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TOWN OF WHITEHALL

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The Whitehall Town Council held a special meeting in the Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Ave, Monday, August 29th, 2022 at 5pm.

PRESENT: Council Members: Katy James, Bill Lanes, Pat Peterson, Linda Jung, Roy McBride, Treasurer Allissa Christensen, and Mayor Mary Janacaro-Hensleigh.

VISITORS: Kory Klapan, Liz Pullman, Maxine Samuelson

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Roy motioned approval, Linda seconding

Motion carries unanimously

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maxine Samuelson had stated that she was upset at the last council meeting because she felt that the mayor did not handle the point of order and ignored her comments. Maxine also said she appreciated the council for stepping in.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Council determination on Resolution 2022-09 FY 22/23 Final Budget.

Read by Allissa Christensen

Linda motion, Roy second

Linda: so, the way that this resolution is written up we are okay knowing that \$10,000.00 of the fire control. \$7,000.00 is going to the fire truck that will show in our budget as a line item.

Allissa: Correct.

Linda: I just wanted to make sure that was correct.

Allissa: Correct.

Motion carries unanimously

B. Council determination on Resolution 2022-11 General Mill Levy for 22/23

Roy motion, Pat second

Motion carries unanimously

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council determination on compensating Kelley Seccomb for managerial work at the pool.

Katy motion, Linda second.

Linda: Yes, a couple questions. She was a volunteer and she put in a lot more hours than she expected to put in.

Mary: correct.

Linda: and because of the person that was in charge, our management

Mary: she stepped in.

Linda: right, she stepped in. She did keep track of some of those hours. Those hours totaling, that we paid the managerial position would have been \$1,300 and \$1,350, correct? We can't take it out of our payroll because she wasn't working for the town. She was a volunteering her time. There is a fund that the fund-raising money.... They have \$5,000.00 towards payroll

Mary: Correct.

Linda: and I think we have \$2,500.00 left in there, right?

Mary: and that is where it would be coming out of.

Linda: and we would cut her a check and not take out any workman's comp or anything, because she really wasn't an employee of the town and that is how I understand that.

Bill: how many hours are we talking?

Linda: 80 something.

Pat: now is the manager we hired still getting paid for that?

Mary: This is the volunteer that stepped in when...

Pat: I understand that she stepped in but what happened to the manager?

Mary: she didn't get paid.

Allissa: she was good at first and then she started showing up less and less and less. Hence the reason that Kelley was there.

Pat: so, we aren't double paying for a manager?

Allissa: Exactly.

Roy: how do we pay somebody if they are working for us? Which she was in a sense right? How do we take unemployment and fika and all of that out of there or like a contract laborer and 1098 her? Is that what you are doing?

Allissa: I can do that. We can also call the auditor and find out what would be the cleanest way.

Roy: 1098 would probably be the easiest way.

Linda: yes, it would be because of workman's comp... She wasn't with workman's comp or with the unemployment program. I know all this because I

used to deal with employees. So, the easiest way to do this would be to do a 1098 for taxes.

Roy: it's not going to be enough to...

Allissa: Right.

Roy: we just want to do it so its legal. So, we will just do it for contract labor.

Allissa: I will check with our auditors.

Bill: I think that's fair

Allissa: Yeah. It was not planned. It is just kind of what happened.

Mary: and she saved our bacon!

Motion carried unanimously

B. Council determination on hiring Kelley Seccomb as pool manager for next year

Pat motion, Linda Seconding

Maxine Samuelson: can I say something?

Mary: Maxine, wait. Council will discuss and then the public.

Linda: Kelley has shown the initiative to step into a spot that she hadn't planned on spending much time at. She is an adult. I had been there several times with my grandkids and I keep an eye on things when I am there. As a councilman you pay attention. She did a good job. I feel that an adult has to run that pool. Not an 18-year-old. I feel that she will do a good job. I think she will take it seriously and she will know the mechanical part of it. She looks like she can handle it better than I could. You know what I am saying. I think she would be fine in that position. That is just my recommendation. I've seen her at work.

Katy: will she be doing the training that is required? Or is it recommended? Is she willing to do that as well?

Allissa: It is CPO, yeah.

Maxine Samuelson: the only thing that I would suggest is that the job description needs to be modified. You are right, I was going to mention also that she does the CPO training. Certified pool operator. We always found that when we did have an adult. Our last adult took a new job.... We were thrilled to have an adult there. I think it would be very good to have another adult. In the past. The one that was the former school guidance counselor then she became a principal. Ms. Robbins. She wanted to be the pool manager but when she understood that she had to had the life guard training and stuff. I guess she doesn't swim. I guess we had a possibility to use an adult as a manager. Ones who know the students that would be working there but that didn't work out because she didn't swim. So, I think it would be appropriate to modify the job description to she does not need to have that lifeguard training.

Allissa: I have checked with other towns and other towns have a manager that is the manager not a lifeguard. She manages the lifeguards.

Motion carries unanimously.

- C. Council determination on electric car charging stations in park – who will be paying for electricity.

Katy motioned to discuss, Pat second.

Mary: Allissa found out what we are paying now.

Maxine: what we are paying?

Allissa: I'll go look.

Maxine: the power in the park?

Mary: right, before the stations are put in. I have discussed it with Kory. We are thinking there isn't going to be a whole lot of usage. We were thinking but it totally up to you. That we wait until they are in and see the difference in the bill. Then go from there. Allissa, go ahead and tell them what we pay for summer usage.

