

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 W Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

September 5, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Hermann called the City Council meeting to order at 6pm, Tuesday September 5, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Present at the meeting were Council members: Nyla Roach, Bill Krick, Jesse Aherin, and Cody Bailey; Public Works Dustin Brinkly and James Mader; Deputy City Clerk Nikki Pew and Clerk Debi Zenner

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2023-2 Garbage Fee Increase: Mayor Hermann opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 to run concurrently with the regular meeting. With no comments, Mayor Hermann closed the public hearing at 7:18pm

VISITORS: Scott Becker, Jay Thomson-B&I Computer, Wendy Moore, Heather Kirk Shandra Smith-Genesee School, and Earl Bennett

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Wendy Moore, from the Genesee School came to introduce Heather Kirk and Shandra Smith. Heather will be sharing duties with Wendy and Shandra will be working as a community coordinator for the next three years. Wendy wanted to discuss their three year plan for serving the community. One of the topics was child care and extending Pre School.

Earl had questions about Well #8 and wondered, with the fires in Hawaii, do we have any plans do reinstate the fire alarm? Bill said the noon whistle will return shortly, so we will again have a siren.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Microsoft 365 Update: Jay Thomson from B&I Computer, explained the Microsoft 365 email. He handed out a survey to gather information from Council and staff. Once we have Microsoft 365 in place, he will be able to retrieve emails from a City umbrella. Jay brought a lap top so Council could see what he had in mind for each Council member. Microsoft 365 has a lot of applications that will be included on each computer, as well as the existing City laptops. Jay explained how all City business emails **@cityofgenesee.com** would also be included. Jay will work with the city on any public records request, initially, and train staff for future requests. Cost and warranties were also talked about; costs were included in our FY24 budget. Motion made by Bill, seconded by Jesse, to authorize Jay to move forward with the change over to the Microsoft 365 applications as presented and budgeted; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Roach; Ayes, motion carries**

Child Pedestrian Safety Update: Scott brought the plans for the sidewalk grant and suggested it be broken up into a base bid with bid alternates. He also talked about replacing the steps to make them ADA compliant. Scott will have the bid package ready to be voted on at the next meeting. Tamarack side would cost approximately 60K and the park side approximately 100K. Mayor Hermann said we received the check for \$187K today. Scott said everything should be ready to bid by the end of next spring. The deadline is January, 2024, but Scott said we should be able to get an extension.

Broadband Update: James had a meeting August 16th to discuss broadband. He also met with an Avista representative. The importance of companies getting right of way permits was discussed as well. Latah Broadband put forth a grant for capital project funds to link all small communities together through the Idaho department of commerce. Zippy would like to put their fiber on Avista's poles, but they would still be required to get right of way permits. Zippy challenged Latah's grant application in the communities of Potlatch and Genesee. Mayor Hermann, James and Kristina drafted a rebuttal, expressing Genesee's concerns. All of these concerns will be reviewed by the Idaho department of commerce and taken into consideration. Hopefully we will hear something in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Park Playground rebuild available funding: Mayor Hermann said this will be part of the Well #9 project. The first location in the park wasn't well received. The new site is in the existing playground and the Mayor asked Scott to check out grants for new playground equipment and possibly new restrooms as well. We have the possibility to use the old well house building to house the new mechanics of Well #9. Scott has been checking into grant opportunities and once we apply, we could hear something around January, if we are successful. Support letters are always helpful. Motion made by Nyla, seconded by Bill, to direct Scott Becker to pursue grant funding for the rebuild of the playground for the City's lower park; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Roach; Ayes, motion carries**

Business License-Shawn McGlothen (Food delivery service): Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill, to approve Shawn McGlothen's business license application; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Roach; Ayes, motion carries**

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-2 Garbage Fee Increase: Motion made by Bill, seconded by Cody, to approve Resolution 2023-2 to increase garbage fees, as of October 1, 2023; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Roach; Ayes, motion carries**

Resolution 2023-3 Mayor approval of Mountain Waterworks Task Orders for Waste Water Project: Motion made by Bill, seconded by Jesse, to approve Resolution 2023-3 to authorize the Mayor to sign task orders on the waste water project; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Roach; Ayes, motion carries**

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Update: No Report

Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Boyd's were able to cut part of their crop at the new waste water location. Well 8 is performing well and Well 5 was turned on today.

Cody Bailey – Street Update: Patchwork was done. Herco is moving in equipment and chip sealing will begin this week.

Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update: No Report

Nyla Roach – Parks Update: No Report. Cody made a comment we might want to name our city parks.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Cody seconded by Nyla to adjourn at 8:00 pm **VOICE VOTE: Ayes, motion carries**



John Hermann, Mayor



Debi Zenner, City Clerk/Treasurer