
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

June 7, 2022 at 7:16 p.m.

First Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-1 Water & Sewer Rate Increase.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Shelly Wulfers, Marcella Darling, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust and Marshal Jeremy Minor.

Minnie Howard. presented **Ordinance 2022-1** Amending Ordinance 2020-3 Water & Sewer Rate Increase for the second hearing.

Alaathea F. said there are copies of all the ordinances on the table for the public to have, we can read it aloud if the public would like us to. No one in the public wanted the ordinances to be read aloud.

Minnie H. opened the meeting for public comments.

Gage Johnson asked why are we raising rates? Alaathea F. said because of the infrastructure repair and rising cost.

Keith Scott asked what is it that the Sewer pays for besides electricity? Alaathea F. the cost of materials and repairs have gone up along with other things.

No more comments.

Shelly W. made the motion to close this public hearing, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Minnie H. said the second public hearing will be on June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Town Meeting

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Shelly Wulfers, Marcella Darling, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust and Marshal Jeremy Minor.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

Streets/Maintenance: Luke M. not present.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide not present.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor said the grass on 514 East Washington street is really tall and need attention. Alaathea F. said she has already contacted the owner of the property and told them they have until June 10th to get it mowed or they will be charged for mowing from the Town.

Jeremy M. said that sometime ago we passed out some blighted property notices, we served one on the empty house on 414 E Washington street. I have received a complaint on the house and is starting to cave in, I would like to revisit that property.

Jeremy M. asked the Town Council if he could have a credit card to be able to put gas in the police car and keep better track of the fuel being use for the car. Shelly W. made the motion to give Jeremy a card, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month.

Report from Attorney: Rob Reimondo not present.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for June 7, 2022 to the Board, Shelly W. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the bank reconcilements for April 2022.

Alaathea F. presented the Board with the Fund Report, Appropriation Report, Revenue Report up to date.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay McCord Electrical for \$2157.04 out of the ARP Fund, Lagoon Donation Fund and other funds for control panel for sewer meter install at the New Richmond Park. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill out of the ARP Fund, Lagoon Donation Fund and other funds, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said I talked to Jay Boser on June 3rd and he said Center Point will need to do a feasibility study first to see if it will be convenient for the company to put natural gas in New Richmond. The Clerk/Treasurer will need to provide how many residential and commercial units there are in town, along with a percentage that use propane now and the nearest natural gas line.

Alaathea F. said she will be out of the office June 12-16 for ILMCT & SBOA conference.

Old Business:

Harrison Street Lift Station: No report.

Street Bids for 2022: Alaathea F. presented the Council with 2 sealed bids and said I mailed letters requesting 3 bids and only 2 returned by the deadline. Minnie H. said we have a bid from Fox Paving & Construction in the amount of \$43,100.00 and Rieth-Riley Construction in the amount of \$63,000.00. After some discussion Shelly W made the motion to approve Fox Paving's bids of \$43,100.00, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Shelly W. asked when they will start. Alaathea F. said I have to apply for the Community Crossings Grant and once we are awarded, then we will know when the street work will be scheduled.

Traffic Ordinance: Alaathea F. said I have a draft copy of the ordinance for the Town Council and the Town Marshal to look at, Jeremy M. would like to have a Work Session meeting to discuss some of the things in it and then it will go to the Attorney for his approval. Alaathea F. said to get with her on everyone's availability for a Work Session meeting.

Coal Creek Fire & Rescue Agreement: Alaathea F. said Minnie H. and I had a good conversation with Dale Jones (Coal Creek Fire & Rescue Board Member) about the agreement. Dale Jones had two requests about the Agreement, some wording changes and that the \$2000.00 for propane would go to the Coal Creek Fire & Rescue. After some discussion Shelly W. made the motion to approve the Agreement, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

New Business:

4th of July Celebration: Alaathea F. said after talking with the insurance agent about our renewal for the Town insurance, he brought up the 4th of July event, he said that all vendors needed to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance to the Town to have on file for the event. Alaathea F. said she sent a letter on June 3rd to the Fire Works Committee requesting those. Minnie H. asked if there was a deadline for those Certificates. Alaathea F. said a week before the event.

Cleaning Person: Minnie H. said we have a cleaning position that needs to be filled if anyone knows of someone contact Alaathea F.

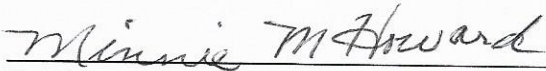
Lagoon Road Fence Row: Jay Busse presented the Council a quote to clean out the Lagoon Road fence row in the amount of \$3600.00. After some discussion Shelly W. made the motion to approve Jay Busse quote, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-2 Providing for Fire Protection for the Town of New Richmond to be furnished by Coal Creek Township without the Existence of a contract (draft): Alaathea F. said Minnie and I discuss this with Dale Jones and said if this is something of interest to him, we would need to pass this before July 1, in order for the Coal Creek Township to proceed in the process they need to do. This is what the Town of Linden has with their Fire Department and seems to be pretty successful in that arrangement. It is up to the Town Council, as for Dale Jones he was interested in it when Minnie H. and I talked to him. It will be up the Township if they want to pass a Resolution to do this or not.

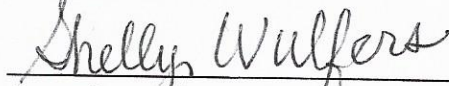
Minnie H. said we will have the public hearing and adoption of this ordinance will be June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Written Questions: Alaathea F. read aloud the questions that were drop off to the Town Hall or emailed and answers to the questions. The questions came from Carmine Azzato and one anonymous.

After public comments, Shelly W. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

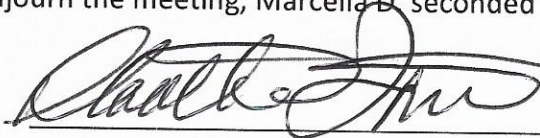


President Minnie Howard



Council Member Shelly Wulfers

Council Member Marcella Darling



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust