

CITY OF GENESEE

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2018

MINUTES

4:00 PM

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met August 21, 2018. Mayor, Steve Odenborg, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

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

VISITORS: Mike Neelon, Ryan Rehder, Mt Waterworks, Laureen Trail, Bill Hartley, Gary Kiss, Cindy Langstaff, Paul Turner, Linda Chilson, Byron Chilson, Tom Lamar, Bud Hall, Carl Heilman, Earl Bennett and Stan Sobczyk

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance #413-2018-2019 Budget

**Resolution 2018-5-A or Resolution 2018-5-B Sewer User Fee Increases: \$10 Beginning,
October 1, 2018 with an additional \$10 beginning April, 2019**

Resolution 2018-6 Water User Fee Increase 10% (\$1.09 increase over \$10.94, \$12.03 Total)

Mayor Odenborg Opened the Public Hearing for all three items at 4:00pm.

Comments:

Laureen Trail wanted it known, she was not in favor of a Water User Fee increase. Linda Chilson asked, if they have to raise the Sewer Fees, what was the justification for the Water increase? Edie discussed the reasoning and spoke about the Well decommission and the EPA fine of \$30K for discharging into Cow Creek.

Ryan (Mountain Waterworks), also spoke about incrementally increasing the Sewer Fees as the project evolves. Funding for facility plan and implementation and then the fees will go towards maintaining the facility; so this will be a permanent increase. Before the City can apply for Grants to help with costs, we need to get our rates where they need to be, since our rates are comparably low. Dustin further explained the issues we have discharging into Cow Creek. New limit requirements, on ammonia phosphorus, are in our new permit. These requirements are impossible to meet with our current lagoon. Standards for lagoons need to be lined, which ours is not. Population growth is also factored in the sewer facility plan. In the end, we will have several alternatives to present to our residents.

Karyn Wright, spoke as a resident, saying she was also not in favor of a Water User Fee increase. She felt with the Sewer Fee increases, it wouldn't be fair to gouge the residents even more. Edie explained the Well decommission could be very expensive and may not be the answer to our Nitrate problem. Bill Hartley asked if the City had considered having one of the nearby universities do a study on the Nitrates in our water. There are thoughts it was from chemicals applied 30-40 years ago that have gradually made their way into our water. Farmers today, are more conservative and mindful of chemical application. Edie plans to attend even more meetings in the Moscow and Pullman areas that discuss water and chemicals applied to our farm ground.

Mayor Odenborg closed the Public Hearing at 5:00pm

Gary Kiss wondered if his concerns had been addressed, regarding over grown trees at Spruce/Ash Streets and Cedar/Spruce Streets. Ryan said he looked at them and will talk to the residents and get it taken care of.

Bill Hartley wanted to make sure the City knows they own the bridge on the Genesee-Juliaetta Road. It was thought it could have belonged to the South Latah Highway District. The City is aware of this.

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

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS-

Edie- No Report

Art-Met with Gina Taruscio from PEP. This organization helps increase commerce in Latah County Communities. PEP will be putting together a website for prospective businesses and would like to come down and take pictures of Genesee. Curbside recycling will probably not be a go, with the other increases. Talked about relocating the recycle bins to Morscheck Road, where the Compost Bins are located. Art has talked to several people and they agree it's a good idea.

Ryan-Spoke above regarding Gary's concerns with safety and overgrown trees, blocking the view of oncoming traffic. Ryan will go out and talk to the residents and try and come up with a solution.

Scott- Talked about floodplain issues. Planning to put together a letter for residents, located in the floodplain, to get a copy of their elevation certificates.

Debi-Asked if Council had any changes on the Lease Agreements with the School, regarding the Ballfield and the South Latah Highway District rental property located on Morscheck Road. Council had no changes, so the Lease Agreements will stay the same for another year.

Steve- Erin Tomlin has accepted the position of City Attorney and will be sworn in at our next council meeting. Also mentioned the LHTAC reflective signs grant that is due in mid-November. There will be a LHTAC workshop in Moscow on October 10th at no cost.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2018-5-A (council did not accept)

Resolution 2018-5-B: Mayor Odenborg read the Resolution aloud. Motion made by Art, Seconded by Ryan to accept Resolution 2018-5-B; **ROLL CALL VOTE: McLachlan, Banks, Lindquist; Ayes; motion carried.**

Resolution 2018-6 Water User Fee Increase 10%: Mayor Odenborg read the Resolution aloud. Motion made by Edie to accept the resolution....Motion died due to lack of second.

Ordinance #413-2018-2019 Budget: Motion made by Art, seconded by Edie to suspend with the three readings; **ROLL CALL VOTE: McLachlan, Banks, Lindquist; Ayes; motion carried.** Mayor Odenborg read the budget aloud. Motion made by Art, seconded by Ryan to accept Ordinance #413-2018-2019 Budget; **ROLL CALL VOTE: McLachlan-NAY, Banks-AYE, Lindquist-AYE; Ayes; motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Hazard Mitigation Plan-Mike Neelon discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Latah County. All cities will be involved. Once they receive the information from the cities, they will have a draft report around the first of October. This report will have a lot of information regarding City Government and also show we are working with State and Federal Government.

NEW BUSINESS:

Children Pedestrian Safety Program (LHTAC/ITD): Ryan discussed this program and would like to move forward. The application is due 12/6/2018. Scott will help out with this. Will come up with a round idea and bring back to the next council meeting. This could happen Spring of 2019, if we are selected.

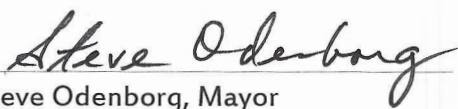
PROJECTS IN PROGRESS-

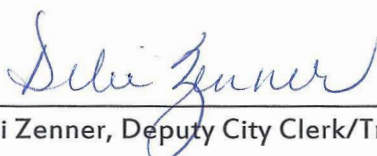
Sub Division Ordinance Committee -Tabled

Sidewalk Standards-Tabled

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT- Art made a motion, seconded by Ryan, to adjourn at 6:05pm. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**


Steve Odenborg, Mayor


Debi Zenner, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer