

CITY OF TOULON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
TOULON FIREHOUSE

PRESENT: Mayor Hollis, City Clerk Barbara J Cantwell, Attorney Kate Carter

Donna Lefler, Art Nuthorn 1st Ward Alderman

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson 2nd Ward Alderman

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson 3rd Ward Alderman

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES TO THE AUGUST 14, 2023 MEETING: Page 4 under TOULON FIREMEN BUNKER RUN DONATION 2nd line added run after bunker. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Michael Schott 2nd, Art Nutzhorn abstained, motion passed.

CASH RECEIPT REPORT: Total Cash Receipt for August 2023 is \$113,950.93. Donna Lefler wants Queen of Hearts added to the Civic Association line. Michael Schott made a motion to accept the Cash Receipt Report for August 2023 as amended. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report for August 2023 is \$ 1,269,733.77. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report for August 2023. Art Nutzhorn 2nd, motion passed.

REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Jake Streitmatter reported the culvert on Jefferson St. has been started. Ryan Kelly reported the police have been plenty busy this month.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS: Page 6 of the board listing, changed

Riverstone Group invoices 01-41-652 to 01-41-614 and Twigs Comp Shop invoice changed 01-11-928 to 01-11-830. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the submitted claims as amended. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Kate Carter reported there was one court appearance on an ordinance violation that entered into a payment agreement.

CULVERT ON JEFFERSON ST./ROCK & SEWER LINING: Matt Forstrom reported the water main runs under the old culvert. After removing the water main more rock is needed than anticipated because the culvert will have to be raised higher than it normally was and run the water main deeper under the culvert. So, will have to have 350 tons more of rock than was previously voted on for the project. Michael Schott made a motion to pay \$10,850.00 for 350 tons of rock and the trucking for the Jefferson Street culvert project from Riverstone and Promise Land Trucking (Joe Hulsey). Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

UNSEWERED COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT GRANT: Justin Reeise reported that he received some questions that he will answer and incorporate into the original report and send it back to the state. No other news as of right now.

PARK GRANT: Michael Schott is having conversations with Ryan from NCICG daily to help write up the story for the application. The city should find out if we received the grant by early 2024.

ENGINEERING PLANS FOR WATER MAINS: Justin Reeise reported there was nothing new as of now to report.

MARK SWANK SEWER: The IEPA permit has been received and we do have the manholes for the project. So, this project will move forward soon.

SIDEWALKS ON WEST MAIN STREET: The Mayor asked Justin to put together a formal plan to make this sidewalk handicap accessible.

SIDEWALKS AT DOLLAR GENERAL: This project is still up in the air. No plans are done currently.

VAC TRAILER RENTAL AND AGREEMENT: Kate Carter amended the agreement to read the cost will be \$400.00 per hour and an employee will transport and run the trailer while the vac is being rented. Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve the City of Toulon Vac Trailer Rental Use Agreement. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

LANDSCAPING CITY HALL: We have an estimate from Hoerr Landscaping Inc. of \$13,380.00. The bid was not accepted at this time.

HOMETOWN CONSULTING: Matt Fick and Cole McDaniel were present to talk to the council at last month's council meeting and gave a presentation. The cost was \$30,000.00, or quarterly payments of \$7,500.00 for the first year. Locked in for the first year. They will give quarterly updates on any progress being made. Not making any decisions now. Wanting to wait so Art Nutzhorn can look the information over before the next meeting.

SIDEWALKS TO LIBRARY: Jefferson Street has an old sidewalk that needs to be redone but it is not up to ADA compliance for such a hill. The sidewalk going down Main Street may have a few issues but could be doable. Going to investigate possibly getting the grant called Safe Routes to School.

SIDEWALKS N. HENDERSON: The Mayor has reached out to the resident who requested to have the sidewalk replaced but he has not had any response back from them.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS FOR PARK: Jake Streitmatter would like to buy 3. Ryan Kelly got ahold of Blake Quart, the one who made the containers on Main Street. The quote came back for \$800.00 up to \$1,000.00 each. Jake got a quote from Kirbybuilt Sales for \$2,338.07 for 3 cans total. Michael Schott made a motion to purchase 3 garbage cans from Kirbybuilt Sales up to \$2,500.00, 2 red and 1 black. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: No business.

APPROVAL OF MFT: Justin Reeise reported he had 2 new bids, and the low bid was \$45,500.40 from Potter & Sons. It was a little over the budget, but the paperwork has already been submitted to IDOT. The bid needs to be approved by the council. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the bid from Potter & Sons of \$45,500.40. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING SERVICES: Brandon Simpson would like the ordinances on the website. American Legal has different options that can put the ordinances on the website. You can search by definitions or keyword searches etc. The cost to put the minutes on the website would be \$1.00 per page. The cost of storage is \$50.00 a year with an increase of 1 ½% per year. Brandon is going to get prices and more info and bring it to next month's meeting.

AMEND ORDINANCE 932 BRUSH PICKUP: The Mayor does not want to amend the ordinance. Doesn't want to put a fee on picking up tree limbs or brush.

BLACKTOP QUOTE FOR ALLEY: This is the alley going past the old locker behind Berchtold apartments. Berchtold Asphalt Paving gave a quote of \$3,000.00. Michael Schott made a motion to pay Berchtold Asphalt Paving \$3,000.00 to redo the alley, east of Franklin Street to the back of Notorious Brewing. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

TOTAL HOME SERVICE CORNER REPAIR: It's been quite a few years, but when the city employees were plowing snow on the sidewalks the corner of the Total Home Service building was hit by the lawn mower that was pushing snow. Tom Pearson has approached one of the aldermen and the mayor several times to repair this, but nothing seems to have been done and now the building is starting to separate. Don't know if it's a structural issue yet. The Mayor asked Tom to get some quotes on what it would cost to repair the building.

FIRE HYDRANTS: The fire hydrants that were bought a while back have not been put in because they need instavalves to be able to shut the water off at the hydrants.

So, we are waiting for a quote from Laverdiere Construction to install the hydrants and the instavalves.

TIF: Connie Jacobson made a motion to approve and pay Jacob & Klein \$460.75 and Ec. Dev. Group for \$1,843.00. A total of \$2,303.75. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Brandon Simpson, and Michael Schott abstained, Donna Lefler voted no and Mayor Hollis voted yes, motion passed.

Connie Jacobson made a motion to pay FY2024-5A, repay w/s savings for \$7,436.00. repay gen savings for \$3,917.50, pay Flow Technics for \$822.50, pay BEA of II for \$528.37, pay Hawkins for \$1,586.14, pay Core & Main for \$5,400.00 for a total of \$19,690.51. Donna Lefler 2nd, Brandon Simpson, and Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

Connie Jacobson made a motion to approve and pay FY2024-5B, repay gen savings \$2,085.36, pay Slavish Inc for \$2,965.84, Evoqua for \$353.36, Menards for \$533.15, BSN Sports for \$129.29, Core & Main for \$2,445.06, Henry Co Highway Dept for \$505.20, for a total of \$9,017.26. Donna Lefler 2nd, Brandon Simpson, and Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

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Michael Schott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

