

# CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 W Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

**CITY COUNCIL**

**June 6, 2023**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** –Mayor Hermann called the City Council meeting to order at 6pm, Tuesday June 6, 2023.

**ROLL CALL:** Present at the Council Meeting: Council members Nyla Roach, Bill Krick and Jesse Aherin; Public Works Dustin Brinkly, Clerk Debi Zenner      **ABSENT:** Cody Bailey

**VISITORS:** Nancy Draznin, Case Stedham, Dan Rudolph and Ron T. Blewett—Western Construction, Ryan Rehder—Mountain Waterworks and Rick Schellenger.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Jesse, seconded by Nyla to approve the consent agenda as presented; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Krick, Aherin; AYES, motion carries**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Advertisement for Part time clerk:** Motion by Bill, seconded by Jesse to advertise for a part time clerk;

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

**Waste Water Project Award and/or reject bids and possible re-bid advertisement:** April 18<sup>th</sup>, bids were opened on the Waste Water project. Three bids were received; council has the decision to award the bid, or reject all the bids. Ryan suggested discussing this with our attorney, but the suggestion he’s recommending, on behalf of Mountain Waterworks, is to reject all bids and re-advertise. Part of the reason is, the funding package has changed from the bid opening until today. If we re-bid, it would be for the complete project and not in phases. The original bid was in four phases. The advantage of awarding the bid at this point would be scheduling; re-bidding would take time. Ryan discussed the pros and cons of awarding now, as opposed to re-bidding. Delays in the funding package, as our largest funding source will not support partial awarding of completing the project in phases, which was the base bid and three alternates. DEQ believes it’s an all or nothing project and would like it bid that way. If the City chooses to award, we have until next week to send out the award letter. If we choose to reject the bids, we would have to send out a letter to all of bidders explaining our decision. A re-bid timeframe could take approximately three weeks, but we could extend if desired. The re-bid would remove alternates and simplify some of the language. The initial reason we had a base plan and three alternates, was for DEQ to see what funding would be available.

Nobody could have foreseen that DEQ would have come up with more funding for this project, they just won’t fund it in phases. Bill feels we need to discuss with our legal counsel for some guidance. Ryan feels the least risk for the City is to reject all bids and re-bid the project, but it’s at the City’s discretion. Ryan feels most of the contractors are aware of the project so we should be able to expedite bidding. Ryan spoke with Jennifer and she agreed with him and was planning to discuss with the Mayor, but Mayor Hermann had not heard from her.

In an effort to expedite, motion made by Bill, seconded by Jesse, to reject all bids and begin the re-bid process as soon as possible; **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roach, Krick, Aherin; AYES motion carries.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Palouse Native Plant Demo Garden**--Nancy Draznin discussed how she would be willing to spearhead a project to start and grow native, to Idaho, plants. She would like the City of define a place to get this project started. Watering would be required for the first year to get plants established. Dustin asked Nancy to come to a future Council meeting with the amount of ground she would need to get things going and we will go from there. Bill has some ideas, and will also talk to JR Morrow at the school.

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

**CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Mayor Update:** The land purchase for Well #8 has been completed.

**Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update:** Well #8 is officially online as of this afternoon 3:51pm. The water is going into the reservoir now. Well #3 has been shut off. Dustin will test for Nitrates in a week at the sample stations.

**Street Update:** Dustin says LHTAC called and said we'd been awarded the sidewalks Grant, between the school going down to the ball fields; approx. 208K, with construction this year. Scott Becker will come up with a design.

**Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update:** No report

**Nyla Roach – Parks Update:** No report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Bill seconded by Jesse to adjourn at 8:30pm **VOICE VOTE: AYES, motion carries.**

  
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John Hermann, Mayor

  
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Debi Zenner, City Clerk/Treasurer