

CITY OF GENESEE

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL
MEETING**

March 26, 2015

MINUTES

Location: 140 E. Walnut, Genesee, ID 83832

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met in a special session on March 26, 2015. Mayor Steve Odenborg called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Present at the meeting were council members Ryan Banks, Edie McLachlan, Art Lindquist, Cathleen Blevins, City Attorney Erin Tomlin and City Clerk Karyn Wright.

VISITORS: Friends of the Library

CONSENT AGENDA: Cathleen made a motion, seconded by Art to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 special meeting as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE; Banks, McLachlan, Lindquist, Blevins. Ayes; motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS-

Acknowledgement of Open Meeting Violation and Cure- Art made the following motion, 2nd by Edie, At our meeting on March 17, 2015, we openly discussed an email vote we took to approve a financial amount in the lease negotiations regarding our library. After that meeting our attorney notified us that email voting is prohibited by the Open Meeting Law in Idaho. In a short amount of time we have reviewed whether there were any other email votes that we needed to address as well. There have been a total of four including the vote on the 25th regarding the library lease.

The first email vote occurred on June 18, 2014 to approve bills. The second email vote occurred on September 4, 2014 to accept Ken Nagy's letter of resignation. The third email vote occurred on December 4, 2014 to approve bills and the fourth email vote occurred on February 25, 2015 regarding the library lease.

It has been thirty days since all the email votes prior to February 25, 2015 occurred. They are outside of the cure period and those votes stand but I still want to publicly acknowledge them. The email vote on February 25, 2015 is within the cure period and I move that the email vote on the 25th and any other library lease votes taken by us to be null and void pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2347 (7) based on our acknowledgement of the violation and that negotiations for the library lease shall be added to the agenda for the April 7, 2015 meeting. **ROLL CALL VOTE; Banks, McLachlan, Lindquist, Blevins- Ayes; motion carried.**

Open Meeting and Public Records Training- Art made the following motion, 2nd by Cathleen, Based on our misunderstanding of past training regarding open meeting compliance and the use of emails to conduct business, I move that we begin the process of identifying training to clarify Open Meeting Laws and that we ask our attorney to help organize a

training session in the near future so that we can be in full compliance from here on out. **ROLL CALL VOTE; Banks, McLachlan, Lindquist, Blevins- Ayes; motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT-

Art made a motion, seconded by Edie to adjourn the City Council meeting. **ROLL CALL VOTE; Banks, McLachlan, Lindquist, Blevins- Ayes; motion carried.**

Steve Odenborg, Mayor

Karyn Wright, Clerk/Treasurer