**Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**July 6th, 2020**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of July 6th, 2020 to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present**

**Mayor** Susan Fleshman; **Councilpersons**: Bob Dauwalder, Pete Klein, Kara Fuhringer, and Pat Bayala. **Public Works Director /Finance Officer/Clerk** Jeremiah Kjensmo **Press: Vonnie Jacobson**

**Public:** Mark Larson, Dan Schuler, Beth Kordonowy

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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There was no discussion Councilwoman Fuhringer moved to accept, second by Councilman Dauwalder. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Current Bills**

Mayor Fleshman presented the current bills, there was no discussion. Councilwoman Bayala moved to pay the bills and those yet to come in, second by Councilwoman Fuhringer. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Water Project Draw Request**

Mayor Fleshman presented the Draw requests:

SRF A for $7,454.00. Motion made by Councilman Klein to approve request, second by Councilman Dauwalder. Motion Carried unanimously.

SRF B request for $3,393.00. Motion made by Councilman Klein, second by Councilwoman Fuhringer. Motion Carried Unanimously.

TSEP #5 for $189,180.55. Motion made by Councilwoman Bayala, second by Councilman Dauwalder. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Schuler Land Abatement**

Mark Larson explained to the council that the Schuler Brothers are asking that the Town of Dutton abate a piece of land approximately 5’x170’ in between two lots that they own on the edge of Town that were most likely used to square up the tract and make them even when it was originally mapped. Mr. Larson explained the process involving public notice and any fees to get this accomplished would be born by the Schuler Brothers and that they would handle all the leg work involved.

They were asked by the Council to do the public noticing and everything else that needed to happen before they could officially move on the issue, and come back to the next meeting and report the status.

**Sewer Lift Station Pump Replacement**

Mayor Fleshman informed the Council of the need to replace aging pumps in the sewer lift station, and the costs that would be incurred in doing so citing information given by Russell Industries, the company that does all our lift station maintenance. Mayor Fleshman explained that the impellers were thinning and that both pumps needed to be replaced, saying that it would be most fiscally feasible to do them one at a time instead of incurring the whole cost up front.

Councilman Klein moved to buy one pump now, and another in six months to a year, second by Councilwoman Bayala. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Audit Contract**

Mayor Fleshman presented the contract that was sent over for signature by Strom & Associates for audit services for FY’20 audit and any subsequent for a period of 3 years. Motion to accept and sign made by Councilman Dauwalder. Second by Councilwoman Bayala. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Preliminary Budget**

Mayor Fleshman explained that every year we adopt the previous years budget as our preliminary budget and that our preliminary budget became our working budget for the last year, and that we still need to adopt it in order to maintain compliance. Motion made by Councilwoman Fuhringer to approve the prior year budget as our preliminary budget, second by Councilman Dauwalder. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Fleshman informed the council of her decision to give raises this year for $.75 per hour to public works assistant Evan Gouchenour and $1.00 per hour to Clerk/Finance Officer/Public Works Director Jeremiah Kjensmo. She explained that Mr. Kjensmo had forgone a raise last year above the COLA and that Mr. Gouchenour had gotten a more substantial raise. She went on to say how important retention of the Towns only Two full time employees was and that since the Town does not pay Benefits it was important to give raises to the guys that keep the Town running.

**Next Meeting**

Mayor Fleshman set the next meeting for August 3rd.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

