

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2015
7:00 pm

Mayor Heinzman call the meeting to order at 7:01

Roll Call: Mayor Heinzman, Rita Burke, Eddie Hills, Gail Ganga, Mike Swanson were present Mike Couch was absent.

Gail G. made a motion to **accept the minutes** from the June meeting. Rita B. 2nd the motion. Discussion: Gail said that she was not at the meeting in June. That would need to be changed. Motion passed with the change of Gail's absence a.i.f

Gail G. made a motion to **accept the Treasurers** report Rita B. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f. Gail G. made a motion to **pay the bills** for July. Mike S. 2nd the motion.

Discussion: The clerk told the council that the Employment Security Dept Bill was higher than the towns rating but she was told by the ESD to apply for a waiver and to pay the bill or there could be late charges applied and it would be harder to take them off. The rate plus the experience rating should be 4.7 – 2.9 experience rating = 1.8. That is what it's supposed to be according to ESD, they have several other municipalities that are experiencing the same thing we are. They are working on it. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Agenda Review/Mayor's Report: Midyear budget is given to council for their review.

Water Loss Report: Unaccounted for water loss remained at 12% in June. A meter was put on a line that had been unmetered for the last 12 years. The line was previously thought to have been hooked on the line belonging to 30659 L/H Rd. Through much digging and hard work it was tracked to the main line with no meter attached. The amount of water that went unmetered for at least 12 years is now accounted for. There is still the issue of the shared well and who is responsible for it. The issue of the easement and who is responsible is up to the home owners. Lyman will help facilitate what they can and will assess the situation to see if a backflow preventer is necessary.

Correspondence: A thank you letter was sent to Lyman from the Port of Skagit for their support of the Janicki project.

A letter from WSDOT was given to council explaining the responsibility of the towns, county and WSDOT regarding state roads going through them.

New Business: 2 bids were looked at for the storage tank cleaning. They were similar in price. Inland Potable will be at Lake Tye in September. If we could have ours done at the same time it cuts the mileage we would have to pay in ½. Eddie made a motion to accept the bid from Inland Potable. Motion is 2nd. Motion passes with a.i.f.

Citizen comments: Rita B would like to look at the fireworks ordinance, and possibly restrict the use of them to only the 4th of July. Gary Koops said that Sedro Woolley has a good ordinance in place. Mayor Heinzman directed the clerk to get the ordinances from the other towns in Skagit County, for the next meeting. Rita is also concerned about the tall grass and fires since it is so dry. This can be addressed in the nuisance ordinance in the GMA that is in the process of being updated now.

The council would like to get an update from Jim Sherwood to see what the status of the McCown property is. The clerk will contact him for the update

Mr. Saunders said he has seen several rats. He is concerned that the neighbor to his south is causing the problem. He would like to know what can be done about it. Mayor Heinzman tells him that Lyman has a policy regarding complaints. They must be submitted in writing to the clerk and then will be given to the Mayor. She will read the complaint and advise the clerk of her decision, and the action to be taken.

Mike S. Made a motion to adjourn. Gail G. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f. at 7:40.

D Boyd
Clerk