

Minutes of the August 1, 2024 Public Hearing and Bearcreek Council Meeting

The public hearing on the preliminary '24-'25 budget was called to order by Chair Boos at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were Paul Hogan, Harold Jenkins, Danell Boos, and Betty Cristan, as was Dean Webb, public works director. Public in attendance was Brent Moore, Interstate Engineering. There were no public comments verbally or written received. With no further discussion, the public hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All persons present at the hearing joined the regular meeting. Absent were Mayor Surwill; Rob Surwill, animal control; and Loni Hanson, zoning administrator.

Harold moved to accept the minutes, the financial report, and the budge vs. actual report. Paul seconded said motion which passed 4-0.

Claims were presented for payment and approved with a motion by Betty, seconded by Paul which passed 4-0.

There was no correspondence.

There were no public comments.

Dept. Head Reports – Dean reported that the water flow was good, sewer was doing well, and he would get the cemetery gate repaired, hopefully, next week.

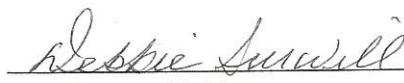
There were no council concerns.

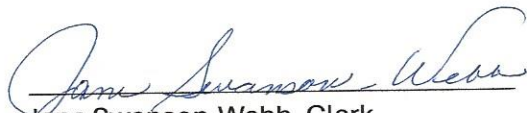
Under unfinished business (1) Brent Moore, Interstate Engineering, gave the council an update on the water projects completed, those in progress, and the additional grants they are applying for. Some grants will not be awarded until the new legislation session; therefore, it would be in 2025 until engineering and the bidding process. Brent questioned the council if they thought researching another water source would be advisable. The council members agreed that if a grant could be found to do the research, that would be great. Paul requested that the engineers of Interstate confer with Dean and utilize his expertise. Brent assured the council that they would be conferring with Dean a lot on these projects. A representative from Interstate will be at the next meeting to advise the council more on grants and the amounts available. (2) The Resolution setting the '24-'25 budget was passed 4-0 with a motion by Paul and seconded by Harold.

There was no new business as the Resolution from the County dissolving the Fire Board and the contract between them and the Town for fire protection hadn't been sent over.

Clerk's items: (1) The clerk advised that the budget she had hung in the post office for all to review was taken and not returned. (2) The window on the hall screen door had been broken therefore Dean had taken in for replacement. (3) Courtney Eves was finished cleaning in September and the council decided to advertise the position in the post office and word of mouth as we had local persons interested in the position. (4) The ordinance passed out was the one passed to accept the ordinance recodification and would be effective August. 11th. She asked that all members and department heads put it in their Code book of the recodified codes.

With no further business Harold moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Paul, passed 4-0.


Debbie Surwill, Mayor


Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk