

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held on Monday, January 4, 2021, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor John Bisnette was absent. Council members present: Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, Trisha Harding, Devin Renken and Evan Joy. Others present were Bruce Berkley, Kent Sullivan, Richard Judd, Harry Colburn, Drew Hoops, Craig Stockebrand, and Miranda Robinson.

Council President Evan Joy called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Joyce moved to approve minutes from the regular meeting on December 21, 2020, seconded by Devin. Motion carried. Trish and Charlie abstained.

Joyce moved to approve minutes from the special meeting on December 29, 2020, seconded by Devin. Motion carried. Trish abstained.

Animal Control Richard Judd reported he caught 5 cats, 1 raccoon and 1 dog. He gave one ticket and one warning in the month of December.

City Superintendent Kent Sullivan presented council with a quote from White Star for a tilt attachment for the skid steer. Council requested Sullivan to get a few more quotes and tabled the idea until a further date.

Sullivan questioned the city attorney when roads are considered abandoned and can be vacated. The road has to be determined unused and the property owners need to ask the council to vacate the road/alley. The city will then have to pass an ordinance.

Kent showed the council a photo of a garage on a property that is considered dangerous and he will be putting up caution tape around it.

City crew found a water leak at the water dispenser by the city shop and hope to finish the repairs this week. The Howell House sign that was donated to the city was removed from the highway. The vinyl wording will be replaced and the sign put up at the roadside park. Christmas lights will be taken down this week as well.

City Clerk reported she was finishing up the end of year 2020 and getting started on preparing tax forms. The clerk's office will be sending out bulk water invoices this week from 2020. Eric Rose brought a letter in for council to read complementing the new clerks in the office. Craig Stockebrand and Drew Hoops from Wilson & Co. were in attendance to discuss the change order for the water treatment plant project and update the council on the project. This change order is for a time extension on the completion of the project due to parts and supplies not being available due to COVID-19. The substantial completion date has been moved from January 8 to February 12, and the final completion is now set for March 4.

Updates on the plant included that it is structurally finished with windows placed Monday. The piping is about 75% done, the treatment equipment is being moved in and installed; gas, power, and phone lines have been installed along with all drywall and lights.

Devin moved to approve change order #002 for the Water Treatment plant, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

City employee Insurance rates were discussed for 2021. The city is grandfathered in with certain benefits at pre-determined pricing.

Joyce moved to approve the employee health insurance rates for employees for 2021, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to approve 2021 Contractors License #21-36 for Knoll Building Maintenance, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Devin moved to approve 2021 Special Use Permits #21-04 for Harry Colburn, seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

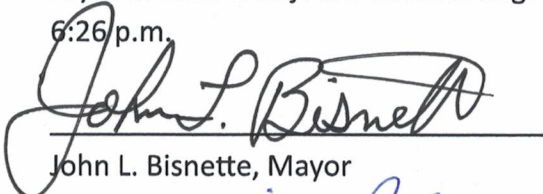
Harry found a water treatment prep course he can attend in February to help him study specific items to prepare for the water operator's test coming in March. The classes are being held in Phillipsburg from February 2 to the 4th, and this class may not require all three days attendance.

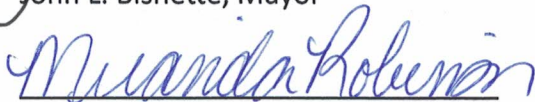
Joyce moved to allow Harry to attend the water prep class in Phillipsburg from Feb. 2-4, if all three days are necessary, seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to approve vouchers and payroll, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Devin. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at

6:26 p.m.

  
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John L. Bisnette, Mayor

  
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Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

