

CITY OF VADER

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PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING

LOCATION: Vader City Hall

DATE: November 8th, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: by Jill Nielson, City Clerk/Treasurer

In Attendance	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused	Name/Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Smith, Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judy Costello, Position #1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Dailey, Position #2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Schey, Position #3 & Mayor Pro-Tem
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Parsons Position #4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leona Sander-Hunter Position #5

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mike Parsons.

Mayor's report:

1. Reminder that the next City Council meeting will be held on November 29th, 2018 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will also be a workshop at 5:00 p.m. just before the meeting.
2. Reported that in order to lower the speed limit around the school property, a special "speed zone" would need to be instituted. After that, the State Department of Transportation has funds set aside to put up speed limit signs for a speed zone.

Council Reports:

Mike Parsons-reported that he had received information that the fireworks for the 4th of July in 2019 would be approximately \$10,000 if the city wanted a display similar to the 2018 show.

Jason Dailey-again announced that they are accepting donations of food items or money at the Little Crane Cafe for the Thanksgiving baskets. Donations can also be taken to the Community Center. All donations need to be received by November 18th.

Agenda:

Action-----I move to approve the agenda for 11/8/2018 City Council Meeting as written.

Motion Submitted by: Leona Sander-Hunter
2nd the motion: Jason Dailey
Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Minutes:

Action-----I move to approve the Minutes for the City Council Workshop and Meeting held on 10/25/2017 as written.

Motion Submitted by: Jason Dailey
2nd the motion: Leona Sander-Hunter
Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Vouchers:

Action-----I move to approve the vouchers for:

First Half of November 2018: \$ 112,163.84

Motion Submitted by: Joe Schey
2nd the motion: Leona Sander-Hunter
Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Special Reports:

Sergeant Cheeseman - Lewis County Sheriff's Office, reported on the October law enforcement activities.

City Business:

1. PUBLIC HEARING on 2019 Proposed Budget.

Action-----I move to open the public hearing on 2019 Proposed Budget and state that the hearing will not exceed 10 minutes.

Motion Submitted by: Jason Dailey
2nd the motion: Leona Sander-Hunter
Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Call to order:

6:16 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Joe Schey invited members of the public to comment on the proposed budget .

Cindy Radcliffe-I have several concerns about the budget. Number one, these numbers have changed, some of them have changed since the last one, a couple went down, I'm not sure how that happened. And the other issue I have is, uhh, for instance the code, the building and planning guy, he only turns in his bills like every four or five months. That number for building permit inspection costs is going to go up quite a bit. That last bill is several months ago. In fact, some of the inspections on our house weren't on the last bill. So we actually owe him more money than the \$2,000 that it's showing. I guess my concern is, these number don't really reflect what actually has happened. The one that went down that I (unintelligible) tonight is the attorney's bill. Last time it was at ten thousand and some change and it's eight thousand. None of my attorneys give money back so I'm not sure what happened there. Um, how much can we trust these numbers? (unintelligible..) these numbers. The other concern was, the major concern I have is there is absolutely nothing in this budget for the average person in this town. There is nothing that will help them clean-up their property, you have nothing for dumpsters once or twice a year for them to be able to take their trash. A lot of people in town don't have trucks, they can't afford the \$45 or whatever it takes to dump garbage. You don't have anything for gravel, so people can fix their own holes. You have nothing for road improvements. I don't see anything in here that is going to improve the everyday lives of the people in the city, and there should be something. Ya know, not this attorney, not just umm, what do ya call it, the planner, not just ya know, for the umm clerk and people that work in the office. It needs to be something that improves their everyday lives, and you have nothing in here. So I would hope that you would look at that and possibly add something to that. And then I would like to have a better set of numbers, I don't think these are accurate. And if you compare this list to the last one, and also what's online, you're gonna get different answers. There's also nothing in this budget about the money you've taken out of the sewer loan. You've spent \$3,000...

City Clerk-Yes it is.

Cindy Radcliffe- It wasn't in the last one.

City Clerk- It was and it is.

Cindy Radcliffe- It wasn't in the last one...show it to me. In the last one.

