred Arnold asked the council to review possibly visibility issues coming out of alleyways and other street intersections.

Sandy McConochie had requested last month that the council waive her W/S late fees in the amount of \$213.75 but was not present at the meeting. Sandy was at the council meeting this month to speak on the matter with notes she brought in that she feels show variations in her bills. Mayor Spencer asked her to bring the notes in to City Hall for the staff to review with her she agreed.

Jeff and Kathy Rambo spoke on a Facebook post where citizens were complaining about the feral cat population and making threats to kill animals to handle the problem. Kathy offered to get a program going soon to catch/fix/release feral cats in town. She also suggested citizens can surrender domesticated cats to certain shelters for \$10. Kathy offered to create fliers to hang in town explaining various options to handle the cat population. The Councilors had questions. Mayor Spencer suggested a work session with Kathy Rambo there to make plans for getting these programs going and collecting donations to help fund it and the Council agreed. A work session was scheduled on March 5th at 7 pm in City Hall.

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Fall Protection Policy: Councilors had some questions on the policy and the training involved. President Callahan made a motion to approve the fall protection policy. Councilor L Oden seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Resolution # 613: A resolution authorizing an application for a grant from the OR Parks and Rec Dept. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution. President Callahan seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Administration: Recorder and Treasurer reports are available at city hall for review upon request.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcer Marc Ellis was present and asked if there are any questions. Council did not have questions for him.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Jeff Gorman informed the council that they have picked up the new brush truck and it is currently in the shop having a few things done. He and the council thanked Firefighters Dave Azevedo and Jeff Rambo for driving the truck here from Wyoming. Fire Chief Gorman informed the council when all is completed involving the new brush truck expenses should come in under \$48,000. He also requested approval for the Fire Dept to hold a Rifle Raffle Fundraiser. Councilor Equitz requested that we check with our lawyer and insurance company for approval on this mater. Mayor Spencer asked the council to approve the fundraiser pending approval from the insurance company and our lawyer. President Callahan made a motion to approve the FD to hold a riffle raffle pending approval from our insurance company and lawyer. Councilor Equitz seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Planning Commission: No update.

Police Department: Officer Josh Solenberger's monthly report is available at city hall for review.

Public Works: Public Works Officer Chris Bray's monthly report was available for review.

Safety Committee: No update.

Councilor Reports: Councilor Equitz asked if we can review our W/S late fees policy and look into making payments easier via a credit card machine or other options. Councilor Thompson had questions about wording on the water Ordinance #134.

Mayor's Report: A copy of the Mayor's report is available at City Hall upon request. Mayor Spencer said there is a public meeting on March 12th at 6 pm at the community hall facilitated by Oregon Solutions and Regional Solutions.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. President Callahan seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by Town Treasurer Katie Misfeldt

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