

CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

December 1, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL - Present at the meeting, Council Members John Hermann, Nyla Roach, Cody Bailey(via Zoom), Bill Krick, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Debi Zenner and Clerk/Treasurer Karyn Wright(via Zoom).

PUBLIC MEETING-Water Facility Plan, Public Comment Period:

Ryan Rehder gave a presentation on the Water Facility Plan for the Public Comment Period.

The purpose of the preferred alternative selection is to serve as a tool to aid Council in making decisions related to the water facilities plan. The plan will factor in a 20 year planning projection and population growth of 1% by 2040. Ryan discussed the need for two new Wells, as our Well #3 tests high in Nitrates, so we are only using Well #5, which pumps 190 gallons per minute and is not enough to keep up with summer demand or if it were to go offline for some reason. The City will be required to drill two new Wells, to make sure we have enough water for our residents.

Comment: Why aren't the other Wells being used? Because they have all tested high in Nitrates and have been decommissioned or taken offline. There are also no guarantees new Wells won't eventually test high in Nitrates. The goal is to stay away from Cow Creek. The new Wells will go through a lot of testing before they are completed. We also have a University of Idaho Geologist on board to help with high nitrate contamination.

VISITORS: Gary Kiss and Carl Heilman

VIA ZOOM: Ryan Rehder, Linda Chilson, Rob Tharp, and Ransen

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CEDA Membership- Christine Frei gave a presentation on what CEDA does at our last meeting. The Mayor would like to see the City remain a member. Maybe CEDA could help us with Water/Sewer or Broadband?

Motion made by Bill, seconded by Nyla to continue with CEDA and pay the \$680 membership invoice; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Hermann, Roach, Bailey; Ayes; motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Hazardous Mitigation Plan- Mike Neelon needs more paperwork from Genesee; a letter approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Latah County adoption paperwork was attached to the Mayor's email, as well as a template for the letter. Mike needs this signed and sent to him on City letterhead. December 16th marks 4 years he's been working on this plan. Motion made by Bill, seconded by John to submit a letter to approve the Latah County Hazard Mitigation Plan; **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

Fire Department Applications-Motion made by Bill, seconded by John to approve both Fire Department applications, Kristen Hoshour and Keith VanLeuven. (Keith would be contingent on fire department approval); **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

Solid Waste Amendment-Bill made a motion, seconded by Nyla to approve the fee adjustment on the solid waste amendment with no increase to Genesee residents; **VOICE VOTE: Ayes; motion carried.**

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John- Fire Department has their own self-imposed standard and normally had training twice a month. Bill introduced virtual training with the worry of Covid-19. Web based virtual training would cost approximately \$100 per person. Each person can go online, view training information and take a test afterwards. The State will recognize and give credit for virtual training. The Mayor would like to submit the virtual training in with our other receipts for the Covid relief funds and see if we could get reimbursed. Bill will get a program cost together with more specific details to submit with the paperwork.

Nyla-purchased more outside lights for the Christmas decorations. Wants to buy banners for approximately 1K out of her budget. The banners would hang on the light poles on Chestnut and Walnut streets. The Booster club will let us use the brackets that hung the senior picture banners earlier this year.

Bill-Ryan discussed the water issues. A business owner, in town, wanted relief on his water bill. Bill asked him to write a letter to council. Camera work started today on the sewer. Bill will get with Dustin and find out more details. Asked about some homes that have septic tanks. Wondered if they have major work done, can we require them to buy into the sewer system. Cody looked up the Code online and read it. It seems the City does have this authority and Debi will get this code for Bill in the morning.

Cody-so far there hasn't been a need to plow snow, but we will look at each event as it happens.

Steve-discussed everything.

Karyn-wanted to remind everyone that Governor Little recommends everyone wear a mask and only 10 people are allowed to attend a meeting in person.

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


Steve Odenborg, Mayor


Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer