

May 28, 2024 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING – MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE

Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and requested a roll call. Council members Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, and Walton were present. Webb was absent and excused. Public comment was heard from Terry Bacon regarding the fees charged. Frank Clements commented on data required or utilized for the ordinance. Margaret Ellibee commented on a process for evaluating a waiver as a 501c3. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

The Regular meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Palmer at 7:07 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, and Walton were present. Webb was absent and excused. Clerk Smith and DPW Superintendent Friend were also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Dye requested that Budget Amendments be considered under Financial Statements.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Terry Bacon commented on parking fees, the use of such revenue, and requested a reading of the summary of his communication.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Dye, support by Rademacher to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes of the 5/9/2024 Work Session, 5/16/24 Special Meeting, and Bills totaling \$21,203.45. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – April Cash by Fund reports from the Clerk and Treasurer were received. Totals from each indicate that the general ledger and the bank statements agree. Budget Amendments required for the new office purchase were reviewed. **Motion by Dye, support by Chase to approve the amendments recommend by Smith (handout). ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, And Walton. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

COMMUNICATIONS – Dye read a letter from Frank Clements regarding a Short Term Rental. Palmer read the summary portion of a letter from Terry Bacon regarding a Short-Term Rental.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – The report from the DPW was reviewed by Friend.

COUNCIL MEMBER / COMMITTEE REPORTS – Dye reported a STR committee meeting is scheduled tomorrow, 2 p.m. at the library.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE - Motion by Walton, support by Dye to approve Ordinance #119 (replacing the entire previous version) with the deletion of the second sentence of section 3.3. Discussion included the fee amount and the legal opinion pointing out the risks of a waiver. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer,**

Rademacher, Walton, Webb. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED. There was consensus to discuss the fee at the next work session.

RENOVARE CONTRACT CONTINUATION – Motion by Bacon, support by Dye to approve the agreement with Renovare including the changes to the proposal. Discussion included a review by Bacon of the new scope of work detailed in a provided handout. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, and Walton. Nays: None.**

NEW BUSINESS

BEACH PARKING FEES – Discussion included the regulatory ordinance and a correlation between the fee and service provided. Motion by Dye, support by Walton to move this to the June Work Session. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PERSONNEL POLICY – Motion by Walton, support by Chase to approve the Employee Shirt and Sweatshirt Agreement with signed consent in Personnel files, and addition of the PPE Policy to the Personnel Policy. Upon a verbal vote, MOTION PASSED.

SOUTH BAR LAKE WATER TESTING – Motion by Chase, support by Bacon to approve the continued monitoring at South Bar Lake beach. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVE PLUMBER BID – Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to approve the proposal from Westshore Plumbing not to exceed \$1700. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

EXTEND END DATE – WASTEWATER STUDY UPDATE TASK FORCE – Motion by Rademacher, support by Dye to extend the end date until August 2024. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

ASSET MAPPING SOFTWARE FOR DPW – Motion by Rademacher, by Dye to approve \$571 from the Water Fund for one year of Silversmith software. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, and Walton. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Linda Young commented on civility and public participation. Steve Weller commented on letters allowing attacks being read at meetings. Frank Clements commented on a response to his letter regarding Short Term Rentals.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – None.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:47 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the June 13, 2024, Council meeting.