

# CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 2022

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met November 15, 2022; Mayor John Hermann called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present at the meeting were Council Members: Bill Krick, Nyla Roach, and Jesse Aherin; City Attorney Jennifer Douglass, Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly; City Clerk Karyn Wright and Deputy City Clerk Debi Zenner  
**ABSENT:** Cody Bailey

**VISITORS:** Ryan Rehder, Jennifer Douglass, Jay Roach, and Nancy Feigenbutz

**CONSENT AGENDA** - Motion made by Bill, seconded by Nyla, to accept the consent agenda as presented, along with payment of the bills and the approval of the financial statement and quarterly report.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Krick, Roach, Aherin; **AYES, motion carries.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Well #8 and Well House Update**-Ryan Rehder says there is good progress being made. The drillers have mobilized back at the Well #8 site and should be installing screens and casings tomorrow. Someone from Mountain Waterworks will be here to monitor the work that is being done, since it's such a deep well. Once pea gravel is put into the hole, they will begin sealing with cement. Test pumping could happen before the bentonite is put in, but won't be done until mid-December. Ryan explained we won't be able to make any decisions about Well #9 until Well #8 is complete.

**Well House contract:** Issued notice of award. Spoke with S&L, the contractor, who is in the process of getting bond insurance and will forward on to us, along with the signed contract. Ideally, we could have everything done before March. The pump and motor could take up to 20 weeks for delivery, approximately May, 2023.

Citizen asked about lighting around the Well House and Ryan explained there should be a light on the west side of the building and it would be directed more toward the ground, so shouldn't shine on their house.

**Wastewater:** DEQ has the resubmitted report. Plans should be submitted this Friday, as we want to get this out to bid. We anticipate the review of the plans within 42 days, but would like to put this out to bid by January 16, 2023, for the entire project. Depending on available funding, at the time, the city can award the schedules depending on amount of funding received. There will be lots of moving pieces and parts to this and will be complex, as well as the technical components. Ryan will get some of the council members to become involved as things begin happening. ARPA funds have a timeline expenditure date by 2026. The City will still need to apply for discharge and land app permits.

Ryan will come back in early December to discuss the bid process. Mayor Hermann suggested we have our water/wastewater updates on the second Tuesday, beginning, January, 2023.

Since receiving funding, November 1, we will be shifting from a loan to using grant money. Kristina will walk us through this process. There are key conditions so Kristina will come up with a system to help keep track of everything. We will also need a single audit as well.

We are planning to submit letters of interest in January. There are two grant funding sources that will become available; SRF loan, and the Governor meeting initiative, budget surplus on state taxes, allocated for infrastructure. This will go through DEQ.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Billing Adjustments:** The Auditors are requiring a policy, approved by Council, for any billing adjustment over \$50. Mayor Hermann says we can either set a higher limit or handle on a case by case basis. He will visit with the auditors tomorrow to see what they suggest we do. Motion made by Bill, seconded by Jesse to **TABLE** until next meeting for a better recommendation; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin; AYES motion carries**

**Fire Department Applications:** Motion made by Jesse, seconded by Nyla to accept the three applications; from Tyler Brummer, Rebecca Brummer and Jason Graham, for the Fire Department; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin; AYES motion carries**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion made by Bill, seconded by Jesse to go into Executive Session at 6:53pm, under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin; AYES motion carries**

Motion made by Bill, seconded by Nyla to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular session at 7:46pm;  
**ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Aherin; AYES motion carries**

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Mayor Update:** Lewiston Tribune and Moscow Daily News have discontinued delivery service. We can either have it mailed or use the digital format. Mayor Hermann recommends we get the physical copy through the mail. John also received a letter from Amanda Bashaw, from Latah Solid Waste, thanking us for meeting with council and looking for a representative to participate on the solid waste advisory committee. John volunteered to represent the City on this committee.

**Bill Krick-** Water and Sewer Update and Well #8: Will have an update conversation with Jay Meyer on the property regarding test pumping. Jesse asked if we had an extension on his agreement as far as the property purchase, Bill said we paid two years. The pasture below shouldn't be a problem, as the steers will be gone.

**Cody Bailey-** Street Update: Mayor reported there was hydro seeding done, and Bill noticed water in the roadway, instead of going into the storm drains. He's talked to Dustin about this and it will be addressed.

**Jesse Aherin-** Administrative Update: Jay from B&I has the license from Caselle. He is working with Dustin to install the VPN.

**Nyla Roach-** Parks Update: Has three campers in the park, but will soon be gone. Nyla is having trouble with the dumpster being used by others and is looking for a solution. Nyla has told the Brummer's, who are looking to buy a house in Genesee, they could remain at the RV Park in a Host role. John feels we have gotten conflicting information on how long people can stay, on a case by case basis. Jay Roach believes the City is in violation of the Grant terms by letting campers stay longer. Jay feels the City should not be in direct competition with the other RV Park in town. Mayor Hermann says we are done discussing this issue and asked for a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Nyla, seconded by Bill to adjourn at 8:09pm; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion carries.**



John Hermann, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy City Clerk