

Mayor Fisher is absent, so Tom Conolly acts as Mayor Pro Tem. Conolly calls the meeting to order at around 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Paul Malm joins via Zoom; John Parks, Bret Hayworth and Tom Conolly are present. Joel Robinson is absent. Malm motions to approve agenda, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motioned to approve the bills/claims for the month, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to approve the February Treasurer's report, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. The fence permit for 612 Jackson Main Montana Tucker was reviewed. Hayworth motions to approve, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Guests present include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes and Calvin Mellies.

During Open Forum, resident Calvin Mellies updated the council on his ongoing repair project resulting from a sewer backup. He presented a quote for \$4400 to replace the damaged carpet and requested that the City cover that amount. Council has been working with our insurance agent for recommendations on how to proceed. No action taken on the later agenda item for this issue as council prefers to wait for clarification from insurance agent before taking any action.

Interim Police Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. He is working to begin advertising to hire to fill the Police Officer position. Barnes updated the council regarding part-time employee Andrew Anderson. In 2020, Anderson was initially hired at a wage of \$15 per hour. He was supposed to be paid at \$18.00 per hour when he returned as a certified reserve in August of 2022, but his payroll was not updated at that time. Since then, he has worked 435 hours and been incorrectly paid \$15 per hour. Barnes requested council approve back-pay of the difference of \$3 per each of those hours worked for a total of \$1305. Hayworth motions this back pay, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motions to officially approve Anderson to be paid \$18 per hour going forward, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. The public works update document was provided to the council via iPad.

Council discussed Mike Weaver's recent 25 year employment anniversary. Weaver's start date was March 2, 1998. Council discussed different options for expressing appreciation for the anniversary. Hayworth suggests a Resolution of Proclamation be added to the next agenda commemorating the occasion. Council considers options to compensate public works employee Pat Smith as he assumes the Supervisor duties while Superintendent Mike Weaver is off work for medical leave. Hayworth motions to increase Smith's hourly pay by \$1 per hour while Weaver is gone, including retroactive pay since he has been gone and until he comes back to duty, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews the 2023 ICAP insurance renewal. Conolly motions to approve the renewal, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers the FY 2023-24 Max Levy Resolution. Hayworth motions to set the Public Hearing for Max Levy to April 5th, 2023 at 5:30 pm, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Council discussed the budget commitments from other neighboring towns towards the Inspector position and future 28E agreements for service. Attorney Thompson recommended that the hiring step come before and separately from the 28E contracts. Hayworth motions to begin the process to hire a full-time Multi-City inspector, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor and Council concerns and comments were discussed. Attorney Thompson updated the council regarding the judge's determination for the nuisance remediation at 28 N. 2nd Street. Council wishes to place this on next agenda to discuss and/or take possible action. With no further business Hayworth motioned to adjourn around 6:50 pm and Conolly seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Tom Conolly
Mayor Pro Tem