Allissa: I can make copies of this too if you would like it. I took the last fiscal year so 07/21 - 06/22 for the whole year we paid \$462.20.

Mary: so you can divide that by 12.

Pat: but if you put in car chargers that is going to up it.

Roy: I don't think that it is going to up it that much.

Linda: it is not one of those fast car chargers. It is a very slow trickle. And I think they say that it is about \$3.00 per car.

Mary: we basically pay \$33.00 per month. Do you have the number of what we bring in.

Allissa: I didn't get that. I am sorry. I can go get it really quick if you would like.

Mary: I don't. I think we more than cover what we spend.

Linda: I have a question. Not about the exempling on that but when is started looking into this I was curious. You know one thing led to another. It is not a rapid charger so it doesn't charge that long. Did TIFF pay for the whole thing?

Roy: they are only \$400.00.

Mary: yes.

Linda: so actually, it is town property once it gets put in there, right?

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Mary: yes.

Linda: Now that is rail road property that we lease. Do we have to get permission from them or no because we already have electric there.

Mary: Right.

Pat: I have a question. What about having just locals take the car and charge it overnight.

Mary: Like Kory says. We only have 3 people in the whole area that own electric vehicles at this point and they charge them at their house. So I do not see that happening.

Roy: if you look, this is just an example, the new brewery on the hill, they have 3 trickle chargers there for their customers. They go in there, go eat, plug their car in, got a little service. I think we could get people to stop here if they are advertising it. They can't sit here long enough to get miles and miles but we can get them to Butte or just down the road. They can run over grab a beer or grab a bite to eat. That's the premise of doing it. It will help the businesses on main street. It's another reason for somebody to stop here.

Mary: don't you think it totally falls under TIF? The electricity?

Linda: It could.

Roy: we just have to ask TIF what they want to do.

Mary: that is what we are discussing today. Is asking TIF to pick up the electricity bill because it is going to be next to nothing.

Roy: I think let's go with it and see what it does. We may even use it. You never know!

Linda: we could do a trial basis.

Bill: there is two, correct?

Mary: yes. Another thing...

Bill: \$400 each or \$400 for both?

Roy: \$400 for both I think.

Linda: no, it is \$400 each.

Mary: Another thought we had was just up-ing the fee that we charge the campers for parking and electricity.

Linda: how much do we charge them?

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Kory: 7 dollars a night or 25 bucks a week. If I can say something on that. Looking at our power bill now. Most of the summer our power bill is \$10.00. I mean the campers are definitely cover the power use. Why penalize the campers for the cars.

Mary: yeah, it was just a thought. I would rather have TIF pay for it.

Kory: the thing to understand on this car charger thing. If they were to go to a rapid charger, they are going to be hooked up to that charger an hour and a half and they are going to get a whole charge. You are talking what 6 or 7- or 8-hour period to get that. I think 1 hour gets you 40 miles. I think it is going to be something if they miscalculate their trip that they will pull in and get enough charge to go to Butte and top off their car where it isn't going to take them.

Bill: why hasn't it been taken into consideration to get a rapid charger in?

Kory: that was the first thing I asked Colton. I said I am all about this but let's do better. For the cost of it, Tesla has to co-po the cost because they are quite expensive. We could not get Tesla to want to get us chargers. Is what it comes down to.

Allissa: last year we brought it \$77.00 for power in the park.

Kory: I think this year we are doing better. I know we have done quite a bit better this year.

Linda: and as far as I know. Or as far as I have heard the new Town Pump is not going to put these in yet.

Mary: the rapid ones?

Kory: The only Town Pump that I have researched of this is in Bozeman. On the Rapid charges, Butte Plaza in the motel. The Best Western, pays for half and Butte-Silver Bow pays the other half of the rapid charge. In Bozeman Keannelly pays for half and the Town pays for half. So, where they are set up they are kind of

Maxine: what is the cost of charging at a rapid charger?

Kory: what does Butte charger? Nothing.

Bill: the cost of electricity you are talking? I have heard some things on the radio but I don't recall.

Mary: so, to plug in you don't have to pay anything.

Kory: you don't have to pay anything. And I believe Bozeman is the same way. I don't know Bozeman for sure but I do know Butte. I actually talked to Mike

Johnson who owns Butte Plaza Inn to find out and he said that they foot half the bill and Butte Silver Bow pays the other half.

Mary: so just make the motion to turn it over to TIF. It's up to you guys.

Kory: let me add to this. Tesla's have a mapping system in their car. You are going down the highway and you can map your trip. These slow trickle chargers will actually make the map. So, you may pull people off the highway that don't have enough to get to Butte or to Bozeman because they can see a charge in sight that will actually be on the electric cars map. So that is a benefit. It is just not word of mouth. I don't know if that helps any. It will be helpful for people that don't have enough to get to Butte or Bozeman.

Bill motion to put this on the TIF agenda for approval, Roy second

Motion carries unanimously.

D. Resolution 2022 – 14 Delegation of general cash

Read by Allissa

Roy motion, Pat second

Motion carries unanimously

E. Resolution 2022 - 15 Delegation of Water Reserves

Read by Allissa

Roy motion, Linda second

Motion carries unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mayor Mary Hensleigh

Date

Town Clerk Treasurer

Date