

City of Castleford
Council Meeting
July 8th, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Isabel Flores. Those in attendance were as follows Isabel Flores, Pansy Pettit, Justin Clark, Roxanne Stiegemeier, Susi Runyan and Victor Keen. Special Guests; Scott Tverdy (farmers bank), Jeffrey McCurdy (Region IV development), Tony Ballestro (USDA), Captain Scott Bishop (Twin Falls Sheriff's Department), Carrie Smalley (Real-Estate)

Public: Rhonda Nutch, Richard Schlund

- * Susana established a quorum of the City Council.
- * Minutes from the June 17th, 2020 meeting were read and were approved.

Guest Speakers:

- * Captain Scott Bishop with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department came to speak to the council about getting a code enforcer out to the city, he stated that if we did contract the county they would need to look at the city codes. With everything that has happened since COVID-19 cost is one of the biggest issues he suggest that the city look into hiring the Buhl code enforcer. The City could also think about doing a reserve contract and present it to the County Commissioners, Scott offered to help with presentation if needed, and Council mentioned to Scott that the County Commissioners indicated that we could enforce our own codes. Scott stated that this is possible as long as is a civil suit, we could send a certified letter and after we can serve them with a civil ticket. Scott suggested to look into what the city of Hollister is doing, Scott mentioned that they donated a k-9 car to the city to hold the dogs that they had caught to be able to take to the pound, he is willing to help the city but he does have his restrictions.
- * Tony Ballestro with USDA he came to the meeting to talk to the council about getting a city hall, Tony stated that if the council went the way of a general obligation bond that the city could qualify for a 55% grant which would leave the city to pay for 45% of the building, but in doing a general obligation bond the city would have to hire a special attorney hold a public hearing in the local paper. Tony said that if we were to do the geo (general obligation bond) he would get someone out to inspect the building and make sure that everything was up to code. Scott Tverdy with Farmers Bank (who is the loan owner of the tumbleweed café) chimed in saying that there had been remodels on the building but he was not sure if they were up USDA standards. Roxanne asked if the inspection the council had done on the building when the process first started would be enough. Tony stated that he did not have that form on file and the inspector at the time did not remember what his evaluation was so the town would need to get a new inspection done. If the city does not go with a geo bond than it would qualify for a 50% grant. Region IV Development representative Jeffery McCurdy will help the city in the application process but the city must get everything in before August 7th or the city will need to wait until the following year when grants are available once again.
- * Scott Tverdy with farmer's bank came to help with any questions Tony or Jeff were to have on the building he did sate that the building was selling at \$62,000.

Old Business:

- * City Cleanup Day, The council has been deciding on when or if to reschedule for city cleanup day, Rhonda Nutch stated that she was concerned that out of towners would come and fill up the dumpsters. Roxanne suggested that we lock up the dumpster in the water tower office to prevent this from happening. The council decided this would be a great solution for the problem and that the best time to have cleanup day would be in September, some of the council thinks with COVID-19 that we should possible have the lunch outside so that we can comply with social distancing. Pansy and Carrie Smalley suggested that we try and get volunteers like the mens club, 4H, and any other school clubs. Roxanne voiced that in this

year's door tags to have it stated that if anyone has appliances to call Victor and he would hall them off. Roxanne Stiegemeier moved to schedule the Community Cleanup Day tentatively for September 19th, Pansy 2nd. Roll Call Justin- Yes, Roxanne- Yes, Pansy- Yes, motion passed.

- * Paint The Town: Tabled
- * Speed Bumps: The public in attendance suggested trying to get a camera or possibly giving out citizens citations pansy voiced that the cameras may work but only where they are posted. Council asked for subject to be tabled.
- * Website: Susi informed the council of the update and let the council know it would be up and running by the end of the week.
- * Dog Ordinance: Council table the subject until Susi has more time to get it worked on

New Business:

- * City newsletter: Susi has been working on the newsletter and presented it to the council for approval of distribution. Council all looked at the newsletter Susi will be adding Community Cleanup day and information about Isabel. Pansy moved to publish newsletter once updated for distribution, Roxanne 2nd. Roll Call Justin- Yes Pansy- Yes Roxanne- Yes. Motion passed.
- * Celebration of Life, in memory of Catarina the council would like to get her a plaque and ask the fire department to place it on one of the trucks. Roxanne motioned that we get a plaque in memory of Catarina, Pansy 2nd. Roll Call Justin- yes Roxanne- yes Pansy- yes. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

- * Carrie Smalley: Realtor for the community Carrie came to talk to the council about what is commercial and what is within city ordinance for someone wanting to buy a business should have or do. She brought up to the council about having a commercial and residential cite, since Castleford is a small town there is not very many options to build a home so having a home with their commercial property. Council decided that it would be a good idea but when re-writing planning and zoning that we would add this with this but with the stipulation that the business must be running to be able to reside in it.
- * Rhonda Nutch: She was sent a certified letter for her weeds and she came to the council to speak about her plan and to inform them of others that have taller weeds than hers. She informed the council about her medical issues and that unfortunately her husband is not always home so the weeds do not always get done, she did call someone to spray here weeds, she also informed the council of dogs that she has seen running around town that may not have tags. She gave her list to the council member Pansy petit.

Financial Statement:

- * After a review of the presented bills, Pansy moved to pay the bills, Justin 2nd the motion, roll call, Pansy-Yes, Justin-Yes, Dan-Yes Roxanne- Yes, motion passed.

Adjournment:

- * Roxanne made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Pansy 2nd it, meeting called at 8:23 pm.

Susana Runyan

Approved on