

City of Shaniko City Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022, 6:00 PM Shaniko Schoolhouse

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM due to Shaniko Volunteer Fire Department called out to an emergency.

Roll Call: Mayor Don Treanor, David Long, Louis McKenzie, Mary Wright, Sandi Thomas, Diana Marrs

Visitors: Fire Chief Scott Marrs, Craig Nichols, Shaun & Amy Cooper, Goldie Roberts. Joined per Zoom: Alex Espy, Andria Espy.

Special Visitor/Guest: Ed Hodges

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from May 9, 2022, Louis McKenzie motioned to approve the minutes, David Long seconded.

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Water Report:

Water level 7' 5 ¼ "

Ed Hodges Consulting Engineer regarding Water System Master Plan. First, a big thank you to Don Treanor and David Long for all their assistance with the information needed.

Highlights Information from outside observer.

EXISTING SYSTEM

Spring system is in good working order. Piping, reservoir, and springs in great shape. Reservoir holds 112,000 – 114,000 gallons of water. Piping is solid.

Source is good, get the spring boxes cleaned out; put some fences around to keep out the organic material. Resolve the issues on the roof on the

reservoir. Get a new pump station in place up here. This would cost the town a little over \$10,000. To put a tank system up here, would be around \$300,000. This would be if we just deal with what is already here. This will all come from grants.

One will be a community development block grant. This would be based on the community's income, not the county wide standard. The farther the community standard is from the county standard, the better chance you have of getting one of these grants.

NEW SYSTEM

New well owned by the Pamplin Corporation, would be good for the community. Always good to have a backup source. Looking at a legal agreement between Shaniko Corporation/Columbia Farms and City of Shaniko. Agreement is in the hands of the attorneys.

Things need to happen:

- 1) Columbia Farms/Shaniko Corporation needs to get a water right, need to be showing City of Shaniko would have access to the water;
- 2) Hook up to the well, put a pump house in and pump out to distribution center;
- 3) Build a new tank for fire protection, a new pump station with small pumps for the community and a large pump for fire.

This will be expensive \$600,000 - \$700,000 but will give you 100% water protection. Will need to go after grants. To go after loan could mean an increase in rates of \$50.00 per month per household. That's not acceptable.

Working with state agencies to look at funding to get these improvements at very low costs.

What is also needed is emergency power station to be tacked on what ever is decided to do.

With RV Park in use and Hotel opening again, water usage will increase. Concern about costs as most on fixed income. Put water saving faucets in hotel and RV Park.

It was brought up possibly selling some of the water to a big corporation, like Nestle. To sell to a large corporation they are going to want to have more than the reservoir has.

Contract regarding the water is in the hands of the attorneys.

Fire protection system ISO rating for every town, to have a fire protection system would drop the rate, this would mean a decrease in homeowners' insurance, a substantial amount. ISO rating goes by several different fractions: communication system (dispatch center), fire department and water system. Those three things must be in really good shape.

A better water system would allow the city to grow, residential and businesses.

Request from Food Cart Vendor working at Solar Farm for 500 gallons of water per month. This only be while water levels are good; told he would need to look else where if levels dropped.

Louis McKenzie motioned to sell the vendor the 500 gallons per commercial rates \$53.00. David Long seconded.

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SVFD:

Fire Chief Marrs: responded to 33 calls this year.

Sandi Thomas has joined as an EMR; Andria Espy has rejoined the department also.

Engine will be down for a short time for repairs.

EMT graduate news: Julianne Hermann has graduate her EMT Course, will be taking her state exam next week.

Went to summit over at Eugene Walter's. Juniper Flats Fire Department. Discussion about regional and state grants that are out there. One grant is for \$30,000 for volunteers to be on call.

Financial Report

See attached

The City of Shaniko paid Go Daddy and will be having a website. This will allow agendas to be posted and minutes. It will list all the businesses in town. Debra Holbrook will be putting articles about the history of Shaniko. Ben Harlem and I thought this was up and working, but it is not. We will get this fixed.

Louis McKenzie motioned to accept and pay bills; Mary Wright seconded.

LM Y DL abstained to his check. MW Y ST Y 4 yay 0 nay

Correspondence

Letter from Wasco County, Lisa Gambie, needs to be read to council per the election of May 17, 2022.

(See attached copy of letter)

City Recorder for Shaniko does not need to be a resident of Shaniko.

The Fire Levy did not pass. We need to bring this back to the November ballot with more communication with the residents.

There are 32 registered voters, only 12 voted, 20 residents did not vote. It's important for all to vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Renewal of Insurance. Copies have been included in the packet. Insurance will be \$5,207.65. Working with Breanna Wimber to come and meet with council to explain this more. This way all the council could attend. Still have work comp insurance for volunteers (\$500 – due now) and fire fighters volunteer work comp insurance (\$800 – just paid).

Louis McKenzie motioned to pay the insurance, David Long seconded.

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Water Bill - there are some residents that are behind in paying their bills, please make arrangements to pay the bills. First letter regarding shut off notices instead of collections. Pervious Council did use a collection agency. Will give 30 day notice they are going to shut them off. Give them another 30 days, then remove the meter. They would need to pay the bill and a \$600 fee to put the meter back in.

Mary Wright, I make a motion to sends notices of shut off if not paying utilities (water/sanitation). This should have been done a long time ago. Sandi Thomas seconded.

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Public Hearing:

Lodging Tax

This a tax placed on RV Parks, Hotels of 5% or whatever the cost is. The split is 70% for tourism and the rest is for general funds. That will create some revenue for the city.

Open comment:

Shaun Cooper: any where they have stayed at has charged a tax.

David Long: to make this clear, Citizens do not get taxed, only if you stay at the RV Park or Hotel. If someone rents cabins or charges someone to stay there (i.e. room, space, barn), they have to pay the tax.

The state would collect the tax for us, but it would cost \$8,000.00 to set it up.

Public Hearing Closed

David Long makes a motion to implement the lodging tax. Lous McKenzie seconds

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Public Comment

Shaun Cooper: Increasing size of septic tank to 1,000 for the rest rooms.

Need motion sensor lights and water faucets in the restrooms.

Need toilet fixed.

Need building for storage, removing the storage room from the women restroom, so there would be three stalls for the women.

Shaun Cooper's radio station is now up and running.

Goldie Roberts went to the Wasco Electric Summer picnic and brought the city a bag of goodies and entered us in the drawing for a gift certificate from Wasco Electric.

Meeting Adjourned 7:42pm

Approved on: 7/11/2022

Don Treanor

Mayor Don Treanor

Diana Marris

Diana Marris, City Recorder