

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 235 W Chestnut Street, (Fire Station) Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 2021

WATER/SEWER WORKSHOP

MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met June 8, 2021. Mayor, Tim Sperber, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Nyla Roach, Cody Bailey, Bill Krick, John Hermann; Maintenance Supervisor: Dustin Brinkly, Deputy City Clerk Debi Zenner, City Clerk, Karyn Wright

Visitors: Garrett Cabeza, Tom & Linda Blewett, Doug Bennett, Jay & Tedi Roach, Terrence Stevenson, Ryan Rehder, Linda Chilson

WORKSHOP: Mountain Waterworks

Water Project: The well driller is onsite working. Had some equipment issues, but working through them. They have drilled down about 60' now, wants to drill down approx. 120' to the Wanapum Aquifer. Discussions about casing sizes and how they plan to proceed in the next week. Ryan estimates drilling down approximately 400-500'. Drilling could take as little as two week, but anticipated between 4 and 5 weeks.


Sewer Update: Design in preliminary stages, ready to submit. The next piece is the permitting with the land application permit nearing completion. Most of the permitting is in process and should be done within the next month. Purchase and sale agreement needs to be finalized, as well as employing a surveyor to establish the northern property line. Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, hoping to stake out the property and see if it's agreeable and if there are any issue with the boundary they've established. Hodge and Associates will survey for the City. John says the property agreement is getting very close, met with the tenant for approximately 4 hours and feels it's going well. Will have more information soon.

WORK SESSION FOR COUNCIL:

Had a conversation with DEQ regarding turning Well 3 back on, in case of water emergency. With the residents help, our pump hours, on Well 5, have stayed well below 18 for the last week. If we do have to turn well 3 on, Tim would want a press release, prepared ahead of time, as well as publication in the Lewiston Tribune and Daily News, also a notice will need to be affixed to every residents door, so they will be well aware of our situation. We also need to figure out how to staff distribution of drinking water, with days and times it will be made available, at the Fire Station. We also have an emergency plan for an electrical or pump failure, of Well 5, as well as emergency contact information.

DEQ is also recommending we pull chloroform samples, in case we do have to turn Well 3 back online. Council feels we need to do that immediately so we are prepared. Several scenarios were discussed, and it seems the City has a good emergency plan in place, so residents will not be without water. Tim called the health department to get the "what ifs" if we are using the Well 3 water for public health education on Nitrates. Tim talked about preparing a newsletter to go out before the end of the month to notify residents of our emergency plan.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Cody, seconded by John, to adjourn at 7:00pm; VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion passed



Tim Sperber, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer