

# CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

April 15, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

6:00 PM

**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 Council members Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, and Jessica Mader; and Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly

**VISITORS:** Lisa Miller, Rick Hancock, Adair Becker, and Jacob Gisler.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Cody to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Jessica. Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, and Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Verizon Lease Agreement (Action Item):** Mayor Hermann suggested the City review the subleasing terms and consider including provisions for fees and City approval if Verizon subleases space on the tower. Motion by Jesse to table the approval until further information is available; seconded by Cody. Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

**Genesee Creative Collection Request for Pop-up Market (Action Item):** Adair said she is aware City's insurance will not cover the event; she is looking into securing GCC's own insurance. Adair asked if a Council member or City employees would occasionally attend an event for public Q&A. Adair also requested the events be advertised on the City webpage and newsletter. John suggested she utilize the Facebook Community Forum but will consider the request. John suggested one insurance policy covering the event as opposed to each vendor providing individual insurance. Motion made by Cody to approve the GCC pop-up events contingent on proof of insurance; seconded by Jessica. Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Volunteer Fire Dept. Application Jacob Gisler (Action Item)** John said Application had already been approved by the Fire Dept. Motion made by Jesse and seconded by Cody to approve Jacob's application; Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

**Civic Association Vendor Application Review (Action Item)** Rick said Christie Brown will manage the Food Vendors (4-5 Vendors), Gayle Andersen will run the Craft Vendors (up to 60). Food vendors will provide insurance as required on the application. Rick was advised by Mary Bielenberg the City insurance would cover the craft vendors. Cody said he thought that was incorrect. Rick said he would get clarification and get the insurance if needed. Rick asked if the applications could be posted on the Civic Associations link on the City webpage. Motion made by Cody to approve the applications and post them on the webpage; seconded by Jessica. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; all ayes. Motion carries.

**Schedule Budget Hearing (Action Item)** Dustin informed Council the date for the public hearing for the 25/26 FY budget must be set and reported to Latah County by the end of April. Motion made by Cody to hold the Public Hearing on the 25/26 FY Budget on August 5, 2025; seconded by Jessica. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

**Election Schedule (Action Item)** Dustin informed the Council Candidacy for City Council Seats will open August 25, 2025 and applications are due September 5, 2025. Cody reviewed seats that were up for election this year, that the County provided, and did not agree they were correct. Dustin said he would check the City records and confirm the correct terms with the County. Moved by Cody to table until corrections are made, seconded by Jessica. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

**INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Mayor Update:** John said the Blower start up at the WRRF project is scheduled for tomorrow, the aeration in lagoon one is installed. The seepage testing equipment in lagoon 2 blew over last weekend and the test was restarted, Western is working on the punchlist. Substantial Completion is still scheduled for May 31, 2025. DEQ will be here 4/22/25 at 9:30 at the Fire Station to tour the project and discuss the new permit. Well 9 update- the driller is down to 748' and the well is only producing minimal water at this point.

**Cody Bailey – Street Update:** Knife River got the bid for the 2025 chipseal project, Dustin may increase the quantities on the project if the budget allows. LHTAC has grants available that may be used to develop Comprehensive Plans, Cody will contact Scott Becker to help draft an application.

**Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update:** Jesse thanked the City employees for helping out at City Hall until the Clerk/Treasurer is filled. John asked Cody and Jesse to set up interviews for the clerk applicants.

**Jessica Mader – Parks Update:** Jessica reported that Cody talked with Jack Buell Trucking who may be able to provide free bark to be installed in the playground area. Jessica said Nyla was very pleased with the park sign, so another one will be made and installed at the lower park playground on Community Day. Jessica and Dustin met with American Ramp, they will develop a concept drawing with cost estimates that can be used for a grant application to fund a proposed skatepark for Genesee.

**Dustin Brinkly – No Report.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

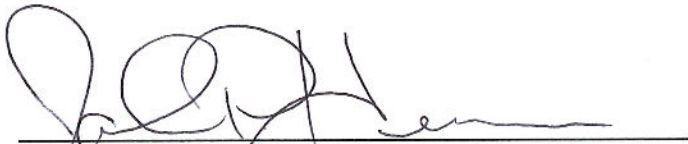
**Motion by Jesse to enter into executive session 74-206(b); seconded by Jessica. Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes.**

**Motion carries at 7:04 p.m.**

**Executive Session - 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;**

**Motion by Cody to come out of executive session; seconded by Jessica. Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Mader; ayes. Motion carries at 7:32 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jesse to Adjourn; seconded by Cody. Voice Vote: ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm**



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John Hermann, Mayor



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Dustin Brinkly Public Works Director