

City of Pomona
Regular City Council Minutes
Monday, May 3, 2021
7:00 p.m., City Hall

Attendance: Mayor Seneca **Council Members:** Richard Adler, Rick Smith, Joe Zamora, Timi Howard, Kim Giffin

Others in attendance: Maiyee Lor, Jerry Hardsaw, Bruce Boettcher

Meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amend Agenda

Mayor Seneca proposed an amendment to the agenda as follows:
Removing quarterly library report and adding BG Consultants as the first item of business to consider actions and adding streets to items to discuss.

Council member Adler moved to accept the proposed amend agenda. Seconded by Council member Howard. The vote carried 5/0.

Appointment: Municipal Judge: Connie Sams

Council member Giffin made a motion to accept Connie Sams for City of Pomona. Seconded by Council member Howard. 5/0

Designate Official Newspaper: The Ottawa Herald, must remain in county

Council member Adler moved to named Ottawa Herald as the official newspaper. Seconded by Council member Howard. The vote carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda

- Review Utility Accounts 30+ Days Delinquent
- Review Employee Vacation, Discretionary, and Comp Time Accruals
- Minutes of Previous Meetings
April 5, 2021
- Financial Reports/Action on bills
 - Current bills and prepaid bills

Council discuss Trenary's clean up: line clearing on 7th street. Council discuss request for clarification for auditing purpose. When spending \$4000, council recommends getting quotes.

Library responsible for interior of the library and ours is the exterior and bill needs to go to the library. Council discussed owner's responsibility and the labor and cost of invoice. Council member Smith is ok to pay and bill the library for their portion. Council member Giffin would like to try to find someone else who is more economically. Council discuss options; limited in options and wanted greater clarification on the invoices and to get estimate ahead of time.

Council member Smith moved to approve consent agenda with exception of Trenary Tree Care

until know what is for and once the Mayor is satisfy, no problem to pay it. Seconded by Council member Howard. The vote carried 5/0.

Items of Business to Consider Action

BG Consultants

Bruce Boettcher discussed the sanitary sewer project. He is asking the city to authorize Mayor to give it a three month extension. Contractor moving slower than expected. Council express concerns of sewer smell and discuss the sewer smell at Casey's. Council agreed we have a truck to flush line if it's our line. Mr. Boettcher commented about the drain and backup. It shouldn't be anything on the main line that affect that. Mr. Boettcher can make contact and say something to have the fellow with BG check it. Council member Smith asked if there are additional expenses to the city. Mr. Boettcher said they are not coming over really much and has not close loan yet, city is carrying temporary loan which is accruing interest. Mr. Boettcher coming over to check on the contractor, so using minimal hours. Council feels they should go after that money before closing everything. Council suggest to contact lawyer and he will work with us.

Council asked what it will do to the interest rate. Mr. Boettcher stated it is really favorable right now but don't know. Council discussed they have no choice but to extend it. Mr. Boettcher stated they put 2-4 hours a week to check on them; brushing it and not sitting in the truck all day.

Council member Giffin made a motion to extend it for another three months, 90 days. Seconded by Council member Howard. The vote carried 5/0.

Sewer Project Update

Discuss along with BG Consultants.

Cemetery

No discussion.

Park

Park needs improvement: painting post and some of the picnic tables and the old depot. School have volunteer days but girls don't want paint on their clothes. Council suggest we need to keep what we have up. Council does not have a problem hiring Van or whomever to get it done and will furnish paint.

Items of Business to Discuss:

Streets

Council member Giffin explain what was spent in 2018 and 2019. What to do going forth? There are concerns at 7th street and pot holes. Council member Giffin stated the general ball park of cost \$25,000. Chip and seal is not working and is half the county responsibility but city took it over. Council in discussion about the street project. Council member Giffin suggested it needs to build up, just disintegrate.

Mayor Seneca suggested to work with the county, they have equipment to improve that. Council member Giffin will reach out to Jeff Welton. Council discuss the roads concerns. Council discussion to see if the county would maintain it.

Council discuss other streets done in 2018 and 2019 and cost. Council in discussion on repairs or clean up. Killough did most of it, Flory's clean out the ditches. Council discussed who to contact

and Council member Giffin will reach out to them. Council discuss streets. Council need to move west of Madison and smaller project, maybe do some of the ditches.

Council review city funds: capital improvement and sales tax specific to street improvement and nothing else. Council suggest to do all the west side without depleting all the funds. Council member Giffin will table it for seal bids. Seal bids next month. Council member Giffin will call them: Harrison Construction and Flory's. Chip and seal options discussed among council. Council member Giffin can find out, check with Jeff [Welton].

Council member Giffin discuss to update the pot holes around here. Council in discussion about pot holes and maybe move forward on hiring an additional maintenance position. In hiring that, Mayor Seneca wants to see the council have greater control.

Meeting Adjourn

Council member Adler moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Council member Smith and the vote carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. **ML**



Mayor Seneca