City Clerk- I can show it to you after the meeting.

Cindy Radcliffe- Okay, show it to me, on here.

City Clerk- The very last expenditure line item ...

Cindy Radcliffe- On what page?

City Clerk- Page 12 or 13.

Cindy Radcliffe- Well the last one I looked several times and there was nothing about how much you'd taken out of the loan. And you've only taken out \$525?

City Clerk- This year.

Cindy Radcliffe- Yeah, but Mr. Satterfield's getting more than that, I have the bills.

City Clerk- He does other things for us.

Cindy Radcliffe- No, and he, those, what he's paid for, those were separate than the, uh, than the uh...

City Clerk- (unintelligible) I'm sorry we're not supposed to (unintelligible)...I'm sorry.

Cindy Radcliffe- I've seen Mr. Satterfield's bills. There's two bills that come from that...

Mike Parsons- And it was on the last one also. It's there, too. By the way, just to make it clear. Yeah, it's there.

Cindy Radcliffe- Okay, I didn't see it on the last one. But here's my problem with that. I've seen Mr. Satterfield's bills, that place sends us two bills, one for the prosecuting attorney, or uh, indigent attorney's fees, and then Mr. Satterfield for the nether place over here, sends a separate billing. It adds up to more than \$525. And I have every single one of those bills. We can't trust these numbers unless you go back and look at these bills. And I've requested them and I've received them and they're not the same. For the exact same reason why the attorney's number went down. You can't trust all these numbers. I know you've taken (unintelligible) more, where else did you get this money for Mr. Satterfield? Anyone? Again, there's nothing in here that helps the everyday lives of the people in this town, to clean up their properties, to pay their bills, to get rid of their trash. There's nothing in here to help them fix their problems, nothing in here that improves their life. So, there's lots of money in here, tens of thousands of dollars, for attorneys, and planners, and code review and whatever that building inspector does. And that shouldn't be the way a budget (unintelligible) a quarter of a million dollars. You should be able to put some money aside that makes their lives a little bit better.

Joe Schey-Do we have another comment?

Cindy Radcliffe- I do. Can you explain why the attorney bills went down? The numbers went down?

City Clerk- I don't know what you are talking about, so I can't explain it. I'm sorry, I don't know what you are talking about.

Cindy Radcliffe- The city attorney was ten thousand and some change last time, this time is eight thousand.

City Clerk- The year to date bill?

Cindy Radcliffe-Yeah.

City Clerk-There were some that were...I can't, I need to look at it to tell you what happened. But you have to understand that the numbers that we gave out last time were preliminary, quick, estimates, it was not...that's one reason why I think a lot of cities don't give that information out to the public. Because the public doesn't understand that that is preliminary numbers and it's just to give them some kind of a ballpark. Okay, there not accurate, well, there not ready to be presented to the public which is why we don't present it to the public, most people. Last time everyone had a cow because they didn't get it presented to them, so this year I gave it out to you guys and now there is a misunderstanding

and misinformation. It would be very helpful for you to come or call city hall and talk to me about what your questions are so that I can research it and find the answers for you so that you can have correct information because several of the things that you stated are not accurate, just because you don't know what happened. And I can explain that to you, but this is not the forum for that.

Cindy Radcliffe- Well this is where we talk about it.

City Clerk-No. This is where you make your comments about, about the budget. This is where you tell Council what you want for your budget. The time to ask questions and figure out your information and make sure that you're correct is during business hours. That's all I'm gonna comment.

(Talking over each other, so unintelligible)

City Clerk-Yes, year to date does change. Yes it does. Because sometimes I realize as I go through this budget, I look at...(talking over)...hang on, you asked, excuse me, you asked, so let me answer. Now sometimes they change because as I go through the budget I look at these numbers and I go, that was assigned to the wrong line item and I correct that, and I make corrections. And that is probably what happened. I know in the attorney fees that has happened since I did the original numbers, um, that I gave out to council. I go through and I check numbers and I go, oh, that was actually pulled out of the wrong line item. So that would change her numbers. So it's not that it's not accurate, it's that you don't know what happened, so that's why you call and say, hey, can you tell me, can you explain this? And I can take a minute and review it, and refresh my memory to what happened and explain it to you, so you don't get up here and make statements that are inaccurate.

