RANDOLPH TOWN BOARD MEETING
Randolph Town Office
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May 8, 2019
7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Weston
Lana Peart, Clerk
Melanie Limb
Larry Kennedy

ABSENT: Sim Bell, Brian Weyers

GUESTS: Cameron Bell, Frank Sano, Jennifer Bell, Beth Sano, Farrin Weise, Tyler Stuart

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Mr. Weise from Bear River Health was given the floor to address the meeting. He was here to encourage us to pass an ordinance making our town park a tobacco and e cig free zone. He provided us with examples of the ordinances used by other communities in our area. He believes that the use of tobacco and vaping are both public health risks and should be treated as such. Bear River Health could help us with signage and education if we decided to do this. The board agreed that we should consider the passage of an ordinance and would discuss the matter further. Mr. Weise was thanked for his participation in our meeting and the information he provided.

The Mayor then called our Public Hearing to order for the variance requested by Cameron and Jennifer Bell. They are requesting they be given permission to continue with the North Wall of their residence to the East. This wall is only approximately 9 feet from the property line and the current development code requires 15 feet. They have plenty of room for back and the other side setbacks. They would be adding two bedrooms and a 2-car garage in order to make their home their permanent residence.

The board believed that this was a reasonable request and would make their home much better to continue with the straight lines. Larry made the motion to accept the house plans and provide a variance, Melanie seconding, approved unanimously. Lana will write a letter giving permission to apply for a building permit.

The Bell’s also brought in an application for a business license for their business, JL Eager, Inc. They provide fish hatchery supplies throughout the intermountain west and pacific coast. Their business is mostly conducted through catalogs and with on line and phone orders. They will be renting the old Diamond W business on Main street to assemble and ship their products.
The board felt like this would be a great addition to the community. Melanie made the motion to accept their business license and set a $50 per year fee, Larry seconded, approved unanimously.

The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing with no public comments given and continued on with regular Town Board business.

Melanie and Beth Sano presented to the board their idea for a Town of Randolph sesquicentennial celebration in the summer of 2020. They were planning on Saturday, June 20 in the Town Park and activities included a pioneer parade, speaker, and a catered meal. They would also like to investigate republishing “Randolph, A Look Back”, with additional information from the last 50 years.

The Board felt that this was indeed a worthy project and would be willing to put money in our FY2020 budget to help with the celebration. Beth and Melanie will form a committee and continue with their plans.

Tyler Stuart was then given the floor to discuss the bid award from the bid opening on Monday. He had checked all bids and recommended that we accept Rock and Dirt’s lowest bid. The board was in agreement with his recommendation, moved by Melanie, seconded by Larry, approved unanimously. He will notify Chantry Argyle and prepare the contracts. Chantry will have 15 days to get his bonds in order and insurance coverage. We will then sign the contracts. The contracts were then preapproved in this meeting so that they could be signed when the information from Chantry was received and work could move forward.

Tyler also discussed with the board about raising regular water rates so that we would be eligible to apply for some grant or loan money to assist with water infrastructure projects in the future. There are several ways that this can be done, but we need to begin soon so that we don’t make a very large jump too quickly. We could adjust base rates, gallon allotments, and overage rates or amounts. We will begin thinking about how to proceed and make a five- or ten-year plan in the near future.

Lana read the minutes for last month’s meeting. They were moved to be approved by Larry, with Melanie seconding, approved unanimously. Melanie will not be able to attend the low-income housing meeting on May 14 and will try to get Sim to go in her placed.

We approved the bills, with Larry making the motion, Melanie seconding, approved unanimously. We discussed trying to get someone to trim our park trees, Out on a Limb out of Evanston was mentioned. The Mayor also gave us a bid for aeration of the Park by Sulser Lawn Care at $750.

Melanie mentioned that we had not received our scholarship applications, but she will get with Jody Muir and see how many we have. Melanie will provide copies to the board and hopefully, we can decide with a conference call or through group text.
The board was presented with copies of this year’s financial progress and budget projections. We will need to make at least two, perhaps three FY2019 budget adjustments to cover unforeseen expenses.

We also need to be making firm plans for the FY2020 budget. The budget hearing will be held this year on June 12 at 7:30 pm.

Melanie made the motion that we dismiss at 9:45 pm, seconded by Brian agreed upon unanimously.

Mayor______________________________Clerk______________________________

Date of Approval____________________