

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

GENESEE CITY HALL

140 E WALNUT STREET

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor John Hermann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present at the meeting were Mayor John Hermann; Council members Jesse Aherin, Bill Krick, Jessica Mader; Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly and Deputy Clerk Taylor Moody.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (comments limited to 3 minutes) None

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent agenda in order that it can be discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items.

Minutes of Meetings June 3, 2025

Approval of Bills Paid, Financial Statement, Journal Entries, Adjustments and Bank Statements

Jessica questioned on the Library/Senior Center window project if the library would be paying a portion of the cost. Dustin confirmed that there was a statement sent for fifty percent per their lease. John stated that the windows were agreed to prior to the lease agreement. Jesse and Jessica confirmed they remember the windows being discussed. Bill wanted to confirm that they would be paying 50 percent of just 1 window not all 3 that were on the invoice to the city and Dustin confirmed this was correct. Jessica also questioned if the city only purchases fuel from Scharnhorst. She states it is .50 to \$1 more a gallon than Lewiston. She questioned if the County was willing to store fuel so the city could purchase it cheaper. Dustin stated we could look into this and questioned if the county had a metered tank. This would need to be discussed further with Cody. Jessica would like to look further into this to try and cut the fuel cost down.

Motion made by Bill to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Jesse. Roll Call Vote: Aherin, Krick, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Review Lease for Compost Stockpile (Action Item)

Lease written by Tully. John had a few concerns. The term of the lease is for 1 year. John feels it should run from June 15th-November 1st. It is stated that there are other stipulations on the use of the property that limits him to those dates. John also noticed the lease states "the lessee shall pay and discharge all taxes and assessments levied or assessed on the improvements and personal property located on the leased premises". He is unsure why this is stated because he can not build or make any improvements on the property. The lease also states that "Lessee shall also remove any stockpiled agricultural compost on or before November 30th". John questioned why the lease should run for 1 year and not match with the dates listed. Dustin agrees but wanted to make sure this time frame would give him plenty of time to apply the compost before November 1st. John and Bill stated November 1st would give him plenty of time. Jesse suggested after seeing how this first season goes revisiting the idea of extending it as a seasonal use lease over 3-5 years. Dustin will contact Tully to edit the lease to state June 15th to November 1st. Jesse questioned if there was anything that stated when he could start hauling compost into the site. John confirmed it states after final completion of the wastewater project. Dustin stated that the completion is close. Bill wanted to confirm how much property would be leased. John

confirmed this would be 200ftx200ft on the north side of the SARF filter No. 2. Dustin stated he initially requested 100ftx200ft but was potentially wanting to haul more in. Bill proposed wording it as 1 acre in the lease. **Motion made by Bill to approve the lease with the changes to the dates and square footage; seconded by Jesse. Roll Call Vote: Mader, Krick, Aherin; ayes. Motion carries.**

NEW BUSINESS: Bird Watchers Society access to the new waste water treatment site (Discussion Item) Bill received a phone call from a gentleman a few months ago stating he received information that the city was building a new lagoon system. There is a group of people that utilize the current lagoon for bird watching. Dustin and Bill met with the gentleman. The group records data on an app for studies at a University and there has been 122 bird species identified at our lagoon over the years. With the city moving the lagoon there is concern of the flight patterns changing and they wanted to know if the new lagoons would be accessible to the group. This was discussed at the meeting with DEQ and they had concerns regarding the public having access to the site. Dustin stated DEQ recommended no public on site without a guide on private property. John stated DEQ was also concerned with buffer zones between land app and public access areas. There is an access road that is private and is considered a maintenance lane. DEQ was going to look into the buffer zone requirements. John stated that it was suggested to give them access to the rock pit, and they could utilize their spotting scopes from there. The rock pit is not owned by the city and would need to be negotiated with Roach. Dustin and Bill did identify a spot they could park but that was on PNW property. They would not be able to see the lagoons from there. Jesse asked if the main concern was the access to the water. Dustin confirmed that the main concern was the public getting the wastewater on them and the liability. It was also discussed having a walking area from the cemetery down on the Becker property line but Bill feels the Beckers would also have hesitation. Dustin stated this is not urgent because the current lagoon will not be decommissioned for some time.

