
Select Board Meeting Minutes 11/8/17

Select Board Minutes of the meeting of 11/8/17

Meeting Opened at: 9am

Select Board Members Present: Steve Weisz, Chairperson, Carol Edelman and Kenneth Basler

Also in attendance: Chief Backhaus, Ian Mangosan, Keith Avalue, Julio Rodriguez

Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- At 9am the Board met with the Chief and 2 candidates for part time officers. Motions were made to appoint Ian Mangosan and Keith Avalue as part time intermittent officers with a 1 year probationary period. The motions were seconded and unanimously approved.
- Julio Rodriguez came in to inform the Board of the Veteran's Day observance at 10:30am Saturday morning in front of the library. He requested assistance with the amplifier, a copy of taps to play and someone to ring the bell.
- Julio informed the Board that Gary O'Brien came to do a fall clean up at the Community Center – a sign was damaged during the process which they will be fixing. An addendum to our contract will be added for this additional responsibility.
- Truck bid – The Board accepted the high bid of \$7,400 for the purchase of the 2009 Chevy Silverado highway truck.
- The Board approved the theatrical permit request for the Bidwell House's Colonial Thanksgiving Party on the 18th.
- The Board signed an amended Community Development Block Grant administration contracts.
- The Board approved the request from Hume to erect temporary signs for their pancake breakfast on the 18th.
- Steve brought up a request from Hume to take the 3 old culverts on Chestnut Hill. They have been there for over 20 years unused and the town no longer needs them. A motion was made to give the unusable, degraded culverts to Hume to be moved at their expense. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Kenn suggested that a meeting regarding emergency protocols should be held between the Chief, Director of Operations/Fire Chief and Hume as was had with Gould Farm. The Board also felt that an article regarding procedures and protocols for winter operations and emergencies should be in the next Monterey News.
- The Board discussed an email received from Lisa Smyle suggesting a real-time transcription of all comments by all participants during town meetings for those that are hard of hearing. The Board suggested that microphones and an amplification system should be looked at which is what most surrounding towns use during their meetings. We will ask Lisa and Mary Makuc to come in to discuss the options available and the best solution for the town.
- The Board appointed Meagan Duffy and Susan Cain, each for a 3 year term to the Cultural Council.
- Steven Weisz submitted his resignation as a member of the Monterey Broadband Committee.
- The Board reviewed the quarterly report from the Community Center. M. Moe informed the Board that the Accountant will be contacting the Community Center to let them know the proper procedure for collection of monies (all monies must be turned over and expenses submitted for reimbursement separately).
- The Board reopened the discussion on raising the detail rate from \$40 to \$43 based on the updated surrounding town comparison. The Board agreed to raise the detail rate to \$43 to be more in line with other towns.
- The Board continued to review the preliminary FY19 budget.
- FiberConnect is offering to provide the town's fiber services for \$140/month for next year (a savings of over \$6,000). Steve was uncomfortable with making any changes to a company that is still being vetted to provide services for the town and have been determined to be financially viable. Kenn made a motion to change broadband service providers from Magna5 to FiberConnect to save the town \$6,000. The motion was not seconded, Carol wants to get an opinion on whether or not she can weigh in on this as her daughter is employed by FiberConnect.
- Warrants were signed.
- Minutes from 10/18 & 10/25/17 were approved.
- Administrative Assistant's weekly report was reviewed.
- Police Chief's weekly report was reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at: 11:45am

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Monterey Select Board

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Select Board Members
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Town Clerk