Cindy Radcliffe- Well I don't believe they are inaccurate. But let me respond. I do not believe that they are inaccurate. I've seen the bills and the bills have been coded. Now it's quite possible that she has, someone in the office has done a line item that should have gone to the sewer billing instead of the civil legal bill. But if I review all of the bills, I have most of them, if I review most of them and I look at what she, what her explanation is, and where Jill has coded it, it looks appropriate, because most of them, most of the civil attorney's bills are for code enforcement, or a form. Very little of it is for the sewer. At least this year, I haven't looked at the other year. So I don't believe that the city attorney bills went down two thousand dollars because of coding errors. I just don't believe that and I have most of those bills. So that's why I have questions about these numbers. Second, I've called over to other cities and in the local area and I ask them "How much have you spent on dog licenses this year?" and they give me a number that fast because everybody's computerized. Ours are computerized. It's literally a matter of pulling it up and saying this is what it is to date, it's computerized. So there should be no reason other than the building inspector doesn't turn in his bills in a timely manner, that these numbers shouldn't be as close and as tight, other than, I understand and I accept the explanation that sometimes

things get coded incorrectly, the attorney bills are not one of them.
Because...

City Clerk-How do you know?

Cindy Radcliffe-Because, I've seen these bills and there's like four things on 'em that explain what it is, and then you've coded off to the side. None of those instances has a sewer coding been put on for civil or vice versa.

City Clerk-It's not for sewer. It's code enforcement versus general attorney's fees.

Cindy Radcliffe-So again...

City Clerk-So again, you don't have a clue.

Cindy Radcliffe- Well thank you for telling me that I'm ignorant, and I'm not. And again, I do not trust these for that very number.

Mike Parsons- So...

Jason Dailey-Yeah, can we stop this? You guys got to get whatever you wanted off your back. But here seems like a good break.

City Clerk-I'm sorry, I apologize, that was not professional.

Jason Dailey-That's alright. We've gone over our time anyway. I think we've beat it with a stick.

Joe Schey- I think the takeaways I heard from that, for the items that, for the budget were, looking at items to help the residents clean up their properties and street improvements and things like that. So, that's what I...

Cindy Radcliffe- Is that possible?

Joe Schey- In fact, there's thousands of dollars in here for street improvements already, and there's continuing work on the limb and yard disposal site.

Jason Dailey- A month or two, we talked about getting a load of quick-patch and do local potholes and stuff. So, I mean, there's things that we do all year long.

Cindy Radcliffe-Can we get a hold of that quick patch?

Jason Dailey-Yeah. Well no, but when you do that you call and you let us know where the hole is and somehow we come there and help us do it.

Joe Schey-So we probably need to close out public hearing. Can we have a motion to close our public hearing?

Action-----I move to close the public hearing on 2019 Proposed Budget.

Motion Submitted by: Leona Sander-Hunter

2nd the motion: Mike Parsons

Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Hearing Adjourned:

6:28 p.m.

2. Council considered Resolution 15-2018 ratifying the emergency sewer repair contract with Rognlin's.

Action-----I move to approve Resolution #15-2018 declaring the existence of a public emergency for the situation requiring repairs and redirection of the sewer collection system lateral line and ratify the Mayor's execution of the public works contract with Rognlin's, Inc. in the form attached to the Resolution.

Motion Submitted by: Joe Schey
2nd the motion: Mike Parsons
Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

3. Council decided to hold off on the topic of home based businesses until 2019.

Action-----I move to table the home based business discussion topic until January of 2019.

Motion Submitted by: Jason Dailey
2nd the motion: Mike Parsons
Vote: unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

4. Council did not have any updates on the use of BNSF property for a limb disposal site. The City Clerk reported that her research on insurance coverage found that the activity of collecting limbs and yard waste could be covered under the existing plan but that the insurance representatives wanted to inspect the site before giving a final answer. Council asked the City Clerk to check in with BNSF about using their property.

Public Comment:

Cindy Radliffe - commented again.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer