**M2020-10**

October 19, 2020

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patrick Bates on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call by Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery. All Council members present.

Mayor Patrick Bates asked for any public comments, Berlin Fire Chief Ralph Laney announced that the new fire truck is in the manufacturing process and anticipates completion by August 2021.

Approval of minutes from September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve by Jimbo Quick, second by Keith Hardman. Approved 6-0.

Approval of October invoices & payroll. Motion to approve by Donald Gunter, second by Don Bates. Approved 6-0.

Council received one bid for the bush hogging of approximately 15 acres of Town Property. Bid received from Steve Clark in the amount of $800/per cut. Motion to approve by Donald Gunter, second by Bruce Bentley. Approved 6-0.

Council approved 2021 Budget. Motion to approve by Donald Gunter, second by Keith Hardman. Approved 6-0.

Council approved $18,000 of CARES Act funding to be distributed to Fairview, Welti, & Holly Pond Elementary Schools in the amount of $6,000 per school in response to COVID-19. Motion to approve by Jimbo Quick, second by Donald Gunter. Approved 6-0. Fairview Elementary Vice Principal Caleb Elrod stated that donations will service approximately 15-18, K-1 classrooms at Fairview Elementary School.

Mayor Patrick Bates asked Council to present ideas for remainder of CARES ACT funding to be discussed at the next council meeting.

Council discussed “Rivers & Streams” grant to build steps and handicapped parking spaces for the Town Hall. Tabled until next meeting.

Council discussed options for Farmers Market building. Mayor Patrick Bates informed Council of 3 quotes for Farmers Market building. Tabled until next meeting.

Council discussed office supplies for Town Hall. Council made motion to approve $200 for office supplies. Motion by Jimbo Quick, second by Don Bates.

Council announced a Special Organization Meeting set for November 2, 2020 at 7 P.M. to swear in the Council and Mayor for the new term. District Judge Rusty Turner will conduct the swearing-in ceremony.

Council approved cross drain replacement and other repairs at the intersection of county roads 1619 and 1620 and county roads 1625 and 1627. Motion to approve by Keith Hardman, second by Donald Gunter. Approved 6-0.

In Other Business, Council discussed Town Hall hours of operations. Effective November 1, 2020 Town Hall hours of operations will be Monday-Wednesday from 8 A.M – 4 P.M. Motion to approve by Jimbo Quick, second by Donald Gunter. Approved 6-0.

Motion to adjourn by Don Bates, second by Jimbo Quick. Approved 6-0.

Adjourned at 7:51 PM.

The next meeting of the Berlin Town Council will be November 2, 2020 at the Berlin Community Center.

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