

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 21, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Hermann called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present at the meeting were council members Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, and Bill Krick; and City Clerk Nikki Pew

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS: Rick Schellenger (Genesee Civic Association), Wendy Moore (Genesee School District), Josilyn Watson (Americorp and PBAC), Michel Faupel (Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee), and Easton Aherin

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Wendy Moore gave a brief update about the progress of 243 N Tamarack. They are in the process of licensing. Received a grant for \$230K to help pay for updates and teacher salaries for the next 3 years. They are working to keep costs below what it costs in Moscow for early childhood care. 3 mos. – 12 years will be eligible to enroll. Year round care provided. Guaranteed placement for Genesee school staff next priority for people who live in Genesee or work here. Will be called an early learning center. Fenced in the yard and working on getting a nice playground put in.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Cody to approve the consent agenda as presented; second by Jesse. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick; ayes. Motion Carries.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Use Permit for Genesee School District Rental House: Need to either accept or deny suggestion of planning and zoning. John believes this is a positive thing for the city. Motion made by Bill to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning and approve the special use permit; seconded by Cody. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick; ayes. Motion carries.**

Water Conservation Presentation by Josilyn Watson with Americorp and PBAC: PBAC is providing water conservation resources to rural areas to help with unique challenges that may be faced by each community. By using water conservation methods, the city can reduce the highest water usage redundancy needs. PBAC wants to work alongside existing nonprofits and Genesee groups to keep a water conservation conversation going. Cody mentioned Community Day as an option for water conservation outreach. Bill said the city would like to partner with PBAC to provide these supplies to our citizens. We will get information out in our monthly newsletter and on our new website to promote water conservation. John wants to remind our citizens that water is precious and we need to save it. PBAC has a large supply of conservation kits available to give out to the public. The city would like to keep water conservation as a focus in our community and provide a space for community education and outreach for matters of water conservation.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

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Mayor Update: Added to the other updates

Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Water project is waiting for bonding paper from drillers. Hoping to award notice to proceed next week. **Wastewater:** Dustin, James, and Rick have been draining water out of the lagoon. Can see water bubbling out of the ground. Something has to be done prior to putting the liners in. Will bore underneath all lagoons and put a drain tile with a lateral going to both ends. Laying conduit at sewer site for Avista to pull in the power. Asphalt on Cow Creek and Garfield will be done next week. Will do Oak Street after work is finished in that area.

Cody Bailey – Street Update: Cody and Dustin budgeted with the intent that the lump sum from LHTAC would come back. However, it is taking an average of 2.5 years for the funding to be returned. Megan sent a list of dates for closeouts. Cody will talk with Gary Osbourn about the City of Genesee's money that is sitting there and see if it will be released soon. Dustin reworked chip seal to reduce it by 25% to make some cost savings. Sidewalks on Tamarack are all poured and hoping to have asphalt by next week. Should be done by Community Day.

Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update: Tully FitzMaurice may be a good solution for a city attorney. John and Jesse will have a meet and greet with him in June and will work on scheduling a council meeting with him.

Nyla Roach – Parks Update: None

Dustin Brinkly – Public Works Update: None

Nikki Pew – Clerk's Update: Provided an update of the new city website. Will put together a water awareness newsletter for June.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bill to adjourn; seconded by Cody and Jesse; Voice Vote; ayes. Motion Carries.
Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



John Hermann, Mayor



Nikki Pew, City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Genesee Sign in Sheet

Date of Meeting 5/21/24

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