

Clerk Vorwaller presented a request to camp at Kelly Park from a local group who does a benefit bow fishing tournament. Director Skinner added it is a pretty big group and they hold the fund raising event every year. The Council discussed and agreed it was okay as long as they submitted a plan on how they would comply with the physical distancing requirements.

Clerk Vorwaller presented quotes from Direct Communications to build and connect the Library, City Hall and the Police Department to fiber optic internet. The cost would be \$180 a month for each location with 36 month agreements for the Library and PD and a 60 month agreement for City Hall which will be more costly to build. The Council discussed how the construction costs are built into the monthly rate and asked how much the monthly amount will decrease at the end of the agreement period. Clerk Vorwaller will find out. Councilmember Hart suggested asking Direct Communications to get all agreements with the City updated and put in place before the City considers proceeding with the fiber optics. The Council agreed.

Police Chief Scott Shaw II reported the loss of Officer Jo Turner who has taken a job with Caribou County and also the loss of his part-time data manager Lindsey Grimm. He requested approval to proceed with finding and hiring replacements. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the recommendation of Chief Shaw to hire two new officers and a part-time data manager. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Goode discussed with the Chief an agreement with Officer Evans regarding the City paying for his schooling. The Chief explained that agreements requiring an officer to reimburse the City, if they leave employment before a designated time, has not been upheld by the courts and he didn't feel it was good for the Department to try to force him to stay when he didn't want to be here. Councilmember Goode understands but expressed his frustration with the City investing in the schooling just to lose the officer a year later. Attorney Haney will review the agreements and case law.

The Formation Spring well project was reviewed. Pictures of the construction were shared and Director Skinner reported it should be ready for connection in 2 to 3 weeks. Councilmember Hart asked if there is a contingency plan in place to be able to tap back into the old system. He suggested some engineering be done in case of failure of the new well due to earthquake or other issue. Director Skinner will review and come up with a plan. He mentioned the well continues to maintain same pressure.

During Citizen Input Kristen Skinner, local resident commented regarding the input she solicited about holding the annual 4th of July events during the current COVID concerns. She explained that she wanted the community to have the opportunity to voice their opinions and the decision not be made by the fact that local industry had decided not support the events this year.

Ethan Waltermire, Rotary Club President reported the Rotary Club members voted unanimously to not sponsor the 4th of July events this year based on three main factors. He explained they feel the activities would put the community at risk, major donors withdrew their support and had concerns about liability, and they feel given the unique challenges of

COVID-19 the 4th of July activities is not the best way for them to serve the interests of the community. Mr. Waltermire explained they are considering other community projects keeping safety as the top priority and mentioned recently providing fireworks for all three graduations and hosting a blood drive. Mr. Waltermire made it clear that the Rotary Club enjoys sponsoring the 4th of July and looks forward to doing so in the future.

Ben Jacobsen, representing the Lions Club expressed how very much they wanted to support the community, who needs them more than ever right now, by being able to sponsor the normal 4th of July breakfast and lunch. The Lions Club was willing to try to do everything they could to make it happen but complying with the Governor's guidelines was unrealistic for the Club and the event. With the major activities canceled it would not be realistic for them to hold the breakfast and lunch. The Lions Club is willing to be there for the community in any way possible and still give people a choice but do not want to put anyone at risk.

Dave Peoples, local resident and industry worker offered some comments as a concerned citizen. He expressed his concern about an influx of visitors coming from outside of the community and the risks of an outbreak of Covid-19 that could affect the industries work crews and may temporarily shut plants down and put people out of work.

The Council discussed the 4th of July events at length. Councilmember Goode commended both groups for thoroughly evaluating the situation and for over 60 years of sponsoring such a great event. He feels the groups made the right decision. Councilmember Hart commented that he knows it was a hard decision and there are lots of people still wanting the events to take place but it is a team effort and not just the City's event or decision everyone has to work together. He stated it has been looked at very objectively and the Governor's guidelines reviewed and he just doesn't see how we can safely move forward and keep everyone safe.

Councilmember Lau expressed a different view point of those frustrated with not having a 4th of July event. He explained how 80% of the community is still working because most businesses in our community are considered essential. He stated the community is blessed because he feels everyone has done their part to stay safe even though there are 1000 people a day from out of the area traveling through that could be bringing the virus into town. Most of the community is going to work and putting themselves in harm's way every day and don't understand why they can't also do other things that are normal like the local celebration. Councilmember Lau feels the City could try to plan something and also mentioned it will be \$100,000 in lost revenue to the small businesses that don't get a lot of revenue from the local industry.

Councilmember Hart added the local industry has taken steps to keep people safe in order to be able to continue to keep everyone working. Councilmember Goode added he does not feel it is worth risking the life of even one individual. Councilmember Gambles agreed the reward was not worth the risk and complimented the Rotary and Lions Club for their service which is very valuable to our community. He feels everyone is making sacrifices at this time and this is a small sacrifice to keep the community safe. Councilmember Lau

suggested the pandemic was going to be around for a while and we need to balance the risk with the sacrifices. The Mayor presented an idea for someone to sponsor some sort of community porch parade where people could decorate their homes for the 4th of July and he also encouraged families to gather and celebrate.

Director Skinner presented an additional quote for painting the new cover for Hooper Spring. The Council discussed and Councilmember Lau suggested he would still like to try to get a more reasonable bid. Director Skinner stated he would really like to move forward with the project. Councilmember Hart moved to accept the local contractor, Caribou Industrial Coatings bid to paint the new frame for the Hooper Spring cover. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The ongoing infrastructure projects were reviewed. The Director mentioned bid packets were being prepared for the 220 South Street project and the WWTP bridge crane. He asked if he should be putting together cost estimates on the items suggested by the CPAC to be done in 2021. Councilmember Lau suggested a budget work session for the Council to review those items in more detail along with an executive session to consider some personnel issues. It was agreed to schedule a special meeting for June 10th at 5pm and Councilmember Hart suggested putting together an agenda.

Clerk Vorwaller asked the Council to review and make an official policy on the cell phone cost share for department heads as was previously discussed. The Council and Staff discussed whether it could be handled through payroll as a non-taxable expense reimbursement. Councilmember Goode moved to approve a flat \$30 cell phone cost share amount for department heads using their personal phones, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried. The Clerk will put together a list of eligible positions.

The upcoming budget was briefly reviewed. The State revenue projections and cost of living allowance was discussed. Clerk Vorwaller was asked to have the budget spread sheets and revenue estimates prepared for the special meeting.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk