

The Britt City Council met in regular session on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Arndorfer called the meeting to order with Council Persons Ostercamp, Aitchison, Verbrugge, and Leerar answering roll call. Council person Gast absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor.

Others in attendance: Karie Terhark, Shirley Smidt, Linda Friedow, Dan Cummings, Vance Hagen, Tim Moreau, Drew Sweers, and Russ Stammer

DISCUSSION by Leanne Castillo and Sharon Stromer and the budget requested submitted for FY17 from the Hobo Art Gallery. The Hobo Art Gallery, Inc. is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has secured a building to showcase the 67 paintings of past Hobo King & Queen's painted by Leanne Castillo. The original budget request was for \$5,000. Council agreed to discuss this during the budget discussion section later in the meeting.

DISCUSSION by Russ Stammer, Drew Sweers, and Tim Moreau on the three options for the Wastewater Treatment Facility plan. Council discussed the pros and cons of each option with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. and decided, under the recommendation of V&K, that option one was the most beneficial for the City.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Verbrugge approving Alternative 1 be accepted for V&K to submit to the IDNR for the Facility Treatment Plan upgrade with the inclusions of UV Disinfection, methane gas handling facility improvements, grit removal improvement, and EQ basin improvements and directs Mayor Arndorfer to sign Design Schedule A. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Aitchison directing Mayor Arndorfer to sign the Intended Use Plan to be sent in to show the City's intent to apply for the State Revolving Loan Fund to finance the Wastewater Facility improvements. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION by Council person Leerar and seconded by Council person Aitchison approving Officer Hjelmeland to attend the INOA Conference in April. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION by Chief Cummings on the opportunity to purchase Kanahwa's 2011 Chevy Tahoe police car for \$25,000. Council discussed that they would like to see the Durango be sold if we were to purchase this used vehicle from Kanawha.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp to agree to purchase the 2011 Chevy Tahoe from Kanawha for \$25,000 with the understanding that the Dodge Durango will be sold after Tahoe is purchased and the Tahoe passes inspection at the time of sale. No second was received. Motion dies.

Council person Verbrugge would like Chief Cummings to get an accurate price on what we could sell the Dodge Durango for and bring this back at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION by Council, Mayor, City Administrator/Clerk, and Department Heads on FY18 Budget.

MOTION by Council person Verbrugge and seconded by Council person Leerar approving to donate \$1500 to the Hobo Art Gallery, Inc. Aye: Aitchison, Verbrugge, Leerar; Naye: Ostercamp. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Communication Center contribution increase, Mayor to be absent March 2

MOTION by Council person Verbrugge and seconded by Council person Leerar adjourning meeting. Motion carried unanimous vote.

____\s\ Ryan Arndorfer_____
Mayor

____\s\ Shell Anderson_____
City Clerk

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