

# CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2021

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met September 14, 2021. Mayor Tim Sperber, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

**VISITORS:** Gary & Linda Kiss, Alan Weis, Wyatt Parsons, Jay Roach, Grant Tucker, Ben & Heather Lunders, Ryan Rehder VIA ZOOM; Tedi Roach

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** A resident on Spruce Street had concerns with machinery noise across from his property. Tim will check with our attorney to see if we can put the property, at 442 N Spruce Street, back on the agenda for discussion; John was given several formal complaints about this property. Jay Roach also wanted to bring up the right of way parking on North Jackson and explained how congested it is getting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Inland Telephone Agreement:** Tim indicated our attorney will email the draft agreement she sent late this afternoon, to Alan's attorney and we will review and discuss later. Cody made a motion, seconded by Bill to allow the Mayor to sign the draft agreement so our attorney can then send to Alan's attorney, and Council will review and get with Tim on any changes or concerns; **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion passes.**

**Attorney Fees:** Motion made by John, seconded by Cody, to approve the attorney fees, discussed in Executive Session, at our last meeting; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Bailey, Roach, Hermann; AYES, motion passes.**

**RV Park Emergency Extended Stay:** We have been asked for extended stays, mainly for medical personnel, and they've been turned away. Nyla feels since this is an emergency situation and they've got nowhere else, close, to go, she feels we should accommodate them. Nyla always suggests they call Creekside RV Park to get on their waiting list and then stay in the City's RV Park until Creekside has a vacancy. Nyla believes we should operate on a case by case basis and get them on Creekside's waiting list and when there is an opening they can move over for long term camping. Creekside's host, Linda, has been working with Nyla to make sure they are full, before Nyla would consider allowing someone staying past the 14 day limit. Jay Roach discussed what was decided four years ago and feels they can accommodate anyone needing long term stays at his park. Jay Roach feels we need to contact the State and discuss with them, if the City can allow emergency long term stays, and if we do allow long term stays, Jay feels we would be required to pay back the money granted from the State to the City to build the RV Park. Cody feels we've been running the City's RV Park according to the 14 day stay limit. Bill suggests we put the emergency situation in place until May. Cody believes Nyla should get in touch with whoever is in charge of RV Park rules for the State of Idaho and find out exactly what the rules are and if we would be allowed to let campers stay longer than the current limit. Item is TABLED

**Well House (Laurel/Chestnut):** Nyla discussed the Well House and said it was built in 1905. The City received a Grant to fill in the decommissioned Wells; 1&2, but it needs a new roof and gutters very soon. Nyla feels it's worth saving and is looking for ideas on how it could be used. Roof and gutter cost estimate is \$7K. The building could be used for storage, as the old City shop is in very poor shape and needs to come down. Cody suggested working with the historical society to see if funds might be available for the repair of this building. An old wooden wagon is being housed in the old city shop, as well as signs and Christmas decorations. The wagon was given to the Civic Association, but the City has always stored it. Will continue to keep on the Agenda for updates. It was mentioned, Lee Sappington has written about historic buildings in this area, so it might be interesting to check with him to see if this building is included.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mask requirement in City Buildings:** Cody feels with the school requiring masks, the City should also require anyone entering City Hall to wear a mask. A visitor suggested we should require N95 masks. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla to require masks in the City Hall until further notice; **ROLL CALL: Krick, Roach, Bailey, Hermann;** **AYES motion passes.**

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Bill Krick- Water and Sewer Update and Well #8:** SEWER: Closing on waste water property has been moved back, and now hoping for October 8<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to get a survey done, not only with PNW, but also Jason Boyd; it's in the process now and Bill had a map that showed where it was staked. Our attorney is working with PNW to get this done. WATER: Well #8: We had a Special meeting to approve drilling another Well very near the exploratory hole. Dig Well Idaho has a new rig that is meant for deeper Wells, now they know they will need to drill at least 800'. They plan to begin early November, hopefully sooner. The Well should only take approximately 3 weeks to get to 800 feet or deeper. Then we would need to move on and drill an additional Well, required by DEQ. Ryan Rehder, from Mountain Waterworks, discussed the plan to drill another Well, near the exploratory hole. Ryan talked about the overall water budget and drilling a deep production Well is very expensive and the new cost estimates that were selected by Council, in the water facility plan. We have two options; we can cut back or go after additional money. Ryan thinks DEQ may see money from the infrastructure bill and ARPA money. He suggests we send a letter of interest for grant money from DEQ. Letters of interest are going out in January. We will continue to have the water/sewer update meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Cody Bailey- Street Update:** Work will begin on Jackson Street tomorrow, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and should be completed by mid October. We received the final set of plans for Beech/Chestnut and will have a zoom meeting with LHTAC to go over the final design and hopefully the bid will go out in the Fall.

**John Hermann- Administrative Update:** We have hired someone to reconstruct the roof over the entrance of City Hall and the Senior Center. John requested to be added as a check signer on the City's account, to alleviate the pressure on Mayor Sperber. Council unanimously agreed this would be a good idea.

**Nyla Roach- Parks Update-**Discussed above

**Adjournment:** Cody moved seconded by Nyla to adjourn at 7:06pm; **VOTE VOTE; AYES, motion passes.**

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Tim Sperber, Mayor *Nyla Roach*  
*Council President*

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Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer