

ST. IGNATIUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 6, 2024

Mayor Daren Incashola called the meeting of the St. Ignatius Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in the town hall Mayor Daren Incashola, Council Members Daniel Thompson, Rikki Merchant, Janis Heffern, and Chris Heffern. City Attorney Loren Fitzpatrick was not present. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Mary Leishman, Public Works Director Scott Morton, Police Chief Jason Acheson and members of the public as listed in the minute's book.

Mayor Incashola called for public comment. James Steele, from CSKT Tribal Council, brought a CSKT tribal flag for city hall. Mayor Incashola thanked him for the flag.

Chris Heffern motioned, Merchant seconded to approve consent agenda which includes July 15th claims, August claims, July minutes, July work session minutes, June MM and CD JVs and June JVs.
Motion
passed unanimously.

Rita Tingey asked the mayor and council if she could put her yard hydrants back where they had been 35 years ago (by the Red Barn). Merchant motioned, Janis Heffern seconded to allow Rita Tingey to put her yard hydrants back in. Motion passed unanimously.

The mayor/council looked at Resolution #462, amending the FY23-24 budget. Leishman clarified the increase in the CIP transfers for FY23-24. Chris Heffern motioned, Thompson seconded to approve Resolution #462, Resolution Amending FY23-24 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Acheson asked about an increase to the police budget for training. Leishman explained the difference between the PD training budget and the PD general fund budget. Chief said he has a few applications for the Reserve Officer program. He's going through them now. We should know if we got the COPS grant by the end of September. The PD truck needs to be fixed. The estimate is \$4100. Merchant asked what the turn around time is for the repair; Chief said a couple of weeks. The mayor does not want to dump more money into the truck; he'd like to run it until it dies, then get something different.

City Attorney Fitzpatrick not in attendance.

Fire Chief Adams said they had 26 calls the previous month. The department assisted the Arlee FD on the Desmet Fire. The mayor/council discussed the previous request by the FD for assistance in purchasing AEDs. Merchant motioned, Thompson seconded to purchase two (2) AEDs for the FD. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Director Morton talked to Jay, at the Lake County Road Department, who said he's willing to help with the chip sealing the town would like to do. The paving isn't moving along. There has been no response from Polson (Treasure State). He got an email from Shari, who is concerned about the lack of progress from WGM. Thompson motioned, Janis Heffern seconded to approve the adjustment to the sewer work that Morton had talked to the mayor/council about at the July work session meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Chris Heffern asked about the fire hall roof. Morton said it still needs to be done.

Leishman discussed the CIP transfers at fiscal year-end. The town received the certified taxable valuation from the Department of Revenue on August 5th. Leishman was asked to adjust the PD wages in the FY24-25 Preliminary Budget for two full-time officers at the 4.1% increase. Chris Heffern motioned, Merchant seconded to approve the FY24-25 Preliminary Budget. The FY24-25 Final Budget will be presented and approved at the September meeting. Leishman also presented information on the Local Government Review Commission. Those interested can file (for free) at the county election office by August 12th.

The mayor asked for any other comments. Janis Heffern thanked James Steele for the grant for the parks. The mayor asked the council to look at the wage sheet he'd given them; they will talk about it at their work session meeting. There will also be Skatepark repairs done, by Dreamland, for \$9,029; they will start at the end of August. Leishman also said that Lori, the town grant writer, is getting the CDBG application ready. The town will hold a public meeting on August 20th to obtain public comments for the CDBG application. The application is due October 1st. A second public meeting will be held September 17th. The mayor thanked James Steele for the work on the parks, to get funding. Chris Heffern asked about the possibility of getting a recycling bin (similar to what Ronan has) in town. Morton will asked Lake County Solid Waste.

Merchant motioned, Janis Heffern seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Daren Incashola, Mayor

Mary Leishman, Clerk/Treasurer

