

Village of Pentwater

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Special Meeting of Village Council

Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 20, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.

PARK PLACE

310 NORTH RUSH STREET

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Hodges called the regular meeting of the Pentwater Village Council to order at 8:00 A.M. from the Park Place Meeting Center at 310 North Rush Street.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Dave Bluhm, Phillip Frame, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Kathy O'Connor and Jeff Hodges. Absent: Don Palmer.

Also, present: Village Manager Chris Brown, Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

None.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* by O'Connor, supported by Nugent to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6. Bluhm, Frame, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, and Hodges.

No: 0. Absent: 1. Don Palmer

Motion approved 6 - 0.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Comments from the President.

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DWSRF Engineering Contract.

Discussion was held with Don DeVries and regarding the cost of maintaining the current water source system, the age of the three wells and the risks involved of our water wells all being in the same aquifer versus the cost of creating a new water source system.

Dan Nugent - I believe what Dave Bluhm is asking can we treat well no. 1 and no. 3 and will our cost be significantly less?

Trustee Jared Griffis - the real risk is wellhead protection.

Trustee Phillip Frame – Jeff do we need to hold a special meeting to vote on this or can we vote during a Regular Council meeting?

President Jeff Hodges – if we get the numbers back in 2 weeks and Dave and Kathy are good with them, we are at the end of November beginning of December we can hold a special meeting. It is all based on the deadline. The timing is why we met at a Special Council meeting today. If the numbers are on track, we don't need a special meeting to vote on this.

Trustee Dave Bluhm – I am not in favor of a special meeting during the holidays. If Don and Scott (from Fleis and Vandenbrink) tell us that if we approve the engineering survey and the environmental study and then come back on December 11th at the regular council meeting, I am ok with that.

Trustee Phillip Frame - my concern is doing this at a regular meeting, is that smart? We can get bogged down with a lot of comments.

Trustee Dan Nugent – no worse than anything else. I would rather do this during the Regular Council meeting.

President Jeff Hodges – I think we have always been very public in what we are doing. We have very few meetings like this but the timing for the grant is a genuine concern. We do not want to miss deadlines.

Motion by Nugent, supported Griffis by to have Fleis & Vandenbrink move forward with the survey and the environmental study and get us financials on the carbon dioxide treatment as soon as F&V can.

Discussion was held on the map with the proposal.

Trustee Dave Bluhm asked why the 4-inch mains project on East Lowell St. was removed from the proposed map of the project. He has an issue with why we are doing Sand St.

Village Manager Chris Brown - for scoring we had to connect a loop. Plus, we have a dead end main at the Manufactured Home Park, which is a risk.

Trustee Dave Bluhm - can we add Lowell St to the project?

Don DeVries and Scott Hall, Fleis Vandenbrink – yes, you can add it to the part that you are bonding. One option is you can design it and bid it and then make a decision when you have the cost estimates.

Trustee Dave Bluhm – if we are going to invest into a water main project without addressing our number one short term issue, that does not seem to be prudent.

Discussion was held regarding adding the other items to the project and bidding it out to see the final cost. Fleis and Vandenbrink will revise the proposal for the December Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6. Bluhm, Frame, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, and Hodges.
No: 0. Absent: 1. Don Palmer
Motion approved 6 - 0.

B. Sewer Credits.

1. Mary Fuller, 347 E Hanover St.

Motion by Nugent, supported by Griffis to approve the recommendation from the Service Committee to give a credit on the sewer portion of the utility bill for Mary Fuller, 347 E. Hanover St. in the amount of \$200.00 for a leak in the lawn sprinkler system.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5. Bluhm, Frame, Griffis, Nugent, and Hodges.
No: 0. Abstain: 1. Kathy O'Connor. Absent: 1. Don Palmer
Motion approved 5 - 0 - 1.

2. Snug Harbor Marina, 620 S. Hancock St.

Motion by Nugent, Supported by Griffis to approve the recommendation from the Service Committee for a credit on the utility bill for Snug Harbor Marina for the sewer in the amount of 200,000 gallons, \$740.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6. Bluhm, Frame, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, and Hodges.
No: 0. Absent: 1. Don Palmer
Motion approved 6 - 0.

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Hodges adjourned the meeting at 9:24 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rande Listerman, MiCPT, CPFA, CPFIM, MiPMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Date