

**Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom
November 16, 2021**

Members in attendance were Mayor Linda Spencer, Council President Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Matt Goodman, Councilor Alvin Thompson and Councilor Stacy Equitz. Councilor Paul Price was absent.

Staff was Treasurer Katie Misfeldt and City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Previous Minutes: Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the previous minutes from October 10th, 19th & 23rd. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Review and Payment of Bills: Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the bills. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Resolution #624: a resolution to accept a donation from Ruby Edwards and Cecil Bailey for the Community Forest Project. **Councilor Equitz made a motion to accept and adopt Resolution #624. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #625: a resolution to accept a partnership with the Dept of Treasury's State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program. Mayor Spencer said this partnership will allocate funds from the American Rescue Plan Act that can be used for water and sewer infrastructure, Broadband infrastructure, Wages for Essential Works, etc. She asked the councilors to submit their ideas on what we could use these funds on. **Vice President Oden made a motion approve and adopt Resolution #625. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Department Reports – Administration: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Public Works: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Commission Forest Update: President Callhan said she was not able to make it to the Community Forest meeting but heard there was a good turnout and positive comments. Mayor Spencer agreed and said around 40 people were there, but there were not hardly any citizens from Butte Falls. President Callahan said we should get more volunteers as time goes on and more people get to know more about it. Mayor Spencer said we handed out a survey and volunteer sign up sheet and encouraged the council to spread the word to get the forms filled out.

Mayor's Report: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Mayor Spencer said we are going to hold a special council meeting on December 15th along with the work session about our law enforcement options. In the special meeting we will handle the bills and audit report.

City Recorder Paxton asked why we did not do a resolution to hire Mike Smeltz as the forest manager. Mayor Spencer said we will just extend his duties in the public works department. President Callahan

said the Trust for Public Lands will be the agency that pays his wage. We do need to make a list of his duties.

Vice President Oden said she would like to have the meeting in person this time, not by teleconferencing. She said it is harder to meet on Zoom and wants to go back to in person meeting. **President Callahan agreed and made a motion to hold the work session and special session at the community hall at 7pm on December 15th. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.** Mayor Spencer said she would check out the restriction rules about gathering in person.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.