

CITY OF TOULON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024
TOULON FIREHOUSE

PRESENT: Mayor Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell City Clerk, Kate Carter attorney

Donna Lefler, Art Nutzhorn 1st Ward Alderman

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson 2nd Ward Alderman

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson 3rd Ward Alderman

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES TO THE FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MEETING: Page 3 added under HOMETOWN CONSULTANTS, Justin Reese arrived at the meeting. Page 6 added 1 after 2c on the first sentence. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

CASH RECEIPT REPORT: Total Cash Receipts for February 2024 is \$115,389.20. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Cash Receipt for February 2024. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report for February 2024 is \$875,676.56. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report for February 2024. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Matt Forstrom reported the work on Turner Street has begun, the manhole is dug, the tap is in, everything is laid out and all the materials are on site. Gary Bent reported the police have started on the city ordinances.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS: Brandon Simpson made a motion to accept the claims as submitted. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Nothing to report.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Nothing to report.

PARKING LOT BALL DIAMOND: The Mayor reported the city is still waiting for an agreement with the school on the misunderstanding on the amount paid. The original invoice just covered the 3 lots the school had purchased. The mayor spoke with Mr. Elliott at the school, and he admits the amount was misunderstood and whatever the city decides he's willing to do whatever needs done. The city needs to seek reimbursement for \$16,500 from the school for their portion. Brandon Simpson made a motion to seek \$16,500.00 from the school for invoice 668. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

GARBAGE CONTRACT: The city received 2 bids. Eagle Ent. broke down for 5 years. at 16.90, 17.60, 18.30, 19.03, 19.79. GFL also submitted a bid broken down over 5 years. at 15.79, 16.34, 16.91, 17.5, 18.11. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the GFL Bid for the 5-year contract. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

RECYCLING CONTRACT: 1 bid from Eagle Ent. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the 5-year bid with Eagle Ent. for an additional 5 years. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

REVIEW ORD #755 & #704: The Mayor would like to combine these two ordinances. The council needs to decide before the next meeting what they want the ordinance to read.

POTTER & SON INVOICE: There is an invoice from Potter & Son for \$33,000.00. Brandon Simpson made a motion to pay \$33,000.00 for invoice #668 to Potter & Sons Blacktopping. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Connie Jacobson reported about the dog feces everywhere in town, on the main street, on the sidewalks, behind Nelson Auto, and in the park.

POLICE VEHICLE: Gary Bent, the police chief, would prefer a new truck. There is money in the police savings and TIF will pay for half. The police would like a UTV also.

NEW HIRE: Gary reported that the dept. has lost employees and is looking for a new hire. Ron Salisbury has found someone interested. He has already passed the background check and he has been currently working as a Henry County Correctional Officer for less than a year. He will need to go to the part-time academy. The cost is \$2,500 - \$3,000. His name is Taber Conover. Michael Schott made a motion to pay up to \$3,500 for Taber Conover to go through the part-time academy. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

JOE ORWIG: Joe was present on behalf of Bob and Vicki Moats and their daughter who lives in a house on Commercial Street. Their sewer is nonfunctional, they must go into the street and hook up to the main down the block. Joe wants to know how the city can help with this situation. The Mayor said the city will try to figure something out.

LOCIS SUPPORT AGREEMENT: This was on the board agreement and was approved earlier in the meeting.

CHLORINE VALVE: This is a solenoid valve needed to replace the spare one that was used. There is a quote from Grainger for \$1,022.08. Brandon Simpson made a motion to buy the solenoid valve plus shipping from Grainger not to exceed \$1,200.00. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

The Mayor announced that he accepted the resignation of Jake Streitmatter and there will be ads run for a new water operator.

3 1-INCH METERS: These are 1-inch meters for Sunshine Village. The council is going to table this till next month. We do need more regular water meters on hand. Donna Lefler made a motion to buy 12 water meters from Ferguson

Waterworks for \$4,100.76. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly voted no, motion passed.

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SPOON RIVER DAYS DONATION: No action was taken.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE/PART-TIME PAY: Part-time employees are coming back to work now and would appreciate a raise. Art Nutzhorn made a motion to pay Wendell Cochran and John McRell both \$17.00 an hour. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

TIF: Ryan Kelly made a motion to pay FY-2024-11, NCICG \$2,057.00. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

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Brandon Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

