



City Council Meeting
December 12th 2023

Council Present

Brad Smith
Barb Northington
Matt Wenick
Lynndsey Wenick
Suzanne Hood

Public Present

Mike Allen
Kip Mortimore
Todd Oatman

Minutes taken and recorded by City Manager/Recorder

Item #1 Open Floor

Mayor Smith called meeting to order at 6pm and announced open floor. Kip informed the council that Seneca's DMR's (Lagoon Documents) will be now signed off by John Day's Public Works Lagoon staff as DELTA had terminated their contract with us due to change over, which caused problems with our documentation delays, and lagoon flooding from last year. This will be saving the city \$560 a month. We have ordered another panel for the lift station that is causing the alert beacon to go off because the reading screen is burned out. The hole at the post office parking lot has been fixed and Rally will be up to fix the hole caused when they were boring.

Mike stated that Harney Rock will not be delivering any more rock this winter and will resume in the spring. We have 10 more loads to go, maybe we ordered too much, we can try to switch to a different rock. After some discussion between council and public it was decided that Mike will try to get the rest of the rock for the Shirttail Creek Road as it could be considered for fire protection as the road becomes to muddy in the winter. The fire department will be conducting a live fire training. After some discussion it was decided that the best place to consider would be the shooting range.

Councilor M. Wenick asked where we were at with the nuisance ordinance? That we have been talking about it for sometime and it now seems that if we thought it was important enough to pass an ordinance to enforce the ordinance that we should be acting on it. Mayor Smith stated that it was not an emergency to pass it but that it passed because we did not have one. Deborah Stated that she wanted to wrap her mind around enforcing, not that she does not want to but where does it stop and how to handle the potential lawsuits that will come with that. After some discussion it was agreed that spring of 2024 letters will go out informing the public of nuisances and the potential fines that will follow if they are not compliant.



Item #2 CyberMill Update

It was agreed to get together with Eric Bush for a work session so that we can get a better Idea of Seneca's responsibilities in the GCDC. Last GCDC meeting, held in John Day, it had been suggested to dissolve the coalition.

Item #3 Pay Bills

Councilor Northington made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Councilor Hood, all were in favor and motion passed.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm

Attest: Brad Smith
Mayor Brad Smith