

# CITY OF GENESEE

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CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2018

REGULAR

MINUTES

4:00 PM

Location: 140 E. Walnut, Genesee, ID 83832

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**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met January 16, 2018. Mayor, Steve Odenborg, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**ROLL CALL** – Present at the meeting were council members: Edie McLachlan, Ryan Banks, Art Lindquist, Linda James, City Engineer Scott Becker, Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Debi Zenner.

**VISITORS:** Larry Weber

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Edie made a motion, seconded by Linda, to accept the consent agenda as presented along with Financial Statement and payment of the bills; **ROLL CALL VOTE:** McLachlan, Banks, Lindquist, James, Ayes; motion carried.

## CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS-

**Edie-**Went to a session on utilities with Dustin and Debi, January 5<sup>th</sup>, in Potlatch. There was a lot of material covered. Edie feels a rate study would be really important for us, and Ryan Rehder, from Mountain Waterworks, could assist with this. Some cities charge a maintenance fee on empty lots that have utilities; \$10 for water and \$20 sewer. We also need to re-visit raising some of our fees, as we are considerably lower, in comparison, to other towns. Edie also mentioned putting a moratorium on any new water/sewer hookups until we can get our lagoon issues handled. Edie asked if the City has an Emergency Action Plan or do we rely on the County? Steve said he's taken classes on this and our local representative is Mike Neelon. Edie would like more local information and to work with the Fire Department to discuss this further. Art will work with Dustin and the Fire Department and report back to council. Edie also discussed IDWARN. There is no cost or obligation to join. It appears the City of Genesee is already on their webpage, but Debi will call tomorrow and check to make sure. Edie would also like more customer education on our water and sewer. We would like residents to be more educated on where our water comes from and where it goes, since we will be asking them for more money for sewer upgrades. She thought, possibly, a graduate student might be interested in doing this as a project and put a survey in our utility bills on a yearly basis. Edie would like everyone to know she will be in Boise next Monday, January 22, 2018 for an AIC meeting.

**Ryan-**No Report.

**Dustin-WATER:** We have had air in the system. Well #5 is shut down for now, as we trouble shoot the problem. We are doing static tests, etc. Art suggested a temperature fluctuation might be the cause and his water seems to have a metal taste to it. Dustin will sample the water. Edie would like to do a study on our aquifer. Scott mentioned the Palouse Basin Aquifer Council Committee and they have information on their website. **SEWER:** Ryan Rehder from Mountain Waterworks, is almost done with the collection assessment. Jetting and camera work will be done next week. Dustin asked if he could spend an additional 6K on camera work to complete

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this project. Everyone agreed it was worth the extra money and the Mayor gave Dustin permission to spend the additional money. We are also looking at potentially moving the lagoon. Ours is located in the floodplain and with regulations getting tighter in floodplain areas, funding sources are possibly available to help. We have been looking at ground located South of our current location and possibly we could trade ground with that farmer. The facilities plan will explore three or four options and one of them would be leaving it where it currently is.

**EPA LETTER:** In 2014 the EPA fined the City for discharging into Cow Creek. We've received a letter notifying they are filing another suit. Dustin will have a conference call with the EPA, Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Scott Becker and Ryan Rehder will be here for that call. We are hoping they will like our improvement plans and they will either lower or omit the fine completely. Idaho Conservation League has been watching us closely. Steve mentioned the last time this happened, Jack Hammond and Doc Lucas were making good points, but we were still fined. **STREETS:** LRHIP Cedar Street Project: The City will be responsible for the design. The proposal was received this afternoon for \$17,864. Steve needs to review and sign. There were discussions regarding negotiating a lower cost. Council will review. **LHTAC:** Costs have increased since the Grant application was submitted. They have provided us with alternatives. Dustin briefly explained where items can be trimmed. Ryan and Steve will review and report back what they think would be the best options. Edie mentioned the trucks driving up on the sidewalks in front of her house and maybe that sidewalk could be eliminated.

**Scott-**Presented the letter to IDWR (Idaho Department of Water Resources). Steve read the letter addressed to Maureen O'Shea, aloud for Council. Scott spoke with Greg Teasdale before the meeting and said if Maureen wouldn't accept our proposal, there may be other options to explore. **NEW SUBDIVISION:** There were discussions about putting this on hold until our sewer and lagoon issues are resolved. Dustin believes our system would be able to handle, but we need to weigh the pros and cons. There were also discussions regarding putting a sidewalk at not only the subdivision, but all the way to Garfield Street or a walkway on Walnut. Scott will make an addition in the letter regarding pedestrian access. Edie suggested a safe route to school, excluding Chestnut Street.

**Linda-**No Report, but not feeling well, so left the meeting.

**Art-** No Report

**Debi-** Reported for the record, Steve was sworn in as Mayor, by our City Clerk, Karyn Wright, in the City Hall, Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 11:45am with witnesses; Irene Davis Mundy and Debi Zenner.

**Steve-**Genesee has been selected as Capital For a Day, January 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9-3pm. The event will be held at the Fire Hall. Our lunch menu will include, lentils, garbanzos and Genesee Sausage, and will be prepared by the Civic Association. Steve made several cabinet selections; Department of Agriculture, Idaho Transportation Department, Department of Water Resources, State Board of Education, Department of Environment Quality, Idaho State Police and Idaho Parks and Recreation. The Governor's office will bring approximately 30 people. Art suggested contacting City businesses to let them know. Earl Bennett will also be here. The State will send a press release on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping to get an advanced copy to post on the Genesee Community Forum to let our residents know.



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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**IDWR Letter-**Mayor signed the letter drafted by Scott Becker

**Burning Recommendation-**TABLED

**Parking Ordinance-** TABLED

**Pre Application Review Letter (subdivision)-** Was discussed in Scott's report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EPA Letter-**Discussed in Dustin's report.

**LRHIP Project Design-**Discussed in Dustin's report.

**Fire Dept Applications-**TABLED

**Liquor Licenses-**Edie made a motion, seconded by Art, to accept Randy Hall, Garry Collins, and Jim Sims Liquor Licenses; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, Motion Carried.**

**Extra Garbage Fees 12/26/17-**Art made a motion to waive extra Christmas garbage fees, seconded by Edie; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, Motion Carried.**

**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS-**

**AD HOC Committee Guidelines-** TABLED (Art is still working on these)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**


**IDWARN-**Appears we are currently members, Debi will call and verify.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Edie made a motion under Idaho Code 74-206, sub-section A, seconded by Ryan, to go into Executive Session at 5:57pm; **VOICE VOTE Ayes; motion carried.**

Out of Executive Session at 6:45pm

**ADJOURNMENT-** Edie made a motion, seconded by Art to adjourn at 6:45pm. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

  
Steve Odenborg, Mayor

  
Debi Zenner, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer