

CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

April 19, 2022

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met April 19, 2022, Mayor John Hermann called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Bill Krick, Nyla Roach, Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, City Attorney Jennifer Douglass, City Engineer Scott Becker, Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly City Clerk/Treasurer Karyn Wright and Deputy City Clerk Debi Zenner.

VISITORS: Kile Allen, Mike Cameron, Matt & Adair Becker, Gary Kiss, Kyle Hamilton, Janelle Krick, and Darin (via Zoom)

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Adair Becker commented on the parking behind the City Hall building.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla, to approve the consent agenda as presented, along with payment of the bills; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; AYES, motion passes.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Late Comers Agreement—City Attorney Jennifer Douglass discussed the City's options when a property owner pays for the installation of a sewer/water line to his property, and this line goes along other undeveloped property. This would enable the owner(s) of the undeveloped property to tap into City services at only the buy-in fee. Ms. Douglass said the City had three options: Option 1: The City could recognize the cost of development, and do nothing; Option 2: Consider taking a hard look at the hook-up fees and find a way to defray costs; or Option 3: Write up a Late-Comers agreement between all property owners. Jennifer feels the City should go with Option 1.

Cody believes this should be the responsibility of the home owner, as they chose to build on a piece of property where City services were unavailable. He also feels this shouldn't be something the city should get involved in. Cody also suggested the city needs to take a look at future lots and make sure the developers know they need to provide water and sewer lines to the property, as we have required two other property owners. The current property owner was aware he had to bring the sewer line to his property, but wasn't aware he had to provide the stub-outs to the five other lots along the line. Dustin explained this was a requirement from DEQ.

Wastewater Contract-Insurance Coverage: Motion made by Jesse, seconded by Bill to **TABLE** until next meeting;

ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; AYES, motion passes

Handicapped Parking at City Hall/Senior Center: This was discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Hermann stated the way parking is now, we are in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Cody said the back driveway of the City building is not handicapped accessible and feels it's a liability for the City and should not be designated a loading/unloading zone. Gravel is not considered ADA appropriate and as far as the City is concerned, they are ADA compliant. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla, to leave all parking at City Hall as is; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; AYES, motion passes**

NEW BUSINESS:

Children Pedestrian Safety Program: Scott Becker said the application came out last Monday, with no matching funds required. We only need a design and have until June 8, 2022. It was suggested the west side of Tamarack, by the school,

to add a new sidewalk, (walk and curb) and on Chestnut Street. Scott said there is 10 million available for sidewalks in Idaho and we would get points for the available property and support letters from the school, rec district, etc. Scott asked we get letters of support and the design ready, then the application is pretty simple. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill to have Scott apply for this grant, along with getting the design and support letters; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; AYES, motion passes**

Updating water/sewer hookup and tapping fees: Bill would like Council to consider an increase of our water and sewer connection fees for any new construction. Bill also feels we need to look at increasing commercial fees as well. We will add this to our next meeting Agenda.

Independent Contracted Building Inspector: Kile Allen has seven certificates, not including plumbing or electrical, which both go through the State. He is the Building Inspector for a few small towns and offering to add Genesee. Kile lives in Uniontown and would be available after 4pm and on weekends. Kile would do site inspections and enforce our setbacks, etc., which the county does not currently do. Mayor Hermann wanted to make Council aware of what is currently available with Mr. Allen. Cody contacted Latah County and they will do site inspections for an additional charge, but currently don't check set-backs, etc.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2022-2 LHTAC Authorization: Motion by Bill seconded by Cody & Nyla to adopt 2022-2; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; AYES, motion passes**

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Update: Met with Representative Troy and others in Potlatch regarding ARPA funding for the sewer/water project. DEQ has total appropriations of 300 million over 5 years. ARPA funding will be in the form of grants, and not loans. Mountain Waterworks submitted a letter of intent for the City of Genesee for drinking water, but not sewer. The Mayor would like us to work on this.


Bill Krick- Water/Sewer Update and Well #8: Well Drillers are trying a new method because of material found at 200 feet. The equipment they need for this is currently in Texas. Hoping to fill the potable water tank and make it available next week for public use. Bill would like the public notified by May 1st, Well #3 will be turned on.

Cody Bailey- Street Update: LHTAC will begin May 9th. Parking on Chestnut Street will not be allowed; JUB should communicate with residents. DEBCO will be in the area this week to get samples. Most of the work will be on the shoulder. JUB will be on-site quality control; material testing, etc., and all should be locally done. There will also be a traffic control plan. We are also looking at what streets are a priority for chip sealing.


Jesse Aherin- Administrative Update: Would like us to do Financial Training with Hayden and Ross

Nyla Roach- Parks Update: Getting an estimate to re-roof the pump house at Chestnut/Laurel Streets.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill to adjourn at 8:05pm; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion passes**



John Hermann, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy City Clerk