The Pastime Restaurant business license application (Action Item) Name has been changed to The Pastime Family Restaurant and they are looking to renew their business license under Ryan Sims. Address stays the same. Business will be restaurant instead of bar but will sell alcohol. Dates and hours of operation will be Tuesday-Saturday 11 AM-10 PM. John suggested because Jim already paid the \$10 license fee we return Ryan's \$10. **Motion made by Bill to approve the business license application; seconded by Jessica. Roll Call Vote: Aherin, Krick, Mader; ayes. Motion carries.**

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Update: Civic Association especially Rick Hancock should be commended for the effort and success of the 2025 Genesee Community Day. John is thinking we should write a letter to thank them. Sidewalk project has been completed. John had a discussion with David Brown the Mayor of Potlatch. They are struggling with water and sewer issues. They have several wells they drilled but he does not have the support of the town as far as bonding and they are looking sewer wise to build a central waste water treatment plant with Potlatch, Harvard, Princeton, and Hampton. He was looking to get information on how the City of Genesee funded the waste water project. He was wanting to come tour the facility. Unless the council has an issue with John would like to share further information with them. Jessica would like to join the meeting so they can share how Potlatch funded their splashpad and swimming pool through grants. John will let Council know when David will be in town to meet.

Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Sewer - Had a progress meeting on site today. There were a few things listed that needed further attention on site. There is no set date of when they will be going online. Still waiting on DEQ to approve the data provided from the seepage test. Water- Having a meeting tomorrow onsite at the well. They are getting the screens placed. Hoping to have the casing placed by end of week. Further discussion regarding the

pump house and adding a generator. Bill feels this is a good idea. A portable generator appeals to Bill so we could utilize it for other purposes. We do need to have backup power at one of the wells. The meeting will consist of the engineers, USDA, and DEQ.

Cody Bailey – Street Update: Dustin reported they are still waiting for a date on the chip seal project.

Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update: Wanted to pass along the compliments he received on how great and clean the City looked for Community Days.

Jessica Mader – Parks Update: Met with the skate park people. She is looking to get funding for both a skate park and splashpad. Has not heard back from the splashpad grant she applied for. Has an upcoming meeting with the Genesee School. The grant they were hoping to get for the 2026 summer program will not work. Community Days all around was well received. John commended Jessica on her presentation for the dedication of the park for Nyla. Genesee Community Socials in the park start tomorrow. Sonya asked if the city wanted to sponsor a night. Jessica is willing to purchase popsicles and answer questions. They did provide their insurance information. They are responsible for their vendors having their own insurance. Dustin mentioned there were some concerns mentioned from Community Days regarding vendors blocking access to trailers in the ally on the south end of the park. John suggested opening the gate at the east side of the park. Dustin will discuss further with Sonya. Bill suggested possibly having the vendors on the sidewalk and streets for easy unloading.

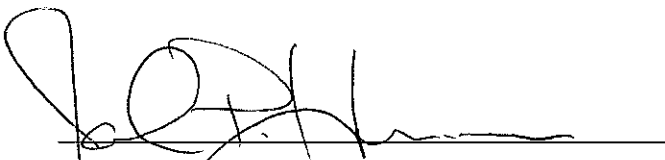
Dustin Brinkly- Public Works Update: Getting close to budget time. He has started working on a draft.

Taylor Moody-Clerk's Update: Casselle Annual Summit is coming up in October. Hotel, flight, and conference cost would be about \$1500.

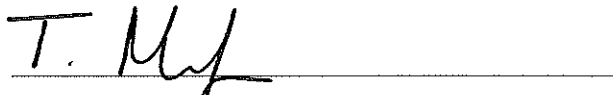
CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT: Jesse moved to adjourn; seconded by Bill. Voice vote; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, 140 E. Walnut or call 285-1621.



John Hermann, Mayor



Taylor Moody, Deputy Clerk

