

City of Clark Fork

Minutes of the 10/17/2022 Special Council Meeting for the City of Clark Fork.

Mayor Russell Schenck called the October 17, 2022 Special Council Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Schenck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council Members: Council Members Sharon Banning, Jay White and Blaine Williams were present constituting a quorum. Council Member Shari Jones was absent.

ADDITIONS to the AGENDA: Yes. Emergency item added by Mayor Schenck for Riggins Property due to timeline set by Judge giving a deadline of the 26th of October, 2022 for City of Clark Fork to either dismiss case or move forward with prosecution. Next Regular Council Meeting would be in November, after the due date set.

Council Member Banning made a motion to add the Riggins Property to the Agenda. Council Member White seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote of Council Members:

Sharon Banning –Y

Shari Jones –A

Jay White –Y

Blaine Williams-Y

Motion carried.

Agenda:

A. Discussed Riggins Property Decision, ACTION ITEM.

Mayor Schenck updated City Council on the progress being made at the Riggins Property. He stated that at least 70% of the property has been cleaned up and that he recently walked the property with Bobby Riggins, the uncle of Jake Riggins, and went over the remainder of clean up needed. He also mentioned that Bobby is planning on selling the property and has two interested buyers so he is very motivated to clean it up so he can sell it. Mayor Schenck recommended that the City Council visit the property themselves to determine how to move forward, but that he would recommend dismissal.

Council Member White moved to allow the Mayor to make the decision by October 26th, 2022 on whether to dismiss case or move forward with prosecution. Council Member Banning seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote of Council Members:

Sharon Banning –Y

Shari Jones –A

Jay White –Y

Blaine Williams-Y

Motion carried.

B. Discussed RFP Law Enforcement Workshop.

Mayor Schenck updated Council on his discussions with various Law Enforcement Officials. He spoke with Boundary County Sheriff asking for help and was told they didn't have additional manpower. He also spoke with Montana's Sanders County Sheriff who said that we should ask the new Sheriff after the

election. We do have a mutual aid agreement but it does not carry over. Mayor Schenck also had a meeting with Bonner County Sheriff. They discussed the Idaho Fish and Game use of deputies at the Inspection Station, and how they basically get billed by the Sheriff and pay time and half for all hours worked by a deputy. Payment includes the time that the deputy leaves his house and then arrives back home. Sheriff Wheeler said they now have a full crew and some of the new deputies might want to work for the City of Clark Fork on their off hours for additional income, so this is a feasible solution. Sheriff Wheeler asked to see a copy of the RFP to determine if it will work as written. He also added that for the short term the use of a Deputy might be feasible but he couldn't guarantee manpower for the long term. Mayor Schenck added that the City has \$267,000 in the law enforcement fund and that could provide the City with law enforcement for six or seven years if needed. Council Member White mentioned that we should do Call Messaging, which would alert the community of any criminal issues arising. And also, that we need to focus on the drug dealers. Council Member Banning mentioned the Neighborhood Watch and how we need to do neighborhood meetings. Council Member Williams said he would like to set up the Neighbor Watch but then wanted to be in the background but would like City Residents to get involved and for one of them to fill the role. He also mentioned meeting with Craig Nelson who lives off of River Road and has set up a Neighborhood Watch in that area to get ideas. Mayor Schenck mentioned that he also asked Sheriff Wheeler about the police logs from the previous question posed by Council Member White. Sheriff Wheeler said he would look into it. Several sites were proposed to have the meetings including the Senior Center, the Cabinet Bar and Grill and at the Filling Station. Mayor Schenck said that if Neighborhood Watch is created then the meeting will most likely be at the Filling Station.

Adjournment: Council Member White moved to adjourn. Council Member Banning seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Burgess, City Clerk

Russell W. Schenck, Mayor