

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

September 3, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met September 3, 2019. Mayor, Steve Odenborg, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

VISITORS: Bill Hartley, Cody Bailey, Carl Heilman, Bill Krick and Gary Kiss

PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 2019-4 Sewer Fee Increase

RESOLUTION 2019-5 New Service Water/Sewer Hookup Fees

RESOLUTION 2019-6 Water Fee Increase (10%)

RESOLUTION 2019-7 Drinking Water Planning Grants

Mayor Odenborg opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm to run concurrently with the regular Council Meeting. Mayor read each resolution aloud. Discussions regarding rate increases: Visitor comment: it's getting expensive to live in Genesee. It was also mentioned if the City is asking their residents to pass a Bond in November, to replace our waste water facility, they shouldn't ask for any additional increases.

The \$20 sewer increase, has been used for EPA required improvements. After the \$5 increase is implemented in October, the City is hoping it will cover the cost of our new waste water facility. There were also questions about the Circuit Breaker program and who qualifies for lower increases.

The City has received \$243K in grants from DEQ and two \$750K from the Army Corp of Engineers. DEQ will provide, to the City, a low interest loan at 1.75%.

It was also questioned why the waste water situation was never mentioned before the vote on the new Fire Station, which raised property taxes.

No disagreement, the City needs more money to maintain our water system, it was argued that we should take care of one thing at a time instead of raising everything.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:03pm

CONSENT AGENDA: Edie made a motion, seconded by Ryan, to accept the consent agenda, along with payment of the bills and financial statement; **ROLL CALL VOTE:** McLachlan, Banks, Roach, Ayes; motion carried.

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Edie-No Report

Ryan-Needs to make signs for people to vote November 5th. We need to get the word out, on our Webpage, Facebook page and Newsletter about the upcoming election. The Sewer bond and two council member positions will be on the ballot. Discussed moving the speed sign on old Highway 95 further up on Cedar.

Dustin-Plans to order two 5 HP aerators for the lagoon. These will also be used for our new facility.

Scott-Tap Grants will be funded this year. LHTAC workshops will be coming up in October (Plummer 10/8 and Orofino 10/9). Scott feels it's good to have a presence at these meetings. Nyla would like to attend and Ryan will check his schedule. Scott is working with Nyla to update our Comprehensive Plan with trails, hoping to get grants for help.

Nyla-Has a meeting with the school to ask for an increase on what they pay for the use of the football field. Currently they pay 4K/year. Also mentioned the Veterans Park shouldn't be affected when the football field moves, during the rec district construction. Reported the RV Park made \$2875 for the month of August.

Debi-No Report

Steve-Has been working with Erin on a couple of things.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2019-4 Sewer Fee Increase: Mayor Odenborg read the Resolution. Edie made a motion, seconded by Ryan; **ROLL CALL VOTE: McLachlan, Banks, Roach, Ayes; motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 2019-5 New Service Water/Sewer Hookup Fees: Mayor Odenborg read the Resolution. Edie made a motion, seconded by Ryan; **ROLL CALL VOTE: McLachlan, Banks, Roach, Ayes; motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 2019-6 Water Fee Increase (10%): Mayor Odenborg read the Resolution. Edie made a motion to pass, *motion failed due to lack of second.*

RESOLUTION 2019-7 Drinking Water Planning Grants: Mayor Odenborg read the Resolutions. Edie made a motion, seconded by Ryan; **ROLL CALL VOTE: McLachlan, Banks, Roach, Ayes; motion carried.**

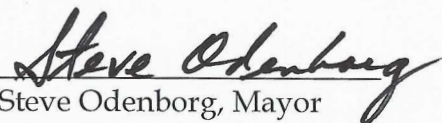
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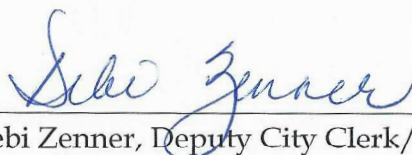
NEW BUSINESS-

PROJECTS IN PROCESS: Sidewalk Replacement

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT- Nyla made a motion, seconded by Ryan, to adjourn at 8:50pm. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**


Steve Odenborg, Mayor


Debi Zenner, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer