# CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 235 W Chestnut Street, (Fire Station) Genesee, ID 83832 CITY COUNCIL April 13, 2021

WORKSHOP/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met April 13, 2021. Mayor, Tim Sperber, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

VISITORS: No Visitors

WORKSHOP: Mountain Waterworks Ryan Rehder, Kristina Gillespie, Ed Stowe, Tim Farrell

## 1. Wastewater project update

Ryan said we should have an internal review of the documents by the end of the week and a client review by the end of the month.

#### a. Chestnut Street project closeout documents and final payment:

Close out documentation: Certificate of substantial completion, Notice of acceptability of work; all work has been completed and Final application of payment. The project is complete and came in approximately \$7500 less than the bid price. Motion made by Bill, seconded by John, to approve the project as completed and approve payment; ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Hermann, Bailey, Krick, Ayes, motion carried.

### 2. Water project update presentation

Tim Farrell is principal for this project, and Kristina has worked with the City on funding for water and sewer projects. Ryan discussed our water emergency project and our water supply. Water with a Nitrate level over 10mg/I could cause public health issues in babies and people with comprised immune systems. Our only working Well, #5, pumps 190gpm (Well #3 for emergency use only, pumps 230gpm) DEQ is okay with using Well #3 for Ag; non potable only.

Several steps needed to be taken to determine when/where we would test drill for a new water source; good quantity and good quality of water. All four potential Well sites have been added in the water rights application. There seems to be difficulty in getting PVC pipe and the pipe supplier won't give a guaranteed delivery date, but hoping for the first of May. There is a shortage of materials in all aspects of construction: building materials, electrical, well pump, etc. Phase 1: emergency well #8; phase 2a: secondary well #9; phase 2b: water system improvements project. Ryan discussed all of these phases. Estimated costs are strictly for Well #8, and depending on what is found at #8, we could hopefully, depending on the contractors schedule, move to Well #9 to save on mobilization costs. Ryan also discussed the costs involved; Well facilities engineering is \$175K, well drilling \$167K and the well pumping facilities will be determined. Shallow well is approximately 500' and deeper could go 1200'.

Circumstances have pushed this timeline out because of Covid shutdowns, land acquisition, supplies, etc. Also discussed was summer water rationing. Ryan thinks the City should hire a company to do a rate study to determine how much we need to increase our fees. Kristina discussed the potential for the City to receive funding from different sources. The funding agencies are talking about the City of Genesee and the processes we've already put in place and how we can get infrastructure funding to help. Interim financing needs to be secured and John Lynn and Kristina are here to help with this. We've been provided with a list of financial institutions, we've sent out a request to six different financial institutions and have only received responses back, so far, from two. They are due by 4pm this Thursday. These will be reviewed at our next Council meeting, April 20, 2021.

Ryan will develop a progress report every month for council to review. Ryan also discussed the information he handed out earlier and asked Council to review and let him know if they have any question.

3. **Well drilling contract**--Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill, to approve the well drilling contract, once Tim has had a chance to review and approve; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion carried.** 

Next Workshop by Mountain Waterworks will be May 11, 2021.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment of Mayor to the Joint Committee-Fire Station**: Motion made by Bill, seconded by Cody, to appoint the Mayor to the Joint Committee on the fire station; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion carried.** 

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Sewer Support Letter:** John would like Tim and Nyla to sit down and go through the four drafts and decide which letter fits best with the City and gives the most information. Motion made by John, seconded by Bill to authorize Tim and Nyla to get together and choose the sewer support letter and make sure everyone gets a copy of the letter they choose. John also wants all Council and Mayor to sign the letter. **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion carried.** 

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Cody seconded by John to adjourn at 8:03pm; VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion carried.

Tim Sperber, Mayor

Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer