

**Public Hearing/Regular Council Meeting  
June 15, 2021**

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

Staff present was Budget Officer/Treasurer Katie Misfeldt and City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Audience in attendance was Sara Beck, Marc Ellis and Mildred Arnold.

**Public Hearing**

**Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:46 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

The purposed of the public hearing is to receive public comments regarding the new, fiscal year budget. Mayor Spencer read the public hearing protocol. Mayor Spencer also read a note from Governor Kate Brown, thanking Mayor Spencer for hosting her and her group on their visit to Butte Falls. She said she is looking forward to the completed project of the BF Community Forest.

No audience participated in the public hearing, so **Councilor Thompson made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Regular Session**

**Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the regular session at 7:01 pm. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from May 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Review & Payment of Bills:** **President Callahan made a motion to approve the bills. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Resolution #617:** A resolution showing the Town's election to receive state revenue sharing. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #617. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Resolution #618:** A resolution summary of the budget for fiscal year 21/22. **President Callahan made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #618. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Resolution #619:** A resolution to prevent over expenditures in certain line items in the current fiscal year. Budget Officer/Treasurer Misfeldt said the reason for this resolution is due to the extra expense we had during the wildfire last fall. She proceeded to read the resolution. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #619. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Auditor Contract: President Callahan made a motion to accept the auditor's contract for \$7,500 for the audit of fiscal year 20/21. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**New Budget Member:** Sara Beck gave a little history of her involvement with the town and her extensive qualifications for the budget committee. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to accept Sara Beck to the budget committee. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Public Comments:** Mildred Arnold wanted to know why the town put gravel at the end of Fee Street, across from Cortney Ellis's house and not other areas in town where she thinks it is needed most. She stated there is also a trampoline on the gravel area on Fee Street, which is city property, and another trampoline on city property behind Marc Ellis's house. Councilor Equitz informed her the property behind Mr. Ellis's house is not city, it is private property and he has permission to use it. Mayor Spencer said she would check out the Fee Street area.

Sara Beck asked who made the decisions for the streets, she thought the public works had always done that. Mayor Spencer said they still do and the planning commission too.

Marc Ellis asked, since the planning commission recommended to leave in the neighbor's signature line on the fence application with the option where a signature may or may not be required, who will be the one to verify that the neighbor has been spoken too or not? Our ordinance says you can't construct without the neighbor's signature. There is no documentation to follow through.

**Department Reports: Planning Commission** – A copy of the minutes are available at city hall upon request. PC Chair Lyle Bozworth said the commission was asked to review the fence application, which they did, and added in certain wording the council required. He said based upon their findings they recommend to keep the neighbor's signature line in the application. If it meets the guidelines, then the neighbor's signature is not needed. Mayor Spencer said the planning commission should be the one to verify if the neighbor's signature is needed or not. Also they could look into having two applications, one for residential and one for commercial. PC Chair Bozworth suggested making this one residential. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the fence application, written as is and calling it a residential application. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Public Works & Administration:** A copy of these reports are available at city hall upon request.

**Councilor's Report:** Councilor Huerta announced she will not be holding the town beautification recognition event this year.

**Mayor's Report:** A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Mayor Spencer said we are losing our part time police officer Matt Curtis on June 25<sup>th</sup>. He has been offered a job with the Phoenix police department.

The Forest Chat in July will be held on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hamann Ranch.

**Councilor Equitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.

