

CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 235 W Chestnut Street, (Fire Station) Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

September 1, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - The Genesee City Council met September 1, 2020. Mayor, Steve Odenborg, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL - Present at the meeting, Council Members Nyla Roach, John Hermann, Cody Bailey, Bill Krick, Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Debi Zenner and Clerk/Treasurer Karyn Wright.

VISITORS: Ryan Rehder, Bill Hartley, Nathan Guinard, Ezekiel Adams, Doug Bennett, Lucas Martin, Carl Heilman, and Gary Kiss. Via Zoom: Linda Chilson, Paul Turner and City Attorney Jennifer Douglass

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance #422 WATER REVENUE BONDS 2020-21-Mayor Odenborg opened the Public Hearing at 6:00pm and will run concurrently with the regular council meeting. Public Hearing was closed at 6:53pm.

Ryan Rehder gave an update on the City's water issue. We are going to apply for short term financing of \$100K to move forward with the test holes to search for a new well and a company from Nevada is here testing Well #6. They are in hour 7 of a 24 hour pump test. So far, it's pumping approximately 65 gallons per minutes, and testing very low in Nitrates. We are hoping this will become a viable source to blend with Well #3 to dilute the Nitrates and make it safe for drinking. Well #6 was drilled in the 1990's and was never finished. So far, the water tests all look promising. If all works out, we will put together a plan to pipe Well #6 and #3 together; as there is already a dedicated pipeline nearby. This would be a very cost effective option.

Nitrate levels of 10 mg/L or less are considered to be drinkable. Dustin will continue to monitor the Nitrates in both Wells, #3 and #6. Well #5 is a good source of drinkable water, but the City needs two additional sources. In drilling another Well, we are hoping for 150-200 gallons per minute.

John Hermann asked why the Bond has to be for so much or could it be done in stages? Dustin explained costs of constructing a new well, repairing and replacing some of the existing infrasture, can be very expensive. We have the ability to borrow up to \$3.5 million dollars, but the costs could come in lower.

Ezekial Adams wanted to know why the problem with the Well wasn't taken care of years ago? Dustin explained the Nitrate level regulations have dropped and have caused the situation we are currently in. We hoped by decommissioning Wells 1 & 2, it would help with the Nitrate levels in Well #3, but is hasn't.

Gary Kiss also wanted to know why this wasn't taken care of over 10 years ago. Bill Krick explained work was done on the Wells we had, hoping they would solve the problems, but knew it would be a short-term fix.

Nathan Guinard was curious why the Fire Station would be built when the City had other issues. Jennifer Douglass explained the difference in the Bonds. Water and Sewer are independent from other City funds and wouldn't have anything to do with the tax revenue that built the Fire Station.

If the Bond passes in November, a new Well would be drilled in approximately 2021.

There was a question regarding a water leak on Beech Street. Dustin explained the leak was at someone's residence and was fixed quickly, with little impact on Well #3 hours.

Bill Krick said the farmers should be winding down on the water usage from Well #3 (tanks located on Chestnut Street), which all agricultural use has come from. Helena, Wilbur Ellis and McGregor have agreed to split the cost of the water being pumped from Well #3.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Bond Payment-The shortfall has been paid through the general fund and the attorney feels that was a good way to handle it. As tax revenue comes in, the general fund will be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mountain Waterworks-Master Services Agreement-Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla to **TABLE** until our attorney has time to review; **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

City Webpage Proposal (Carl Heilman)-Carl proposed he be hired to work as the City's web administrator. He gave an overview of the things he would include on the webpage. The City attorney asked if we had a contract with First Step, who is our current webpage administrator, which we do, and have paid half. The other half, would be paid, when Debi was able to sit with Joe and learn how to navigate the webpage so it could be updated in the office. Our attorney also stated, if the City decides they need to hire a webpage administrator, they would have to advertise for the position.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance #422 WATER REVENUE BONDS- Motion was made by Nyla, seconded by John to suspend the three readings; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick, Ayes; motion carried.** Mayor Odenborg read the summary of Ordinance #422. Motion made by Bill, seconded by Nyla to approve Ordinance #422 Water Revenue Bonds; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick, Ayes; motion carried.**

CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Cody-No Report

Bill-Feels we are getting good news, so far, with the pump test on Well #6, will report more next meeting.

John-No Report

Nyla-Avista repaired the light pole at the ballfield and made things much safer.

Steve-Anyone is welcome to go up on Laurel Street and watch the test pumping of Well #6.

ADJOURNMENT-Cody made a motion, seconded by Bill, to adjourn at 7:27pm. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**


Steve Odenborg, Mayor


Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer