

November 25, 2013
Morton City Council Public Hearing
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Councilman Richard Vanderlip
Councilman Peppy Elizaga
Councilwoman Salina Smathers
Councilwoman Christina Ladson

Public Hearing on the 1st reading of 2014 Budget began at 6:00PM and had no attendance. Peppy Elizaga stood in as the Pro-Tem Mayor in Mayor Gerwig's absence. Meeting was closed at 6:30PM.

Regular City Council Meeting began at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Peppy Elizaga.

Richard made motion to accept consent agenda, Salina 2nd and all were in favor.

Council went into Executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Litigation.

Public comment was offered but there was none.

In New Business, the 2014 budget was presented to Council for discussion. Although the budget is balanced, Richard requested more time to look budget over with the Mayor and Department Heads to review some items in question. Richard would like to address possible funding for the Library. Richard and Salina, 2 members of the finance committee will meet with the Mayor and Department Heads on Tuesday November 26, 2013.

The Council discussed visitmorton.com website, a request from Marc Fisher from CRVHS for \$15,000 for the visitor center, and prioritizing Tourism funds. The City receives approximately \$20,000 in Tourism funds to be distributed out to businesses for tourism purposes. Council decided to give CRVHS for the visitor center, \$5,000. Council is going to continue looking into the website and see what some options there may be in reducing the cost. Council all agreed to spend \$300 yearly to have City ordinances and codes on-line at Municode.com.

Contract for Gray and Osborne was amended to pay \$530.00 out of the grant money for the work they did for the city on the blinking school zone signs. All were in favor.

A draft of the Interlocal Agreement between City of Morton and LCFD#4 was discussed and agreed by all council members to accept the agreement. The agreement remains the same as it has been, but needed to be updated. Last update was in 1991.

Ordinance #2013-06 Impounding of Motor Vehicles was approved by council, along with Resolution 486 Shared Services with Lewis County. Both items were discussed at last month's meeting.

Council discussed the issue of Helen McCulloughs seventh St driveway. Helen had requested the city to cut out the curb and aprons on 2 of her properties so she could get access to her drive ways. After legal

Council and discussion the council members agreed to cut outs and aprons. Mayor Gerwig will contact Helen to set up meeting to discuss the matter.

Keith Courner, Public Works Superintendent presented Council with a list of items to surplus. Council agreed to surplus the items.

Council was given an update on meetings the Mayor has had with Morton School District and Timberland Library. They are trying to come up with a home and agreement between the City, School District, and Timberland to house the Library at the High School. Remodeling is an issue and the last dollar amount given for remodel is \$32,502. More meetings will be ongoing. Nothing has been decided as of yet.

Council was given a copy of the letter of violation from Department of Ecology concerning the Wastewater Plant. City will respond to Ecology on this violation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully,


Tamara Clevenger, City Clerk-Treasurer


James F Gerwig, Mayor