

**City of Castleford
Council Meeting
June 13, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor Cliff Lockhart. Those in attendance were as follows: Cliff Lockhart, Justin Clark, Pansy Pettit, Timmie Fabela, Jane Bantea, Kristina Scott, Kristy Bridges
Public: Dena Allred, Bryan Edwards, Charlene Davis, Jerry Gonterman, John Martin CPA, Curtis Harkins, Herb Runyan, Jason Scott, Victor Keen

- * Jane established a quorum of the City Council.
- * Minutes from the May 9th meeting were read silently by council members. Pansy motioned to amend the minutes as AJ did not attend the May 9th meeting, Timmie 2nd, motion passed.

Special Guest: Whitecloud Communications – Jerry Gonterman presented information to the council about the benefits of continuing the memorandum of understanding with Whitecloud Communications. The lack of communication since establishing the contract was due to the previous person in charge of maintaining the contract with the city. Jerry has been working on the current contract and states the grant that was applied for was not granted but should have been relayed to the council and was not. The 2nd grant that was applied for, did get accepted for \$1.6 million to get fiber internet to Castleford. Jerry also informed the council about an additional grant (BEADS) that the city could apply for. Support letters from entities within the city helps grants become accepted, as it shows there is a need for internet to our community. No action taken.

Special Guest: Castleford Schools - Bryan Edwards and Dena Allred presented to the council their plans for solving the storm drainage issues. The school experienced extreme water damage to their gym in the previous months and it is unusable until fixed. The construction will last until October of 2023. Their proposed solution is to install concrete water collection tanks and a sub-pump. As a backup, they want to install water drainage pipe beneath, or beside the easement road next to the school. The easement road is property of the Barinaga family; therefore, the school proposes that they will contact them and ask permission. Being that the water will only run through the pipe as an overflow after heavy rainfall, they are hopeful that they will be allowed to use the easement road. The school also wants to install an additional fire hydrant at the corner of Wolf Pack Ln and Main St. Bryan will work with Victor for the hydrant installation. No action taken.

Special Guest: John Martin, CPA – John presented the audit for fiscal year 2022 to the council. He stated that compared to previous years, bookkeeping and auditing has improved immensely. Because of this, budgeting and audits have become much more accurate and cohesive. Justin motioned to approve the audit, Kristy 2nd, motion passed.

Old Business:

- * **Container at Fire Dept. – discuss possible sale** – Victor states that the fire department offered to purchase the container located at the fire department for \$1,500 as is. Pansy motions to accept the offer, Justin 2nd, motion passed.
- * **Personnel Policy** – moved to end of meeting.
- * **FY2024 Budget discussion** – Because there will be a budget committee meeting on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, Justin motioned to table, Pansy 2nd, motion passed.
- * **Assistant for water/wastewater department – present schedule** – Kristina, Jane, and Victor present to the council their schedules they decided amongst themselves. It has been manageable and increased productivity in the field and the office. Kristy motions to approve their schedules, Justin 2nd, motion passed.

New Business:

- * **Discuss updating weed ordinance – service charge for employee weed removal** – The council decided the fees in the weed ordinance needed to be updated. Kristy motions to make the flat rate \$100, and \$50 per man hour. Pansy 2nd, motion approved.
- * **Discuss getting oil changed in generators** – The generators the city owns need their oil changed. Curtis Harkins offers to service the generators and safely dispose of the used oil. Justin motions that Curtis service the generators, Pansy 2^{nds}, motion passed.
- * **Discuss possibility of closing Poplar St. at Jonathan intersection** – Herb Runyan presented to the council his concerns about the corner of Poplar St. and Jonathan Ave. He states there are speeders that do not obey the speed limit, and the fact that it is by the school, there are children crossing that are in danger of being hit by a speeding vehicle. There was discussion about a possible road closure at that corner as a solution. Curtis Harkins suggests that council members and Castleford residents make calls to the Twin Falls Sheriff's office to raise concerns with speeders in town. Pansy motions to table the decision until we investigate the legalities involved in closing off the road. Kristy 2^{nds}, motion passed.
- * **Discuss Stray Cat issue** – The council discussed the matter of stray cats being an issue in the city. Recommendations were live traps/relocation & calling the city contact for animal control. No action taken.
- * **Personnel Policy** - The council reviewed Section XI, and on, of the Personnel Policy. The council agreed to table until we obtain more information on other cities, similar to Castleford, to find out what their PTO/Sick Leave/Vacation packages are. No action taken.
- * **Discussion/concerns for future agenda** – None.
- * **Public Comment**
Motor Homes – Curtis Harkins brought up the issue of motor homes in the city that are dilapidated and pose a serious risk of injury to anyone, especially children, that are near them. Research into the city's ordinances will be done by the city clerk to see which ordinances may cover this concern.
- * **Financial Statement**
Council reviewed the financial statement. Pansy motioned to pay the bills, Justin 2nd, motion passed.

Adjournment:

- * Justin motioned to adjourn, Timmie 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Kristina Scott

Approved on