

# CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met July 20, 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(via Zoom), Deputy City Clerk Debi Zenner, and City Clerk/Treasurer Karyn Wright

**VISITORS:** Alan Weis, Gary Kiss, Linda Aherin, Colby Aherin, Bill Hartley, Jay Roach, Travis Christiansen, Mike Frank, Jay Roach, Stan Sobczyk, Natalie Krick, Laureen Trail, Lucinda Langstaff, Tom & Linda Blewett **Via Zoom:** Diane & David Pointon, and Carol?

**CONSENT AGENDA** Motion by John 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-** Tabled to give Council time to review the contract, our attorney sent this afternoon. Tim will forward the emailed contract to Alan for him and his attorney to review.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Building Inspectors Contract:** John discussed the building inspection agreement with Latah County and their staff only inspecting the actual building itself. Setbacks are not being checked for accuracy and our city building codes are not being enforced. In the past, we have had independent building inspectors, who took care of everything, now that's not happening. John suggested we may want to advertise for a private certified building inspector to make sure our current building codes are being followed, as far as setbacks, etc.

Bill felt in the past, it seemed it was a revolving door of inspectors. The agreement between the City and the County building inspectors have indicated it is the City's responsibility to enforce our codes, as far as setbacks and making sure building isn't being done on the City right of way. Discussions regarding a third maintenance person to possibly check and enforce setbacks. Dustin thinks with a third guy, it might be something they could do. Cody feels we should reach out to the County Commissioners and have a discussion. In the interim, our engineer, Scott Becker might be able to help as well. A survey of property lines, are the property owners responsibility. Cody made a motion, seconded by Nyla, to allow Hodge & Associates to do our site inspections, in conjunction with Latah County planning and building, **VOICE VOTE: Ayes, motion passes.**

### CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

#### Bill Krick- Water and Sewer Update and Well #8

Well #8 currently 630'. Digwell had some problems and had to get new equipment and are back to drilling; currently getting 70 to 80 gpm. Met with Mountain Waterworks and they feel 700-750' may be where the biggest amount of water will be. Digwell Idaho has enough pipe to drill down 1100 feet. Bill says the water testing has all come back very good, especially low in nitrates. With both Wells working; #3 and #5, we want to stay under 275,000 gallons per day and

we've been substantially lower than that amount. 275K was determined by previous years usage. Questions about fire protection and if we would have enough water, if needed. We should have plenty of water, in case of any fire event.

Bill Hartley discussed having a contract between McGregor's, Wilbur Ellis, Helena and PNW to use only Well #3 water. Tim said the conversation has already been initiated with these agricultural companies. Bill feels this water situation affects the whole community and we need to bring everyone together and do what is the best for the entire City and surrounding areas.

Troy held *Capital for a Day* with Governor Brad Little. Representatives, from the City of Genesee, had a meeting with Jess Bryne, Director of IDEQ and Carolyn Nilsson Troy to discuss our water and sewer issues and the fact we don't qualify for a lot of Grants and other aid or assistance. The Director of IDEQ was aware of our situation and we are hopeful it was productive. The City has a plan in place and that is all good news. Bill discussed the loans and the Grants we've qualified for, but still have a shortfall so that was the purpose of the meeting with Jess Bryne and other representatives.

Our latest Nitrate test on Well #3 was June 30, 2021. The test came back 9.6 mg/L, which is under the maximum amount, 10.4 mg/L.

**Cody Bailey- Street Update**

Received a bid for Jackson Street; Motley and Motley won the bid and it looks like September for the repaving of Jackson, along with storm drains, etc. Walnut Street to Beech and Laurel for chip sealing, as well as Valleyview and new street striping. Chip seal should be late August. There was a vehicle fire on West Walnut that did a little damage to the pavement, so it will be assessed and taken care of.


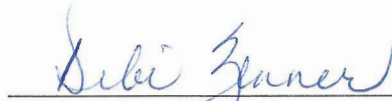
**John Hermann- Administrative Update**

Nothing to report

**Nyla Roach- Parks Update**

Wanted to remind people to call the City Hall if they would like to reserve the Park Shelter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Cody seconded by Nyla to adjourn at 8:10pm; **VOICE VOTE: Ayes, motion passes.**

  
Tim Sperber, Mayor  
Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer