

**Regular Council Meeting
April 26, 2022**

Members in attendance was Mayor Linda Spencer, President Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Matthew Goodman and Councilor Paul Price. Councilor Stacy Equitz arrived a few minutes late at 7:10 pm, after the meeting started. Staff present was public works crew Chris Bray, Mike Smeltz and City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Price made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Previous Minutes: Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the previous minutes. President Callahan seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Bills: Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the bills. Councilor Goodman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Business from the Audience: City Recorder Paxton presented an easement request from William Norling. The request is to run a power line from the electrical pole on Falls Road, over city property to Mr. Norling's shop at 308 Pine Ave. **Councilor Price made a motion to approve the easement request. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Temp RV Permit: City Recorder Paxton submitted an RV siting permit from Travis Acord. He owns a vacant lot on Fee Street and wants to live in the RV until he can get his garage remodeled into a temporary studio, which the council has already given him permission to do. He is requesting up to 150 days. The council discussed concerns they had and what Mr. Acord should have accomplished by now, but has not. **Councilor Equitz made a motion to approve the RV siting permit for 30 days, at which time if Mr. Acord needs additional time he can apply for an extension. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Update Job Descriptions: Council elected to table until next month.

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

Mayor Spencer stated there is a contract to be approved between the town and RVCOG for Justin Cullumbine to do the contract work on our FEMA grant with Mike Smeltz. She said Justin is the administrator for the community forest. He is working on a packet for FEMA and his salary would be paid through the grant. This grant is to do the pre-contract work for the \$300,000 grant we will be applying for in the near future. The larger grant money will be used for commercial thinning, helping clean the forest and we will try to use local contractors, if possible. Mayor Spencer also said the timber we keep will be taken to the mill to be sold. **Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the agreement with RVCOG. Councilor Goodman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Community Forest Commercial Thinning Contract Award: Mike Smeltz, the Community Forest manager, said we only received one bid and that is from Nick Rodgers. He said the property by the cemetery has 5 stands of timber that we can cut. Mr. Rodgers does high end logging and will do a good job. **Councilor Equitz made a motion to award the contract to Nick Rodgers Logging. Councilor Price seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Community Forest Committee: President Callahan said the committee will give a briefing of everything they have accomplished to date. Don Hamann and Mike Smeltz will be on hand to answer any questions too. Council agreed to hold a work session at 7:00 pm on May 17th right before the regular council meeting. The work session is open to the public.

Public Works: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Vice President Oden asked why the alleys in town are not being mowed. Chris Bray said they are in the process now. Oden said the council needs to take a tour of the sewer plant so they can be better informed.

Vice President Oden asked if the burn pile was open for dumping debris and Bray said yes. She said we need to make citizens more aware of it, but it is for residents that live inside town limits only.

Oden asked when we would be getting a dumpster again? Bray said the price of a 30 yard one has gone up, up to almost \$1,000 now. This is double of what it normally is. A brief discussion ensued. Mayor Spencer suggested Councilors Goodman and Equitz, along with Bray get together and brainstorm some ideas on how to cover the cost for next month's meeting.

Council Reports: President Callahan said she is going to find out if the agent from State Farm is going to bring up the 16 flags he promised us. Councilor Equitz said she and her husband already picked them up, flags and poles.

Mayor's Report: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Mayor Spencer said she will be taking a medical leave of absence at the end of this month and President Callahan will be the acting mayor until she returns.

Councilor Goodman said at the next council meeting he wants to talk about the easements on the community forest land, how are we addressing the people that have their belonging on the land. President Callahan said this will be covered in the briefing by the forest committee. She suggested holding a town hall meeting at some point to address this issue and also address the homeless camps in the forest.

President Callahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Councilor Price seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.