

Minutes of 11.12.2024 regular meeting of the East Hope City Council.

The Regular Meeting 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.

Audience Comments:

Margaret Cormier asked about street lights and how much they cost the city.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10.08.2024, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the October bills in the amount of \$46,056.07, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financials were reviewed.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business

Park Discussion

It was discussed that the newly formed Friends of the East Hope Community Park, a 501 c 3 non-profit would be holding a public meeting here tomorrow at 6pm in the hopes of getting more people interested on being on the board.

Light Celebration Discussion

The annual tree lighting celebration will be Dec. 6th at 5:30pm. Flyers will be distributed around the area. The city is looking for volunteers to make cookies for the event.

New Business

Employee Holiday Bonus

Council member Wells moved to increase the holiday bonuses from \$1,800 to \$2,200 and leaving the decision to the mayor on how it is split between the employees, council member Butler seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FEMA/HUD Requirements for Freeboard Starting 1/1/2025 Discussion

The city council reviewed the information provided by Clare Marley and were in agreement to not make an ordinance amendment at this time and to have a flyer made up that can be given out advising of this requirement in particular areas with HUD financing.

Stormwater Discussion

The city council discussed stormwater issues around the city and the lack of funding. Alternative ideas and grants will be explored and further discussions will need to happen. No decisions were made.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

One new building permit for a deck and patio addition on Big Hill was filed. No new land use permits were filed.

Streets/Water

Staff completed the replacement of the railroad delineators, replaced a leaky hydrant and improved the ditching on Hope Ave.

Clerk

The auditors will be on site December 2nd and 3rd.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30 pm.

Council member Wells moved to adjourn at 6:15pm, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk