

CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met December 7, 2021, Mayor, John Hermann, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

VISITORS: Jim Sims, Don Galloway, Ryan Rehder-Mt Waterworks, Warren & Nancy Feigenbutz, Linda Chilson. Noell Kinyon (via Zoom)

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Bill, 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:

Well #8 Update-Ryan Rehder—Has been in touch with Dig Well Idaho to discuss the timeline on coming back to Genesee. They indicated they have a second Well to drill in Jerome, so won't be able to be in Genesee until December 13th. Dig Well Idaho will contact Ryan with an update this Friday and Ryan will report at our next Water/Sewer update meeting Tuesday, 12/14. They'll be here 2-3 weeks to drill Well #8, construct the hole and pump test at different flow rates. Ryan discussed options, including the City could charge the Dig Well, \$500/day beginning January 1st, if they don't have the Well completed. Ryan also discussed advertising 12/14 & 12/21 the bid for construction of the #8 Well House and open bids January 6, 2022.

Sealing Exploratory hole: The Department of water resources wanted to use the #8 exploration as a monitor well, but now are going to require the drillers, abandon and seal, putting a cement cap on the upper portion. This was part of the original contract.

Water Rights Application Fee-Ryan Rehder--Submitted water rights application a couple days ago. The original application was for the Wanapum Aquifer, so it was necessary to resubmit for the Grande Ronde aquifer the new well we'll be targeting. It's been requested we include a form, from the City Council, Mountain Waterworks can act and sign on the City's behalf. The water right application information will be published, with a public comment period, as well as a \$290 application fee. Motion by Bill, seconded by Jesse to approve Mt Waterworks to sign on our behalf, as well as authorizing the City to pay a \$290 application fee; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; Ayes, motion passes**

New City 1 Ton, attachments and equipment- Dustin discussed the information in the packets for the add ons, on the new truck. Cody and Dustin discussed upgrading with the attachments; plow, flatbed, sander, utility boxes, etc. Need a motion to authorize sander, plow and flatbed. This would bring the cost to \$43,880.00 for the vehicle, and \$22,416.00 for the upfit of the plow, sander, flatbed, and a beacon light. Dustin asked the council to approve \$70k which would give him enough to purchase tool boxes once the vehicle is delivered.

Hoping to use ARPA funds for the initial purchase, but Cody indicated Streets would budget, next year, to pay for the plow and sander. That amount would total \$16,441.00.

Cody made a motion, seconded by Nyla to authorize \$70,000 for the purchase of the pickup with add ons, paid for with ARPA funds and the plow and sander to be paid back by the Streets department; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; Ayes, motion passes**

LHTAC Design Review—John discussed the email from Karissa Nelson. They want to get this out to bid in April, with work to begin in May or first part of June. John discussed traffic control and feels there could be significant blockages, and foresees some problems with farmers, spring work and harvest. Bill thought we could talk to PNW and see if they have ideas or options on how to best direct farm traffic to the warehouses. Scott feels everything seems together and TO Engineering will have a last look. Scott also feels we should give the Mayor authority to sign current documents. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill, to give the Mayor the authority to sign current documents to keep the LHTAC project moving forward: **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; Ayes, motion passes**

Main Street Parking Review—Scott Becker addressed the Walnut Street parking and supplied handouts. With the measurements, we have flexibility with room for 2-way traffic and can require traffic to slow down when vehicles are present. Scott says we fit within the engineering guidelines the way the parking currently is. Scott's recommendation would be to keep the parking as is. Cody talked with most of the business owners downtown and all want to keep the parking as is, making diagonal the best choice for the most parking. It was suggested, by a citizen, a center line be drawn down Walnut. Motion made by Bill seconded by Cody to leave Walnut Street parking as it is designed at the current time; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; Ayes, motion passes**

Note:(Jim Sims, who asked for this issue to be put on the Agenda, came late to the meeting, approximately 7:15pm, after the issue was discussed and voted on)

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Cross Foundation Grant \$500—Mayor Sperber won this Grant, doing a walking challenge. Mayor Hermann asked if Council had any suggestions for the money. The grant funds must be used for one of the following purposes: charitable, educational, scientific, or literary purpose (or some approved variation). They encouraged the use of the grant to promote physical activity in our community. Motion by Bill, seconded by Jesse to donate the money for the Parks and Rec department, at Nyla's discretion, to increase the physical activity in the City Parks; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; Ayes, motion passes**

1 Ton purchase, department percentages—allocate expenses to the different departments. Dustin has come up with information on each department allocation. Water: 30%, Sewer: 25%, Streets: 40% and Parks 5%. Cody is confident with these numbers and we can discuss further when we work on next year's budget. We can use these numbers for the 1 ton moving forward, and discuss during budget workshop. Bill made a motion, seconded by Cody, to use the percentages: Water: 30%, Sewer: 25%, Streets: 40% and Parks 5%. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin, Bailey; Ayes, motion passes**

Hokanson/City Land Swap—Dan Hokanson bought the lot on the corner of Walnut/Fir Streets, with the intent to build a 6-plex. The City owns the property on Fir/Ash with the old city shop. Parts of the current building are showing age and in need of repair, or demolition. Mr. Hokanson had said for him to be interested in the property the city would have to raze both the old shop (used to store mowers, signs, pumps, and other misc. equip) and the white brick building closest to the alley that is currently used by the city for record storage. The two lots are of similar size with Dan's being a little bit larger. Nyla would like to see more park downtown and feels the Fir Street option would work better for an apartment complex. Nyla has spoken with Mr. Hokanson and she feels he is willing to swap our property for his property. Cody said he'd like to talk to a realtor to see what both lots are worth. Cody feels, if the swap occurs and this property ends up being used as a Park, the Parks department would be responsible to reimburse the other departments for their portions. Karyn mentioned Mr. Hokanson came into the City Hall last week, and it seemed he's changed his mind and now plans to downsize the 6-plex to a 4-plex, and that he is no longer interested in swapping properties. Cody made a motion, seconded by Bill to table; **VOICE VOTE: Ayes, motion passes.**

Mask Requirements in City Buildings—Cody reported, as of last week, with guidance from the Health Department that Latah County and City of Moscow have dropped their mask mandates inside government buildings. Cody feels it should be up to Karyn and Debi to decide what is comfortable for them in the office. Bill made a motion, seconded by Jesse, to only require masks inside City Hall and drop the mask mandate everywhere else. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bill-Aye, Nyla-Nay, Jesse-Aye, Cody-Aye; AYES, motion passes.**

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS


Bill Krick- Water and Sewer Update and Well #8 - Discussed earlier, with Ryan Rehder. We are trying to get the land purchase between the City and PNW finalized and hoping to have all the documents ready by next Tuesday's meeting.

Cody Bailey- Street Update Dustin did a little snow plowing with the grader. Would be helpful if people would not park on the streets. The Christmas lights look great.

Jesse Aherin-Administrative Update---No report

Nyla Roach- Parks Update—Nyla reported there has been damage to the fence, at the RV Park, by kids throwing rocks. The police were notified and we believe we know some of the culprits. Weather was terrible for Saturday and wrapping lights, but better when Santa came Sunday in the Park.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Cody seconded by Bill to adjourn at 7:30pm **VOICE VOTE: AYES motion passes.**



John Hermann, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer