

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the city council was called to order by council president Cody Bailey at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present at the meeting were council members Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, Bill Krick, and Jessica Mader; Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly, and City Clerk Nikki Pew.

VISITORS: About 30 visitors were present. Cody reminded all visitors that citizen comments will be limited to 3 minutes and the council is looking forward to hearing from all.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Morgan Overbay - The library is used a lot and is appreciated. Rosanna cartwright – supporter of the library. Appreciates it when the council includes citizens at meetings and states it is not uncommon for libraries to be under attack in this country. Abigail George – Their family checks out about 100 books a month, appreciates the comment from the council member saying the city is not trying to shut down the library. Connie Sobczyk – former branch manager. Reported since the last lease 10 years ago the library has had a good working relationship with City. Sometimes things get out that are not true. There was a past that was hurtful so she wants to thank us for a good working relationship and the work Dustin put in to make the library pretty. Jacie Jenson – Thank the council for consideration with the lease and stated there is support in the community for the library. Heather Stout – considers Genesee her home. In favor of renewing the lease. Rosanna Wright – library supporter. Laureen Trail – thankful for the programs offered at the library. She is part of the Friends of the Library. Likes that the town has a library. Thanked the council for letting her speak and for the work that is done. Anne McLachlan – asked the council, “Did you check out books as a school kid and did it impact your life?” The library has made life richer for her. Jonathan Roberts- moved to Genesee last April. Loves that it is possible to speak to the city council and be heard. Believes everyone in this room understands the value of the library. Rebecca Love – agrees with Jonathon Roberts. The library impressed her when she moved here. A lot happens there, and she is always seeing people going in and out. The thought of losing the library is so sad to her. April Hernandez – latah library district director. New to the position. Getting her feet wet and trying to figure this out. Appreciates that they have been able to lease the building and believes there are some things that can change in the lease to make it fairer for both parties. Small communities are lucky to have the libraries, and they help build new connections. Sonya Bramwell – thanked everyone for coming and thanked the council for taking comments. Chelsea Redinger – Thanked everyone for getting on the forum and communicating. Thanked the city for the open sign, the windows, and new locks at the library. She loves the space. Amy Peterson – Is a Friend of the Library and remembers what happened 10 years ago. To hear that it would be used as storage was disheartening to her. The comment online that the city doesn’t have the power to close the library, was not exactly true because the library would close if the lease was not renewed. Winston Durham– was at the last city council meeting and was the one who probably started the rumor that the city wanted to close the library. Felt frustrated that he can’t get the minutes from the last meeting until they are approved. Believes the library is very important.

Cody closes out citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: Jesse asked if the bill for the Sonic Wall was the total amount. Jessica asks if we are able to look into other IT companies. Jesse has worked with Jay a little bit and feels that he is doing a good job with his

service. Jessica asked us to watch the pricing quoted to us. Motion made by Jesse to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Jessica. **Roll Call Vote: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Mader; Ayes; motion carries.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning and Zoning Commission Applications (Action Item) – Jeremy Mayer has lived in town for 45 years and in Idaho for 52 years. He is always happy to help in the community. Jesse asked if he has dealt with issues going before P&Z. Has read a lot about encroachments and variants at his place of work. Bill asked if there would be any conflict of interest due to his work at a title company. Bill says with the information presented and the skill set Jeremy possesses he moves to accept Jeremy Mayers application to be on P&Z; seconded by Jesse. **Roll Call Vote: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Mader; ayes; motion carries.**

Mobile Home Park Permits (Action Item) – The discrepancies discussed at the last meeting have been corrected. Waiting for \$12 from Genesee Mobile Home Park but will receive that soon. Tim has 19 spaces, Genesee Mobile Home Park has 11, Moser has 8 spots, Brad and Dawn have 3. Motion made by Jesse to approve the mobile home park permits; seconded by Jessica. **Roll Call Vote: Aherin, Bailey, Krick, Mader; ayes; motion carries.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Animal Control Officer (Action Item) - Had an incident at the store recently with a dog that was very aggressive when people tried to leave the store. Latah County deputy said there wasn't much the city could do without an animal control officer in place. We need to appoint James as the animal control officer to make decisions in the moment when a dangerous animal needs to be handled. We used to have an animal control officer subcontracted, but in recent years the maintenance staff has been handling animal complaints. The city has acquired a real catch pole, spray, and gloves to ensure safety when catching dangerous animals. Motion made by Bill to appoint James Mader as animal control officer; seconded by Jesse. **Roll Call Vote: Aherin, Bailey, Krick; ayes; Jessica abstains; motion carries.**

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Update: None

Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Electricians are working at the WRRF site to put power into the blower building. Bobby is retiring as project manager. The site is muddy, and they can't do much right now. **Water:** the driller has a bit stuck in the hole. He got some movement this afternoon. Dustin had looked into a vac truck in Texas, but the truck motor has historically had some issues. Trying to find out if the part has been changed out.

Cody Bailey – Street Update: Not much going on. The guys have only had to plow snow once.

Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update: None

Jessica Mader – Parks Update: Sent a message to the Rec District. Going to see where they are on their grants and will follow up with what she finds out. Wants to align with them for comprehensive plan. Nyla's Park sign: Bill is hoping to have something by the next meeting to discuss.

Dustin Brinkly- Public Works Update: We will be working on the water meter grant this week.

Nikki Pew-Clerk's Update: Nikki recently became engaged and will be moving to Montana in the spring or early summer. We will need to find a new clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: City council email correspondence: there was an email sent to the whole council recently. Someone accidentally hit reply all. The email is now entered into public record. The email was talking about the well that is currently being drilled and the water that was hit in the Wanapum aquifer.

Letter from a citizen: Letter from Ellen Vieth in support of the library. Cody says thank you to Ellen for the support.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Jesse to Adjourn; seconded by Jessica. Voice Vote: ayes; motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Cody Bailey, Council President



Nikki Pew, City Clerk/Treasurer