

MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Mike Webb. Council Members Bezdicek, Hinds, Smick, Smith, and Watson were in attendance. Also attending were Greg Hartman, Travis Poulson, Kristie Kirkpatrick, representing Whitman County Library, and Steve Gibson.

The minutes of the January 8, 2018 Meeting were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for their review and discussion. The payables were moved by Watson and seconded by Smith. Motion carried by vote of the Council.

Claims #12477-12482, 12486-12487	\$4900.45
P/R #12483-12485, 12488-12490	11,819.75

Kristie Kirkpatrick discussed with the Council about the success of the St. John Branch of the Library. Kudos to the Town and the librarian, Clancy Pool and her staff. She also reported on the levy renewal that will come before the voters in February. She explained that this was not a new tax but only restoring the tax rate to what it used to be. They are asking for 50 cents per \$1000 of assessed property value. This increase will only be used for maintenance for the library.

The Clerk reported that a water connection had to be turned off because of non-payment.

The Clerk read a resolution for overtime for the city workers. At our last audit it was recommended that we have a policy explaining payment of overtime. It was moved by Smick and seconded by Bezdicek to approve Resolution No. 398X.

Discussion was held on the employees' raises for 2018. After discussion, it was moved by Watson and seconded by Smick to raise wages by 2 ½%.

The Clerk announced that St. John made the cut for funding for our wastewater facilities plan that is needed.

Lydia Smith and Jeff Smick have been researching ordinances for abandoned vehicles and nuisances. It was decided to discuss a sample ordinance with our attorney, Rusty McGuire, before a decision is made.

Travis and Greg reported on the solar radar sign that is not working. They have not had any luck so far getting it fixed. It is still under warranty but the company has not been easy to work with. It was decided to swap the sign on the Lancaster Road and put it on the SJ-Endicott Road while we try to get the one fixed.

Discussion was held regarding the search for a new maintenance worker since Travis Poulson has resigned. Applications are being accepted up to January 31, 2018.

CLERK – TREASURER

MAYOR