

# CITY OF GENESEE

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

CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Genesee City Council met March 21, 2023. Mayor, John Hermann called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present at the meeting were Council Members: Bill Krick, Nyla Roach and Cody Bailey. Public Works Dustin Brinkly and City Clerk Debi Zenner Absent: Jesse Aherin

**VISITORS:** Jon Hally, Christina St. Germain-Zipty Fiber, Matt & Adair Becker, Jim & Chelsea Redinger & Children, Linda Chilson, Mike Cameron, Keith VanLeuven and Kristin Bentley

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Analea Redinger talked about the City Park and being kind.

Adair Becker reiterated her email and thanked the Mayor and Council for installing new toilets in the restrooms and the electrical improvements in the senior center.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill, to accept the consent agenda as presented, along with payment of the bills, Financial Statement and Bank Statement; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Bailey, Roach; AYES, motion carries.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Cody made a motion, seconded by Bill to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement; at 6:07pm. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion carries.**

Motion made by Bill seconded by Nyla to come out of executive session and back into Regular Session at 6:55pm

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion carries.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Update Fiber Coalition**-James Mader discussed the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Grant funding was the topic. Idaho broadband advisory board says there are several million in grant funds available. He also discussed the line going from Lewiston to Moscow, among other cities. ARPA funds will also be available. They also talked about the circle around small towns in Latah County, but there hasn't been much interest in making that happen. Also discussed download and upload speeds. James will continue to update Council as the meetings occur.

**Review and approval of written decision denying request for reconsideration of septic system at 806 Genesee Avenue-Souders** – Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill, to approve the written decision from our attorney; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion carries.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Zipty Fiber--bringing fiber to Genesee** - Chris St. Germaine is our local partnership manager. She discussed the previous subcontractor, who did work for them. Problems included hitting a city water line and leaving. None of the crew spoke English, so it was difficult to communicate. Dustin talked about their unfinished work and damage to a gas line and ditch repair. There were numerous calls to Zipty to report the damage. There were also issues with the Rec district. It seems to be standard practice to leave phone lines on the top of the ground, hanging in trees, or wherever they can put them, including

the City's park. The phone line in the park ended up getting damaged by lawn mowers and weed eaters, etc. Cody said the lines on top of the ground are all over the county as well. Pedestals around town are wide open with wires exposed, or have garbage bags over them. We've had trouble getting a hold of customer service to fix these problems.

Chris discussed Zipl's goals to update the current infrastructure. She spoke about the amount of data that can be moved through fiber. Zipl would like to partner with Genesee to bring fiber into our community. Cody understands and knows our residents would be interested in having fiber. Chris said Zipl has made agreements with Avista and has a design of the city for some of the fiber to be buried and some would be aerial. Cody expressed his concerns regarding locates. Mayor Hermann also expressed his concerns with the way things look, as far as the lines on top of the ground and the pedestals covered with garbage bags or left open with wires exposed. There were so many other problems and it's been very frustrating not being able to get a hold of anyone to address these issues. Cody feels Zipl doesn't have a very good track record, in Genesee, and doesn't have a lot of faith that anything will get better, so until he sees progress, he doesn't feel confident about allowing Zipl to do any more work in Genesee.

Chris said Zipl is currently working on the final design and would like to begin construction this summer. She plans to get the City's concerns back to Zipl so they can be addressed.

**Fire Department Application-Mahaley Graham** - Motion made by Bill, seconded by Nyla, to approve Mahaley Graham's application to join the fire department; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Krick, Roach, Bailey; AYES, motion carries.**

**INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None**

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Mayor Update:** AED unit money is coming from a Grant Al Krick received for 5K. He gave the money to the Genesee FFA with the stipulation, half the money would go to the Civic association for the purchase of the AED unit. Tony Matson, from Hayden and Ross said the audit costs were 5K more than last year. They plan to write that off and wanted to thank the City for all of their help and is happy with the functionality of City Hall.


**Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update:** Bill looked at the pasture property the owners would like to sell. Bill would like to visit with Dustin about this. The Well site is waiting on another change order. The bid opening on the Waste water project has been pushed out to April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Cody Bailey – Street Update:** Looking to get bid numbers on seal coating and then get a plan together.

**Nyla Roach – Parks Update:** No Report. Cody was wondering, after hearing from our visitor, if there was something going on with our City Park we need to be aware of? Bill thought it was just a rumor, but will look into it further.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Cody, seconded by Bill to adjourn at 7:46pm; **VOICE VOTE, AYES, motion carries.**

  
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John Hermann, Mayor

  
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Debi Zenner, City Clerk/Treasurer