

FEBRUARY 4, 2020 MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Cottonwood City Council was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 7:00 pm, in the Cottonwood City Hall with Council members; Joel Dahl, Mike Horner, Shannon Geihl, and Shawn Myers present. Also present were Clerk-Administrator, Teather Bliss; Lyon County Sheriff, Eric Wallen; Accounting Clerk-Bookkeeper, Samantha Judovsky; Fire Chief, Dale Louwagie; and Public Works Director, Randy Fenger. Mayor Corey Moseng was absent.

Acting Mayor Myers called the meeting to order and led in the Flag Pledge.

A motion by Joel Dahl to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

A motion by Mike Horner to approve the January 27, 2020 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

Council reviewed the revised fee schedule for 2020. There was discussion over the verbiage and amounts for the Community Center as well as discussion over rates within the city fees.

The rate schedule for 2020 was tabled until the February 18th meeting so that a current and proposed fee schedule comparison can be made.

Bliss noted that Section 5 item B can be removed from the consent agenda as it was the resolution adopting the 2020 fee schedule.

Council reviewed information pertaining to the emergency bypass bids. With the work to be completed and price comparison, it was noted that Voss Plumbing did have the lower bid by \$3,000.00. Council was updated that Jeseritz Construction was contacted about doing the groundwork that should total no more that \$1,200.00.

A motion by Mike Horner to accept the bid from Voss Plumbing contingent on the approval and review of Sambatek. Seconded by Joel Dahl. Carried.

Council reviewed a timeline of dates for the construction of the new main lift station, the certificate of topography survey from Bueltel Moseng, and pump information for the bypass. Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator Louwagie is looking to submit a grant to the DNR for a 6-inch pump that would be utilized on the temporary bypass, if awarded the City would be looking at a potential expense of no more than \$2,000.00. The electric pump that was found by Sambatek ranged upwards of \$80,000 with no estimated time of arrival date. Sambatek has also located two different types of diesel pumps that are still in the \$30,000 - \$40,000 range and should have a better delivery date. Council directed Louwagie to continue with the DNR grant and directed Bliss to have the engineers continue with the diesel pump as well as getting DNR pump specs to Sambatek.

Sheriff Wallen presented the council was the monthly incident report from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office. He also updated council that Dan DeSmet would be the new Emergency Management Coordinator for Lyon County. Sheriff Wallen did meet with the superintendent of

Marshall Public Schools on educating students about vaping. Council asked if that is going to be done at Lakeview in the future. Council member Dahl also asked if there was any update on the ATV Ordinance for the City of Cottonwood. Bliss indicated that the tobacco ordinance was currently in review with City Attorney Mike Cable and the ATV ordinance can be the next item reviewed.

Randy Fenger updated the council on the Public Works Department. Hydro Klean has completed televising. Their Well is working on getting the Variable Frequency Drive for Well #8 ordered. The hole by LeRoy's was a direct result of the water main break and is being monitored by the department. Their Well has quoted the inspection and modification of Well #7.

A motion by Joel Dahl to accept the quote from Their Well for work on Well #7. Seconded by Mike Horner. Carried.

Bliss updated the council on the final 2019 tax settlement that came in, the debt payments that were made, and the first 2020 TIF payment to Dave Wiesen. Other than that, there is not much going on in the office other than getting ready for elections and planning the year.

Council reviewed the minutes and agenda items from the Fire Department annual meeting.

Council reviewed the minutes from the Ambulance annual meeting.

Council reviewed the quote for the new Ferno Stair Chair that will be placed in the new ambulance. Resolution 2020_0204 designated the donated funds to the purchase of the stair chair with the remainder of the funds coming from the Ambulance Fundraiser account.

Council member Horner requested the Visa bill to be brought to the next council meeting. A motion by Mike Horner to approve the payment on the monthly bills. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

Council discussed setting a date for the first meeting in March as the regular meeting falls on the Presidential Primary Election. It was discussed and determined that the meeting will take place on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7pm.

A motion by Shannon Geihl to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joel Dahl. Carried at 8:15 pm.

Teather Bliss, City Administrator

Shawn Myers, Acting Mayor