

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GENESEE CITY HALL

Minutes

OCTOBER 15, 2024
6:00 PM
140 E WALNUT STREET

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hermann called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present at the meeting were city council members Cody Bailey, Bill Krick, and Nyla Roach; and Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING MECHANICAL PERMIT FEE INCREASE: Mayor Hermann opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm.

VISITORS: Genesee Rec. District Board members Kayla Brown, Jay Meyer, and Art Lidquist. Genesee School Principal/Athletic Director Kelly Caldwell, Latah County Sherriff candidate James Fry, and Latah County Commissioner Kathie Lafortune.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Bill to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Cody. **Roll call vote: Bailey, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dave Wager Memorial Bench (**Action Item**) – Dustin indicated he had spoken with 2 Genesee students who would like to build the benches for senior projects. Motion made by Cody to approve moving forward with senior bench project, seconded by Nyla. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries.**

NEW BUSINESS:

James Fry for Sheriff (**Discussion Item**)- Mr. Fry addressed the council regarding running for Sheriff. He has lived in Troy, ID for 24 years, and served on the Troy School Board for 13 years. He would like to add a drug dog to the Latah Sheriff's Office to address the fentanyl issue.

Latah County Commissioner Tom Lamar regarding Latah County Housing Authority (**Discussion Item**) – Kathie LaFortune spoke in Tom's place about the need for affordable housing in Latah Co. and the formation of a Housing Authority in the County that would be run by a committee appointed by the County. They are seeking interested candidates from small towns in the County. She requested the City consider drafting a letter of support for the project. Cody asked if property developed by the HA would be tax exempt; Kathie indicated it would likely be tax exempt.

Rec District Presentation for Possible Ballfield Light Replacement (**Action Item**) – Art spoke regarding the formation of the Rec. Dist. and vision for the future. He indicated the RD is interested in improving the football field including new lights for the RD's next project. Kelly Caldwell spoke about the aging condition of the existing field and facilities and the school's support of the RD making the needed improvements, most importantly replacing the field lights that are at the end of their useful life. Kayla Brown indicated there are grants the RD intends to apply for to fund the project, but the grants would require the RD to own the property. Art requested the City draft a letter of intent to transfer ownership of the ballfield property to the RD. This letter would assure the City agrees with this vision, so the RD could invest time and resources developing a plan to apply for grants. Cody expressed his support for the RD taking on the project with the caveat that if the property ever changes use from recreational property, ownership will revert to the City. Cody made a motion to draft a letter of intent to transfer ownership of the Ballfield Property to the Genesee Recreation District once property lines are identified, seconded by Bill. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Krick, Roach; ayes; Motion Carries.**

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-5 Building Inspection Fee Amendment - The City of Genesee adopts the following amendments to the fee schedule adopted under Resolution 2023-4

MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES

Minimum permit fee for all mechanical permits is total fees listed below or \$75.00 whichever is greater	
Special inspection per hour	\$75.00

Motion made by Bill to adopt resolution; seconded by Nyla. **Roll call vote: Bailey, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries.**

PUBLIC HEARING MECHANICAL PERMIT FEE INCREASE: Mayor Hermann closed the public hearing at 7:53 pm there were no comments.

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Update: Mayor Hermann informed Council he received a letter from the EPA informing the City of violations of the Clean Water Act regarding the wastewater treatment plant exceeding permit limits. The City will draft a response with the assistance of the attorney.

Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Seepage test in lagoon 1 passed. Well driller is scheduled to start drilling well #9 on 10/16/24.

Cody Bailey – Street Update: None

Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update: Not present

Nyla Roach – Parks Update: None

Dustin Brinkly- Public Works Update: None

Nikki Pew-Clerk’s Update: Not present

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Cody to adjourn; seconded by Nyla. **Voice Vote: ayes; motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



John Hermann, Mayor



Dustin Brinkly, Public Works Director