

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met August 4, 2020. Mayor, Steve Odenborg, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL - Present at the meeting, Council Members Nyla Roach, Art Lindquist, Cody Bailey, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Debi Zenner and Clerk/Treasurer Karyn Wright.

VISITORS: Rhonda Zenner, Tom Schmidt, Bill Hartley, Doug Bennett, Lucas Martin, Carl Heilman, Randy Hall, Earl Bennett, Keith VanLeuven, Ron Zenner, Jay Roach, Gary Kiss, Adam & Kristin Bentley, Gretchen Hermann, Teresa Thorsten, Jesse Aherin, James & Jessica Mader, and Linda Chilson

Art made a motion, seconded by Cody to move the Council Appointment from **New Business** below to directly after the Consent Agenda; **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

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

Appointment of New Council Member - Mayor Odenborg wanted to thank Art Lindquist for his years of service, time and effort as a Council member. Bill Krick was nominated and voted in at our July 23rd special meeting. Mayor Odenborg asked Bill to stand, and was sworn in as a Council Member and took his seat at the table. Mayor Odenborg then nominated John Hermann to replace Art Lindquist on Council. Bill made a motion, seconded by Nyla to accept the nomination of John Hermann as a Council Member; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Bailey, Krick, Ayes; motion carried.** Mayor Odenborg asked John to stand and was sworn in as a Council Member, and took his seat at the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Well House for Civic Storage- Rhonda Zenner, President of the Civic Association, came to the meeting to discuss the decommissioned Well House for Civic's storage needs. She indicated there could be problems with a leaky roof and walls and wanted the City to be responsible for any of the maintenance. Cody feels, if the Civic Association is going to be using the building, they should be responsible for maintenance. Rhonda also thought a 10-year Lease was too little, if the Civic Association was going to pay approximately \$1700, to fill in the Well hole. Nyla had already discussed this at a previous Council meeting and reported she asked the City Engineer, Scott Becker, to go down and make sure the building was sound with no leaks. He confirmed the building was sound and should be fine, once the Well was filled for safety. Nyla said she went to the last Civic meeting to report this information so everyone was aware. Council will discuss if they would like to increase the lease to more than 10 years at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tentative Budget- Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla to accept the tentative budget; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick, Ayes; motion carried.**

Fire Department Applications- Bill made a motion, seconded by Cody to accept the Fire Department Applications from Cody Bailey, Kelley Porter, and David Gregory; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick, Ayes; motion carried.**

McAloon Law-Engagement Letter on Water Bond- Motion made by Bill, seconded by Cody to accept McAloon Engagement Letter on the Water Bond; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick, Ayes; motion carried.**

Questions from the visitors about the City's water situation. We are currently looking to drill a new well and replace the existing aging infrastructure. It is critical we drill a new Well or two. We are also going to test Well #6, drilled in the 1990s, the hope is to get at least 40 gallons per minute, testing low in nitrates. If this happens, we can blend Well #6 with Well #3. Randy Hall wondered if the City had a list of short-term fixes? Aeration to help with Nitrate dilution? A replacement pump in case Well #5 goes out? What data does the City have that 40gpm would help? Doug Bennett asked if Well #3 had been tested and what were the nitrate levels? Also discussed, when raising the water rates, will they be in a stair-step, so the biggest users are charged the most? It was asked we get other city water rates for comparison. Earl Bennett wanted to let everyone know that he has put out on Facebook's Genesee Community Forum a history of Genesee's Wells if anyone is interested.

Stomping Grounds Dumpster -The indicated placement of the dumpster, was on the City's right of way and would not work. They will work with P1FCU to find a better location for their dumpster.

Stomping Grounds/Liquor Store - Keith VanLeuven said they have declined to have the Liquor dispensary.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-6 Adoption of a Resolution requiring water conservation and mandatory restriction. Mayor Odenborg read the Resolution. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla to approve Resolution 2020-6; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick; Ayes; motion carried.**

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Nyla-Parks are not using water. RV Park is doing well this summer.

Cody- East Chestnut was patched, also dust abatement was done. 2021 is the tentative start date for the Chestnut Street Project (LHTAC)

Bill-Would like to thank everyone for their questions regarding the City's water situation. One of the issues is making sure we'd have enough water for fire protection and wanted to assure everyone there is plenty of water in the reservoir, if needed. Bill also wondered if Dustin would test the nitrates in Well #3 and let everyone know.

Steve-Would like to move the next three Council Meetings to the Community Center in the new Fire Station. Also, would like an Executive Session added to the next meeting to discuss a new City attorney.

ADJOURNMENT-Cody made a motion, seconded by Nyla, to adjourn at 7:40pm. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**


Steve Odenborg, Mayor


Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer