

April 28, 2014  
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor James Gerwig  
Councilman Richard Vanderlip  
Councilman Peppy Elizaga  
Councilwoman Christina Ladson  
Councilwoman Salina Smathers  
City Attorney Bill Boehm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerwig.

Motion was made to accept consent agenda by Richard, Peppy 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

Public comment was offered and there was not any.

Dianna Peck gave a talk on Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She presented the Mayor with a proclamation document proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Council voted to approve and Mayor signed the document.

Larry Julius from Gray and Osborne presented to council the results of the bids for the TIB Overlay Street Improvements Project. There were six bids submitted with the lowest bid being \$315,533.50 from OSG Dozing, LLC from Olympia Wa. Gray and Osborne checked their credentials and found them to have met the responsibility criteria. Based on Gray and Osborne's evaluation they recommend the project be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, OSG Dozing, LLC. Richard motioned to accept with Peppy 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor. Larry also presented amendment No. 5 to contract for Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Replacement. Add attached Exhibit "A" covering the Fisher Drive Sewer Reconstruction, with a "not-to-exceed" budget of \$880.00. Motion was made by Peppy to accept with Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

Council was asked to approve Ordinance 2014-03, Annexation by LCFD No 4. The City may initiate annexation by adoption of this Ordinance stating an intent to join the Fire District and finding that the public interest will be served. If the County agrees with the annexation, the County shall call for a special election to be held in the City. After discussion Richard made a motion to accept, Christi 2<sup>nd</sup>, Salina yes, and Peppy Nay.

Council was asked to approve Resolution 487. Setting Goals for Water Use Efficiency. This was talked about and approved at last month's meeting. Peppy motioned to accept Resolution 487, Salina 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

There were two citizen complaints presented to council. The first was from Mary Jo Hobbs asking for corrective action concerning trees on her neighbor's property that branches out over to her property. She is concerned about the safety and that the branches could fall on her home. After discussion council agreed it was a property owner dispute and Mayor Gerwig and Police Chief Mortensen will talk with Mrs. Hobbs.

The second complaint is from Shanna Angel. She reports that NW Fiber on Davis Lake Rd has trucks that leave their property and are bring mud and rocks that cover half the driving area on Davis Lake Rd.

When you drive through that then mud and gravel fly onto your windshields. Mayor Gerwig will talk with plant owners and ask them to apply gravel to the mud areas.


Attorney Bill Boehm presented his letter of intent to retire along with a recommendation to hire the law firm of Buzzard & Associates from Centralia. The Mayor, City Clerk, Council members Salina Smathers and Peppy Elizaga met with Jim Buzzard at an earlier date and reported a positive meeting and would recommend hiring them. After a 10 minute executive session and discussion the council voted all in favor to retain Buzzard and Associates.

City Clerk presented Resolution 488 authorizing City of Morton investment monies to be in the Local Government Investment Pool. The Monies are already invested in the Pool but an updated resolution needs to be passed each year. Council was all in favor.

There was not any old business or public participation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully,



Tamara Clevenger, City Clerk-Treasurer



James F Gerwig, Mayor