



COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2020 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Doyle Palmer

Called to order at 9:00 am

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of a discussion on the Broadband, K. Schutte second the motion and it was passed.

K. Schutte made a motion to approve the 12/1/20 minutes, G. Weaver second the motion, it was passed.

K. Schutte made a motion to approve Vouchers after a discussion about the amounts being sent to ACDC and Controlfrees, G. Weaver second the motion and it was passed. D. Vietzke will sign the checks after the new US Bank checks arrive. Kenny requested his check be mailed.

The new Alarm system is working well. It was discovered that the alarm at Well 2 needs to be physically silenced. It will alarm for low water level as well as a communication failure.

JUB is still pushing to get a final determination on the location of Hangar 4 in response to the Object Free Zone. It is looking like the building will be able to stay where it is, but no final word has been given. There will be an additional statement in the leases restricting the wingspan of the planes on the north side of the building to 35 feet or less. The Hangar 4 building delivery has been delayed another two weeks. There is an established waiting list for hangars. There have not been responses to the letters that have been sent out with the billings. C. Faix was able to assist in finding a hangar for the plane that has been tied down at the airport.

Commissioners and C. Faix left at 9:25am to sign the signature cards at US Bank. They returned at 10:00am.

Project Ruby will not be able to get enough natural gas without a whole new pipeline being put in. Their representatives are not returning phone calls.

Angel Garza would like to sell 10 acres that include a rail spur in Bruce. He was referred to Janice.

C. Faix is trying to meet with Janice in regards to the B.A.T. that is needed for the Broadband project. It was suggested that the Port should just take charge and move forward. It was requested that Mary Dye be contacted as that is one of her projects and she might be able to point us towards the right steps and funding. It was suggested that C. Faix attend one of the Port of Whitman meetings. K. Schutte brought up information on broadband auctions.

JUB is still talking with the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall. It is still looking like some storage will still be needed in Bruce.

The Fredrickson heater/air conditioner for Unit B will be replaced.

JRCC is working with CIAW on the water damage downstairs. The replacement items will be similar to what was there. We are still waiting on the formal approval from the insurance company.

K. Schutte has someone who may want to lease the Hatton land. It was suggested that leasing is better than CRP as the CRP would be locked in for 10 years. The ground is estimated to only be valued at \$400 per acre. There is no water or other infrastructure. All of the homes are on septic and there is a moratorium on further septic systems. The owner is wanting the city to annex all of the property and zone it residential and light industrial. If it is annexed, the city may fight it being farmed. It would only be annexed with an assurance clause built in that the property would be turned over to the Port. The city has requested that we take over the water system and it was decided that is not possible. The property is not within the Port boundaries. The Port attorney said that was ok as long as no other port owns it. The Port boundaries can eventually be expanded to include the property.

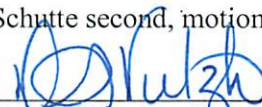
K. Schutte motioned to decline the donation of land, G. Weaver second the motion and it was passed.

The meetings in January will be the 12th and 26th.

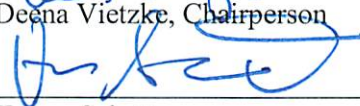
There was a request to looking into the cost of insurance through the Port for the Commissioners. It was determined it would be at least \$850 a person.

The HAM radio group has requested a electrical outlet be put in the storage room at the airport for their antenna. The \$500 previously discussed will be applied to that and the Port will assume the electrical usage fees. The pole that the antenna goes on will need to be dropped; G. Weaver volunteered to help C. Faix with that.

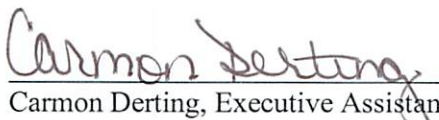
G. Weaver motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:50, K. Schutte second, motion passed.



Deena Vietzke, Chairperson



Kenny Schutte



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant

Gary Weaver