

PHILIPSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 19TH, 2024

6:00 P.M. Philipsburg Townhall

Council in attendance: Jason White, Carl Sundstrom, Gary Fujinami, John Laigaie, Scott Lyons (online). **Council absent:** Mayor Daniel Reddish. **Others in attendance:** Clerk Rachel Parret, Special Projects Maureen Connor, Chris Cooney, Marty Ludeman, Jackie Butler, Luke Ulatrowski (online).

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comment Non-Agenda and Agenda Items

- Public Comment on Matters within the Town Council's Jurisdiction. Public Comment will be limited to 3 minutes. Jackie Butler stated that the public needs to be informed about the deer trap and she feels this is a horrible way to eradicate deer. Jackie Butler stated that the elected members of the study commission should be sworn in at this council meeting.

Chris Cooney – Government Review Committee

Chris Cooney introduced himself to the Council and stated that he volunteered to be on the study commission because he thinks it is a good idea to review different forms of government. Chris Cooney gave the Council information on the steps of the study commission.

- 1.) Certification of the election results were submitted on November 19th, 2024.
- 2.) The Council has 10 days from the certification to swear in the elected commissioners.
- 3.) Craig Sorenson has declined the position.
- 4.) The Council has 30 days to appoint another member to the commission.
- 5.) The study commission needs to hold at least one public hearing.

Marty Ludeman introduced himself to the Council as a member of the elected commission.

Councilman Fujinami thanked both elected members for stepping up and volunteering their time.

Councilman Fujinami stated that the Council can always make improvements.

Chris Cooney inquired about the posting of meetings for the study commission.

Councilman Fujinami stated that meetings are posted in 3 places (bank, post office, and town hall), along with posting on the website.

Councilman Sundstrom thanked both members of the study commission for stepping up.

Jackie Butler suggested posting meetings at the library and Chris Cooney suggesting posting meetings at Huffmans.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

-November 6th, 2024

Councilman Fujinami made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/6/24 with corrections, Councilman Sundstrom seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lagoon Pay App. #8

No pay app. Submitted.

Swank Pay App #2

Councilman Sundstrom made a motion to approve the Swank Pay App #2, Councilman Fujinami seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bills Payable

-November 7th – 18th, 2024

Councilman Fujinami made a motion to approve the bills payable for November 7-18, 2024, Councilman Sundstrom seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

All other Bills Payable

Councilman Sundstrom made a motion to approve all other bills payable en masse', Councilman Fujinami seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll

-No Payroll

Financials

-October 2024

Councilman Fujinami made a motion to approve the financials for 10/24, Councilman Sundstrom seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Journal Vouchers

-October 2024

Councilman Fujinami made a motion to approve the journal vouchers for 10/24, Councilman Sundstrom seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Lagoon Update

Special Projects Maureen Connor gave the Council an update on the Lagoon Project.

- 1.) The UV plant was tested.
- 2.) Partial substantial completion on the UV and piping needs voted on.

Councilman Sundstrom made a motion to approve the partial substantial completion on the UV and piping, Councilman Fujinami seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3.) A contract extension through a change order is in the works.
- 4.) The lagoons can run water through the old and new cells.
- 5.) Propane tanks have been put in place.
- 6.) The Town received a good faith letter from the Department of Commerce.

Water Update

Special Projects Maureen Connor gave the Council an update on the Water Projects.

- 1.) Contract extension through a change order will be ready for the next Council meeting.
- 2.) There was an issue with the pumps, and Swank had to remove them.
- 3.) The programming for SCADA is being done.
- 4.) A vote needs to be done for Councilman White to sign the Tank contract.

Councilman Sundstrom made a motion to have Councilman White sign the Tank contract, Councilman Fujinami seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater Update

No update.

UpAhead Text Alert

Councilman White stated that the School uses Infinite Campus for their text alert system and this will not work for the Town. Councilman White also stated that he didn't think that the County used a text alert system other than 911.

Councilman Fujinami and Councilman Lyons stated that they would like to have more research done before a discussion is made on the UpAhead Text Alert Company.

NEW BUSINESS

Woith Plat Extension – Action Item

Councilman Lyons was not able to get ahold of Attorney Greg Overstreet to review the plat extension. As of now there are no known problems.

Councilman Sundstrom made a motion to table the Woith Plat Extension until the next meeting, Councilman Fujinami seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council

Councilman Lyons stated that the Council normally doesn't have two meetings in December, however, the Council could hold a second meeting if it is needed.

Councilman Laigaie stated that the deer traps will be deployed on Wednesday.

Councilman Laigaie would like a thank you letter sent to the music teacher (Ms. Radtke) for her help during Veterans Day.

Clerk Rachel Parret stated Yule Night will be Dec. 13th, 2024. The Chamber asked if the Town would light the Tree after the parade on Yule Night.

Councilman White stated that the School would like to hang banners of the seniors on the light post.

Councilman Lyons thanked Councilman Laigaie for all his efforts on Veterans Day.

Public Comment on Matters within the Town Council's Jurisdiction

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Councilman Lyons made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Fujinami seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

*** In addition to the regular attendance at Town Hall, the Town will be using the video conferencing service

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