

CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

September 7, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL: Bill Krick, Nyla Roach, John Hermann, Cody Bailey (via Zoom), Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly, City Clerk/Treasurer Karyn Wright and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Debi Zenner

VISITORS: Mountain Waterworks (Terrence Stevenson), Alan Weis, Travis Christenson, Bill Hartley

John made a motion, seconded by Bill, to amend the agenda to add **CONSENT AGENDA**, that was inadvertently omitted; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Bailey, Roach, Hermann, AYES, motion passes.** Motion made by Bill, seconded by John to approve the consent agenda, with the addition of **FOREGIVENESS** after Wastewater Loan; along with payment of the bills, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Bailey, Roach, Hermann, AYES, motion passes**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Inland Telephone Agreement- The Mayor indicated our agreement is getting close to completion. Only discussion left is exact plan of where everything is going to be placed within the City's right of way. Dustin has been in discussions with our attorney. Alan Weis discussed permitting be added into the phases, for the final agreement. Internet, at no charge, will be provided to the City Hall, City Shop, RV Park, and Fire Station.

Late Comers Agreement- Tim has asked our attorney to continue working on this agreement. **TABLED**

Mountain Waterworks- Wastewater project update: Continuing work on the final design, not a lot to update. We did get our letter from DEQ on the reuse permit (land application). Looking to use the rest of the land for lighter sprinkling. We will have two unique systems, that won't need to be in use all the time. DEQ is concerned about too much water being put in the ground in certain areas, so if we could possibly use the southern end of the property. We want to avoid a lot of extra construction costs. We are going from irrigation 6 acres (currently) to 24 acres. Discussions about continually meeting future permitting limits constantly changing, with the city under the purview of DEQ. Terrence said we will evaluate what works best and have an update later.

LAND PURCHASE: Not sure if the land purchase went through. Bill will check with Jennifer Douglass tomorrow. September 1st was the day the documents were to be signed.

Mountain Waterworks-Well 8 update: Tim Farrell, from Mountain Waterworks, gave an update. Went through the powerpoint handout. Discussed the Well #8 drilling to date. Drilled down to approximately 800 feet into the Grande Ronde aquifer. Feels there is the potential for more water if we go further. Mt Waterworks recommendation is to construct the Grande Ronde aquifer well, near the exploratory hole. Discussed the differences between Alternative A: 8 inch motor with 200hp for approx. 315K, to construct the Grande Ronde aquifer well or Alternative B: which would have a 6 inch motor size with 60hp to complete the exploratory test hole as the production well. The Well drillers wouldn't be able to get back to Genesee until November 1st. Mayor Sperber indicated November 1st is too late and we were under the impression this was going to be completed much earlier.

Questions about what we were told would happen, doesn't quite seem to be happening now. This information should have been brought to council two months ago for us to make a decision. Council wondered if we moved over 20-50', there is no guarantee we will hit the same water as the exploratory hole. The Hydrologists have noticed fractures and feel it is a viable option. Mt Waterworks will call the well drillers and see when they can get here, hopefully before October. Mt Waterworks will have a call with Dig Well Idaho and Dustin to discuss when they can get back into town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Well 8: Authorization to proceed with construction of a production well in the Grande Ronde aquifer John feels we shouldn't make a decision until we hear from Digwell. **TABLE** until we know when the well drillers will be back, and schedule a special meeting .

Water system rate study proposal from Mountain Waterworks- Mountain Waterworks feels they can complete this rather quickly, working with Dustin and the Clerk, to determine the rates and financials. Will hopefully determine rates that will take us into the future for maintenance on power, chemicals, etc. John feels we need to wait until we have our new Well developed as this rate study can be done at any time. Motion made by Bill, seconded by John to **TABLE** until our January meeting when we know more about what is happening with our Well drilling. **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion passes.**

RV Park Emergency Extended Stay-TABLE for next meeting.

Fire Department Applications: John Lee, Justin Lichti and Tyrell Hanson

Mayor Sperber read information from each of the applications. Bill says they will be interviewed by the Fire Department. Motion made by Bill, seconded by John, to approve the applications of John Lee, Justin Lichti and Tyrell Hanson, to join the Genesee Fire Department; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion passes.**

Residential Outdoor Watering Restrictions- It was decided, because both Wells are running, we might lift the outside watering limit to everyone being able to water odd/even days. Motion by John, seconded by Bill to change restrictions on watering to allow odd addresses to water on odd days and even addresses to water on even days to help green up lawns **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion passes.**

Well House Building Repurpose and Restoration- Nyla discussed the Well house and let everyone know the big hole has been filled and will be topped off with concrete. She plans to look for a grant to reroof and find the right purpose for the building. It was built in 1905 and Kathy Zenner and Nyla feel it's worth saving. Kathy Zenner is willing to help paint and help out.

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Bill Krick- Water and Sewer Update and Well #8: Covered everything in Mt Waterworks report.

Cody Bailey- Street Update Dustin and Drew installed a flashing speed sign, near the welcome sign, to help get people slowed down and a new radar sign will be installed on the East end of Chestnut. Lines have been painted on Walnut. Motley Motley were awarded the contract for Jackson Street. Should begin September 15 and be done in October.

John Hermann- Administrative Update Front overhang at City Hall is deteriorating, leaking and causing unsafe conditions on the front steps. John has a contractor coming to look at it. Hopefully this will be addressed before winter.

Nyla Roach- Parks Update No update.

CORRESPONDENCE: Parking Information from Jim Sims: Mayor Sperber asked Council to read thru this information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by John, seconded by Bill to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(b) and Idaho Code 74-206(a) at 7:50pm **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Hermann, Bailey; motion passes.**

74-206 (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;

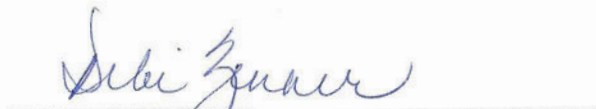
74-206 (a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

Motion made by Nyla, seconded by John to come out of Executive Session at 8:04pm; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Hermann, Bailey; motion passes**

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



Tim Sperber, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer