

Minutes of 10.09.2024 regular meeting/public hearing of the East Hope City Council.

The Regular Meeting/Public Hearing of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm Mayor Deborah Field. Council members Michael Wilcox, Joyce Butler, Pam Brockus and Don Wells were present and constituted a quorum. P&Z Administrator Clare Marley was also present.

Audience Comments: none

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 09.10.2024, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the September bills in the amount of \$21,817.18, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financials were reviewed.

Public Hearings:

Amendment of Ordinance No. 285, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance-Site Development & Stormwater Standards & Procedures. Ordinance 307 Amending Ord. 285, zoning & Subdivision -Site Development & Stormwater Standards & Procedures.

Clare presented the staff report and slide show to the city council and audience members. Amendment of Ordinance #285, Zoning 7 Subdivision Ordinance- Site Development & Stormwater Standards & Procedures- The City of East Hope has initiated an amendment to its land use and subdivision codes to 1) update its stormwater erosion control regulations to adjust requirements for homeowner erosion control plans and to correct references to USGS and use of guidance manuals; 2) adopt a new site development section requiring a geotechnical analysis for hazardous sites due to slope, unstable soils, high water tables, springs, or other geologic or hydrologic hazards, and providing for a review process, standards, and exceptions. Mayor Field opened the hearing to public comment however hearing none the hearing was closed. City council member Wells moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of said ordinance read once, council member Butler seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The city clerk read the title of proposed ordinance #307. City council member Wells moved to adopt ordinance 307, amending ordinance #285 zoning and subdivision ordinance of the City of East Hope, Idaho regarding site development, stormwater standards and procedures and have said ordinance published once by summary, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

Park Discussion

The Friends of the East Hope Community Park (501c(3)) will look to have a public meeting in early November or mid-December once all the final paperwork is complete. They would like to gather more members who are interested in being active with the park.

Light Celebration Discussion

The city council and staff discussed when to start decorating for the tree lighting celebration. The city always welcomes volunteers to help with this process. Staff will begin getting the lights and equipment down from storage at the end of this month. Weather permitting staff, city council members and volunteers will plan on starting to decorate November 6th, 7th, and 8th. The tree lighting celebration will be held at 5:30 pm on Friday, December 6th.

New Business

Adoption of Updated Water Facility Plan

City council member Wells moved to adopt the Updated Water Facility Plan, council member Butler seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Discuss Location for Speed Signs

The city council and staff discussed where to place the solar speed signs along Wellington Place. An encroachment permit will need to be obtained from Idaho Department of Transportation before installation can occur. The two locations that seems the most reasonable would be on the south side of Wellington Place as you enter city limits coming from the City of Hope and on the north side of Wellington Place near the Ziply phone building. Staff will prepare the encroachment permits for ITD.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

No new building permits were filed during September and no new land use permits either. Staff fielded inquiries regarding a potential variance and a potential road vacation however neither of those have filed any applications. FEMA/HUD announcement that starting January 1, 2025, new minimum property standards will become effect regarding HUD mortgage qualifications for structures located in a mapped floodplain, according to the IDWR bulletin. The change would require the lowest floor, including the crawlspace dirt and the benchmark elevation measurements of a site's highest and lowest adjacent grades to be at least two feet above the base flood elevation. Clare talked with the city council about a couple of options. They could either advise future homebuilders at the time of floodplain permitting of the new standard or consider an amendment to its flood code. Clare will put together additional information for the city council's consideration at the November meeting.

Streets/Water

Cody reported that the city received a load of sanding sand in preparation for winter road work. Staff will be working over the next couple of weeks to flush all hydrants.

Clerk

A letter was received expressing concern regarding the placement of multiple signage facing their residence that appear to be placed within the city's rights of way. The mayor and staff discussed sending out a notice to all residents advising them that placing personal signs within city rights of way or on city property without property approval is prohibited.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30 pm.

Council member Wells moved to adjourn at 6:40pm, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk