



**City Council Meeting  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Council Present:**

Brad Smith  
Sue Holliday  
Barbara Northington  
Lilly Foster  
Melissa Pettyjohn

**Public Present:**

Council meeting held via public phone conference due to Covid. Minutes taken and recorded by City Manager/Recorder Amanda Born

Meeting called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:00pm.

**Open Floor:** Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and asked for open floor items. Manager Born said that a resident has inquired about leasing a pasture that is currently leased by someone expected to move out of Seneca. Manager Born informed the Council that Richard Scwhartzter was requesting the pasture lease for horses and that he was at the top of the waiting list for the pasture leases. Councilor Pettyjohn asked if Dennis McCormick needed to give up his lease if he moved from town. There was a discussion about the pasture leases being for residents of Seneca only and to wait until it was confirmed. There were no other open floor items.

**Approval of November 10th Council Meeting Minutes:** Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and asked for any corrections or changes. Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve and sign the minutes.

*-Councilor Northington made the motion, Councilor Holliday seconded it. All in favor, motion passed to approve and sign the minutes.*

**Coronavirus Relief Fund:** Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud. Manager Born said that she didn't have anything to add, the Council had the response from the City Attorney regarding the eligibility of the Chrome books for the School and the proposed fiber line from the School to the Grant CoWorks building, and asked if Councilor Northington had anything to add regarding the Chrome books for the School. Councilor Northington said that she believed that the PTA was purchasing the Chrome Books for the school, and if that was the case then she didn't think that the City could reimburse the School. Councilor Foster said that it doesn't look like the City would be able to use the funds and, if we could give the funds to the County, that we should do so. The Council agreed.

*-Councilor Foster made a motion to transfer the Coronavirus Relief Funding to Grant County if we can, Councilor Holliday seconded it. All in favor, motion passed.*



**Golf Course Checking Account:** Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud. Manager Born explained that the Golf Course checking account does not accrue interest because, when it was created, the account didn't have enough funds to be in an interest-bearing account. The City can now put it into an interest-bearing account without changing the account number. Since we will have to sign all new signature cards in January, because Councilor Pettyjohn's term will be finished, Manager Born recommended approving the change of the Golf Course checking account now, but waiting to sign the new signature card in January.

*-Councilor Northington made a motion to put the Golf Course checking account into an interest-bearing account, Councilor Pettyjohn seconded it. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Lot Partition Request:** Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud. Councilor Foster asked about the requirements in the city code that refer to sewage & water requirements and if that needed to happen before it was split. Manager Born said that her understanding was that this was the preliminary proposal before the final proposal would be submitted after the surveyor surveyed the lots. Councilor Northington said that it would be a good thing to have more opportunities for business and employment. Councilor Pettyjohn pointed out that the proposal mentions it will contribute additional revenues to the city in the form of utilities and taxes. The Council discussed that there weren't any objections, but there is a need for more information about the plans for water & sewer, and is in support if all paperwork and requirements are met.

**Bills Before Council/Signatures:** Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and called for a motion to pay the bills. Manager Born said that the bill for \$24,643.80 to Business Oregon IFA is for the payment on the water loan and was received after the last Council meeting, but was due before tonight's meeting. Since this is a recurring payment, it could be paid before this Council meeting.

*-Councilor Pettyjohn made the motion to approve and sign the bills, Councilor Holliday seconded it. All in favor, motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Attest: Brad Smith  
Mayor