

December 23, 2013
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor James Gerwig
Councilman Richard Vanderlip
Councilman Peppy Elizaga
Councilwoman Salina Smathers
Councilwoman Christina Ladson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerwig.

Motion was made to move consent agenda to the end of new business. Richard motioned with Salina 2nd and all in favor.

Public comment was offered and there was none.

April Doolittle representing Fire Mt Arts Council requested tourism funds of \$4,000.00 to help with website and advertising for the year.

Marc Fisher representing the visitors center, requested \$10,000.00 for the year to cover wages and expenses to keep visitors center open.

The Chamber is requesting \$3,200.00 to help pay for visitmorton.com website and also VisitRainier requested \$2,500.00 yearly for that website.

After discussion, the council decided to have the finance committee meet and go over the tourism budget and then make a recommendation to the council at the January meeting. All were in favor.

Teamsters Local 252 agreement for 2014 was talked about and Council decided to accept agreement. Peppy motioned, Salina 2nd and all were in favor. Based on a survey of comparable wages done by Mike Werner the teamsters rep., employees will receive a 4% wage increase.

After 2 Public Hearings and Council meetings the Council passed the 2014 Budget. Christina motioned to accept, Peppy 2nd and all in favor.

Dan Mortensen requested Ron Meyers, the city's Police Reserve to get a wage increase to \$15.00 hour. Also asked to hire a part time, under 80 hours month Police Deputy Clerk. Peppy motioned to accept, Richard 2nd and all in favor.

Council authorized the Mayor to sign Interlocal agreement between the City of Morton and LCFD#4 that was agreed upon from the November Council meeting.

Council discussed and decided to accept the lease agreement between the City of Morton and Lewis County District Court. Court pays \$400.00 month to have court 1 day a month at the Lyle Community Center. All were in favor. Also Council accepted the Lewis County Jail agreement between the City and LC Jail. All were in favor.

In old business there was discussion on looking into rates and the monthly agreement to Rent RV space at Backstrom Park. It was decided Park Committee would meet and also refer to City Attorney Bill Boehm on the monthly agreement for recommendation. Council will revisit this after all is looked into.

There was not any Public participation

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamara Clevenger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being larger and more prominent.

Tamara Clevenger, City Clerk-Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James F Gerwig". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with a large, looping flourish at the end.

James F Gerwig, Mayor