MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 10/12/2021

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Mark Swayne via telephone, Jennifer Dunaway, Shannon Schrader, Josh Tilley and Doug Donner

Absent: Jon Isbelle

Staff: Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Building Official-Todd Perry, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin and Police Chief-Jeff Wilson

Absent: Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller and Fire Chief-Jon Hoyt

Guests: Mike Gladhart, John Erbst, Tina and Sal Lauria

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on September 28, 2021 as written. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

The Regular Urban Forests of Orofino Meeting Minutes held on October 5, 2021 was submitted to the Council for information and review.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the payroll dated October 9, 2021. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CEDA Letter-The City of Orofino received a letter of from Christine Frei, CEDA Executive Director. The letter was to notify members regarding CEDA is under new leadership. Christine Frei will retire December 2021. Effective October 1, 2021, CEDA Development Manager, Dodd Snodgrass will assume the Executive Director duties. Ms. Frei is “deeply grateful to have served north-central Idaho for 20 years and wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity”.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-Administrator Smathers reported Blue Cross Community\Transformation Committee approved the playground equipment for the Church property in the amount of $27,001.00. There will be two tether ball courts, basketball hoop backdrop court, a couple of benches and picnic tables will be installed and paint for a pickleball court on the concrete slab. Smathers reported this will be a Springtime project. In other news the Plaza will be put away for the winter. The tables will be utilized in the different parks throughout the city. The concrete barriers will be removed and people can go back to parking on either side of College.

Treasurer-Treasurer Wilson submitted the Revenue vs Expenditure Reports ending July and August 2021 for Council review.

Building Official-The September 2021 Building Permit Report was submitted to the Council for review. Building Official Perry reported that he had finally made contact with Jonathan Rich to remove the trees on D Street and Kalaspo and trim some other trees. The work will begin next week.

Public Works-No report. Public Works Supervisor Miller was not in attendance of the meeting. Administrator Smathers reported for Miller, public works crew will begin the Leaf pick up program the first week in November.

Police-Police Chief Wilson reported he returned the paper work for the grant funds in the amount of $45,000. Wilson was told to try again to request more funds that not all of the money was expended. Wilson reported after meeting with a concerned citizen about the speeding vehicles particularly Logging Trucks and Vehicles with campers on Michigan Avenue in the early morning hours he will cover a few early morning hours to see if he can mitigate the speeders. Wilson wanted the media to report about the speeding traffic problem and there will be more coverage on Michigan Avenue to help curb the speeders.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported they had a leak at the RV Dump site. They replaced 88 feet of the water line and that seems to have cured the leak. In other news Martin reported they are finally receiving some of the items that they ordered and will be able to get some of the projects done.

Fire-No report. Fire Chief Hoyt was not in attendance of the meeting. Administrator Smathers reported on behalf of the Fire Chief, beginning on Friday October 15, 2021 you can purchase a burn permit for $5.00 for outdoor open burning and they will be good for a month at a time.
ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 808 Clearwater Power Franchise Fee
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OROFINO, IDAHO GRANTING A FRANCHISE FEE TO CLEARWATER POWER COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF OROFINO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to suspend the rule and have Clerk Montambo read Ordinance No. 808 Clearwater Power Franchise Fee the First Reading by title only. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes as follows: Councilmember Swayne, Aye; Councilmember Dunaway, Aye; Councilmember Schrader, Aye; Councilmember Tilley, Aye and Councilmember Donner, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Erbst wanted to thank City Administrator Smathers for the tour throughout the city and the possibilities of fitting in wellness equipment on the pathways and permanent outdoor exercising equipment to be installed at the different parks. The Blue Cross Transformation will purchase materials for the equipment. Chris St. Germaine is working with Orofino Junior High School and the students will construct the equipment.

Erbst inquired from the present Councilmembers would they still be on the council if it wasn’t a paid position. All Councilmember’s responded that they are not doing it for the money they are representing the community and for the good of the community. Erbst commented people are asking questions and don’t know where to go to find answers. Erbst was inquiring from the council on how can they make their meetings more inviting. Councilmember’s all responded that the Council meetings are always opened to the public but no one ever attends. Administrator Smathers commented we have always had an open door policy for people to come in and ask questions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Sean Simmons, Mayor

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 10/12/2021
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 10/18/2021

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Council Members: Jon Isbelle, Mark Swayne, Jennifer Dunaway, Shannon Schrader and Josh Tilley

Absent: Doug Donner
Staff: Clerk Montambo, Treasurer Wilson and Police Chief Wilson

Media: Nancy Butler

Geese Depredation hunt at the Orofino Airport
Mayor Simmons received inquiries from the selected hunters that was approved previously to hunt Geese at the airport to be allowed to hunt again when the Geese Hunting Season opens up later this week. The same hunters Jim McCarthy, Jake Mateche, Daegan Bowman and Mike Forest if allowed from Council will work with Fish and Game and Law Enforcement notifying them at all times when they are at the Airport to hunt. Councilmember Isbelle and Dunaway wanted to know if anyone else wanted to hunt down there what should be the protocol. Councilmember Swayne commented people who are interested should call City Hall and submit their names and phone numbers, then that list can be submitted to the approved four hunters and they can contact them and take that person who is interested to hunt, but it has to be with one of the approved four hunters who will be in charge.

Councilmember Tilley made a MOTION to move forward cautiously to allow Jim McCarthy, Jake Mateche, Daegan Bowman and Mike Forest to hunt Geese at the Orofino Airport. Councilmember Isbelle seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

ADJOURN

At 6:13 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sean Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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