

# CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met October 5, 2021, Mayor, John Hermann, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

**VISITORS:** Linda Chilson, via zoom

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Linda would like council to reconsider the mask requirement in the senior center. Feels covid cases are going down and seniors have a hard time wearing them. Mayor Hermann thanked Linda for her comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Bill, seconded by Nyla to approve the consent agenda as presented; **Roll Call Vote:** Krick, Bailey, Roach; **AYES, motion passes.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Late Comers Agreement**-Bill plans to discuss with Jennifer when she returns from vacation.

**Personnel Policy** Bill wondered about the differences between the old policy and the current policy? It was explained, the new version was recently put out by ICRMP; Cody added the information, specific to the City of Genesee, on the current policy. John talked about page 21, regarding compensatory time. It states: compensatory time or overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours per week, will be computed at 1 ½ hours for each additional hour worked. The City Council has set a maximum accumulation of 24 hours of compensatory time. Any compensatory time over that amount will be paid in the next pay period unless otherwise approved by the Mayor. Council said an employee could also bank comp days, if they wish. Pay day for the City of Genesee is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Nyla, to adopt new personnel policy, effective November 16<sup>th</sup>; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion passes.**

**PNWFC Land Purchase**- John talked with Jennifer and there has been an issue that came up regarding the easement. Scott discussed Alder Road shown on a state, county and official highway map. PNW would like to verify the road goes all the way to street and wants to make sure we aren't on anyone else's property and would like part of the road to be straightened. John will talk with Jennifer and have her discuss with PNW's attorney and find out the reason behind the change they would like to make. Jennifer also suggested Council designate a signer for all the paperwork concerning the land purchase. Bill made a motion, seconded by Nyla, to designate the Mayor as the signee on all land purchase documents; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion passes.** John said we may also have to have a special meeting when the land purchase closes, if necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Open Council Position**- We received five letters of interest for the open City Council position from Tom Blewett, Jesse Aherin, Greg Moser, Ben Lunders, and Mahaley Graham. Cody believes a council member is appointed for a full term and an appointed mayor is only for 2 years. Three of the interested residents are here with us tonight; Ben Lunders, Jesse Aherin and Mahaley Graham.

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Cody has a preference for Jesse Aherin, since he's come to many council meetings and feels he's up to speed on our water and sewer issues, as well as other items. Nyla encouraged Greg Moser to put in a letter and feels he would be an asset to council. Ben Lunders has a demanding job that may have conflicting hours, and could miss meetings. After discussion between council members, Bill made a motion, seconded by Cody, to appoint Jesse Aherin to fill out the term of the fourth council member. **VOICE VOTE: Ayes, motion passes.** John thanked the other applicants and wanted then to know, there may be openings in planning and zoning and other volunteer positions where we could always use help.

**City Vehicle Purchase** Dustin was going to check out a 1 ton 4-wheel drive pickup. There are a few options right around 50K. Discussion about possibly buying on terms or having to reopen the budget. Dustin has a couple of options right now, one in Pullman and one over in Portland. Hopefully, we can replace the sander truck and the old 1977 pickup. We could put a plow on the end of this new rig as well and only use the backhoe to move the snow. Mayor spoke with Justin Ruen at AIC and he felt the ARPA money would be a good use for this purchase. Karyn will check with Auditors if we can pay for the entire purchase with ARPA money from the General account. Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill to approve the purchase of a pickup, located in Portland, if it's still available, not to exceed 60K, using ARPA funds, if allowed; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion passes**

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

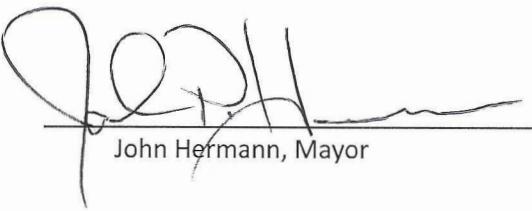
**Bill Krick- Water and Sewer Update and Well #8** Had a zoom meeting with our attorney and PNW's attorney regarding the road easement and the closing, on the property, will happen at a little later date. Will have the easement issue sorted out by the next meeting. Met with Mountain Waterworks, overland will be more of a sprinkler type and received information on the design of the wastewater project. Company working on the highway project would like to purchase water from the City. Bill will get more information regarding how much they might need and the cost. Jay Meyer would like to meet with Bill and Ryan to discuss the property where the new Well is to see if we may need more property.

**Cody Bailey- Street Update** No report

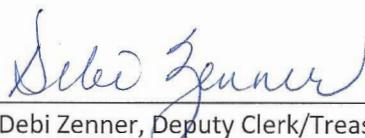
**John Hermann- Administrative Update** Auditors will be here next Wednesday, November 10 or 11. Maintenance position closed yesterday and we will need to begin the interview process soon. Dustin, John and Cody will proceed with interviews soon. Dustin would like to begin next Monday 5-7pm

**Nyla Roach- Parks Update** No report

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Cody seconded by Nyla to adjourn at 6:57 pm **VOICE VOTE: AYES motion passes.**



John Hermann, Mayor



Debi Zenner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer