

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
February 14, 2018

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Nathan Hansen, Corey Hollis, Pete Schweiger, Lance Strite, and Theresa Telford.

Absent: Patrick Katz. Theresa Telford made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

Also present were: Gabe Gants, Steve Goemmel, Dave Leath, Spencer Sunderland, and Matthew Wright.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Theresa Telford made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Gabe Gants told the City Council that the Sherriff's Department has two new deputies and he predicted that the department would be fully staffed in a couple of months. The Mayor thanked Deputy Gants for his report and his service to the community.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN SHEET

Nobody.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street Committee

Mayor Sweet asked for a Street Committee meeting to discuss oversized signs in Davenport. The Committee agreed to meet on February 28th @ 6:15 p.m.

Finance

City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked Mayor Sweet for a Finance Committee meeting to go over the 4th quarter results of 2017. The Committee asked Steve to e-mail the report to them. If they have any question or comments they will forward them to Steve. They did not want a meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet briefed the City Council on a list of items:

- The City has applied for a local records grant to map GIS utilities. The grant amount is \$2,500.
- February 15, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. is deadline for bids for the City's water line and sewer line repair bids. The Mayor hopes that the bidding environment will be favorable.
- The City will have to go out for bids for seal coating work on the streets because Lincoln County is too busy to do the work for us.
- City of Davenport's audit is complete and the State Auditor's office will schedule an exit conference once the report is ready. It appears that the city has no findings.

- Seventh Street Wall Project bids will be opened as soon as T.I.B. approves the additional funding needed complete the project. The Mayor said there is a delay in the project because of a clerical error by T.I.B. They. Meet in March and the Mayor hopes the project will be funded at that time.
- Clean up Davenport Days will be April 20, and 21st 2018.
- The Davenport Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn their financial support for the VIC employee at the Lincoln County Museum. The Chamber doesn't have the money to help fund this position. Brad told the City Council that there has been discussion about moving the Visitor Information Center into City Hall or to the LCEDC's newly acquired property on Morgan Street.
- The Department of Natural Resources informed the City that part of Lincoln Road is on their land. The road has been used by the city since 1912. The Mayor said that he is working with DNR to secure an easement so the city can continue to use this street.
- The Davenport Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be March 16, 2018.

The Mayor told the City Council that he talked to the City Attorney about the possibility of moving from a second class city to a code city. Brad said it was more prudent to replace the vacant city council seat than to leave it open. The Mayor asked the city staff to advertise for a replace as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2018-01 Allowing the Mayor to Enter into a Commercial Airport Lease Agreement with Northwest Ag. Dba Moses Lake-Warden Air Services, Inc. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that the lease with Northwest Ag is a one year lease because FAA will require that their hanger be moved at some time in the future. Going year to year seems like a better option.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

2. Ordinance 1025 Amending Chapter 13.04, Section 360, Neighbors Helping Neighbors. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that the changes suggested by the Committee at the last meeting are incorporated in this ordinance. Nathan Hansen voiced his concerns about prohibiting renters from applying for relief. He said RCW 59.18.060 and RCW 59.18.130 describes the role of a landlord and a renter under State law. Nathan said that the renter has the right to receive a bill under State law and he feels renters should be able to apply for the fund. Nathan commented that in its current form, he would vote against this ordinance. Lance Strite said the Committee suggested that utility bills be put in the owners names. The Committee feels that the landlords should be responsible for their tenants utility bills because they are operating a for profit business. They feel like the fund shouldn't be used to bail out the landlords. Mayor Sweet suggested that the City Council do a second reading of this ordinance since Councilman Katz was absent and he is the Chairman of the Committee. The City Council agreed to do a second reading of Ordinance 1025.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to accept Claims/Vouchers #14276 - #14313 in the Amount of \$87,377.86; and, Payroll/Vouchers #14252 - #14275 in the Amount of \$54,813.23. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Telford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

David M. Leath City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet