

# CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

6:00 PM

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members: Cody Bailey, Bill Krick, Nyla Roach and John Hermann; Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly, Deputy City Clerk Debi Zenner, City Clerk, Karyn Wright

**VISITORS:** Gary & Linda Kiss, Pat & Linda Aherin, Colby Aherin, Bill Hartley, Jay Roach, Alan Weis, Travis Christiansen  
**Via Zoom:** Noell Kinyon

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Gary wanted to report work is still going on in the area of 422 N Spruce Street and believes the area looks terrible. Gary said he was asked to move a vehicle, several years ago, which he did. Just seems unfair this work is still being allowed.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Motion by Bill seconded by Nyla to approve the consent agenda as presented, along with payment of the bills, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey, Hermann, AYES, motion passes.**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Inland Telephone Franchise Agreement**-Discussion regarding the City's ordinances and Alan feels they are clear in stating he does not need a Franchise agreement with the City. Tim's concern are the tax payers could end up paying for repairs, later if needed. John was concerned about the fiber running in our alleys and wondered if there was another route he could take. Alan indicated a complete redesign would be very expensive. Dustin walked the design area with Alan and believes he has a good plan to proceed. The locates have a lot of variables so probably won't want a blanket locate for the entire project. Alan's submitted design would install the fiber, in an efficient manner. John asked if Alan had looked at both the water and wastewater facility plans; Alan would be more than happy to look at them. Cody also had concerns about not being able to stay 24 inches from other utilities in certain places. Cody would like a guarantee if the fiber were accidentally hit or damaged, the City would not be responsible for repairs. Tim read our attorney's Hold Harmless clause and would like a license agreement that won't have a financial liability on the City. Tim asked if both attorney's could come up with a license agreement together and add the vac truck concession discussed. Tim wanted to make sure Alan knows the City isn't interested in making a profit. Tim will instruct our attorney to work with Alan's attorney and create an agreement between Inland Telephone and the City of Genesee. **TABLED by Tim**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill to go into Executive Session, under Idaho Code 74-206(b): To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student, at 6:30pm; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey, Hermann; AYES, Motion Passes;**

Motion made by Cody seconded by Bill to come out of Executive Session at 6:35pm; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey, Hermann; AYES, Motion Passes**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Employee Pay Rates:** Cody made a motion, seconded by Bill to approve employee pay rates to increase all four employees, 3%, retroactive January 1, 2021; Drew will get 3% plus \$1/hr raise, effective April 1, 2021, for completing another license in March, 2021. Dustin will also receive a \$1,000 Bonus for receiving a Wastewater Operator award.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Krick, Roach, Bailey, Hermann; **AYES, Motion Passes**

**The Pastime Liquor License:** John made a motion, seconded by Cody to approve the Pastime liquor license for one half of the fees, since he will be opening in July. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Krick, Roach, Bailey, Hermann; **AYES, Motion Passes**

**Water Restrictions:** Potable water should be available Friday, for residents to fill containers 24/hrs day. Well #3's current Nitrate level is 9.6mg/L (EPA limit is 10.4mg/L) Both Wells are currently running, but will be closely monitored. The tanks on Laurel Street will be removed in the near future, but will get word out, best we can to the residents and let them know we won't be offering the service anymore. We still want to encourage residents to conserve as much as possible. Discussion about out of town agricultural use of the City's water and how frustrating it is to see our water leave town, when residents are asked not to use it. Well #3 could continue to fill the tanks, but there is an issue with the mechanism that switches the water from the tanks to the lines that supply water to the town. Tim feels we need to have a conversation with others, who are big water users, to find out a solution if we should continue to fill the tanks on Laurel Street. Tim would like to have another meeting within the next few days.

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**John:** Received our payment for the American Rescue Act with limitations on how it can be spent. It can be used for water and wastewater improvement systems. New fueling station at Scharnhorst only takes debit/credit cards. John feels we should pursue a special fleet card to keep track of the fuel used in City vehicles. He checked with Roach Construction and they have decided to go with a fleet card as well. John wanted to thank Nyla for her efforts in handing out water, along with some of the citizens in town who also stepped up to help.

**Cody:** Jackson Street bid was approximately 96K for repaving and storm drain replacement. Mag chloride will be done by Lyman Dust Control on our usual gravel roads.

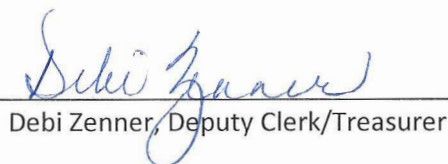
**Nyla:** Talked about having the stumps ground at the city park for approximately \$1000.

**Bill:** The ground purchase on the new wastewater facility is still in progress. Also is working on improving the electronic reader board at the fire station.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Cody seconded by Nyla to adjourn at 8:00pm; **VOICE VOTE:** Ayes, motion passes.



Tim Sperber, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer