MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 10/8/2019
Mayor Ryan Smathers
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Jennifer Dunaway, Mark Swayne, Don Gardner, Shannon Schrader, Josh Tilley and Sean Simmons

Staff: Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Building Official-Todd Perry, Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin and Fire Chief-Jon Hoyt

Absent: Administrator-Rick E. Laam and Police Chief-Jeff Wilson


Media: Elizabeth Morgan

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held September 24, 2019 as written. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Simmons made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the Payroll ending September 28, 2019. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Idaho Wildlife Federation requesting support -Elizabeth McKeag, North Idaho Field Rep with Idaho Wildlife Federation was seeking support from Mayor Smathers and Councilmembers and neighboring elected representatives and communities to seriously consider the impacts of declining salmon and steelhead fish on the Clearwater and Salmon Rivers. Ms. McKeag commented the decline in fishing is a direct loss on the economy and livelihoods of the river communities. Idaho Wildlife Federation represent a nonpartisan voice of 28 affiliate organizations and 45,000 affiliate members who desire to sustain and enhance Idaho’s fish and wildlife, conserve their habitat, and maximize sporting opportunity for current and future generations. Idaho Wildlife Federation main goal is to send letters to Governor Little and
Legislative Members to Create Goals and Objectives and make actual recommendations with the local Outfitters and Guides. McKee commented the best decisions come out of collaboration with all involved. Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to give Idaho Wildlife Federation their support and add City of Orofino as one of the communities to be represented the desire to sustain and enhance Idaho’s fish and wildlife. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. It was noted Mayor Smathers signed letters to Governor Little and Legislative Representatives in regards to the impact and decline of the economy and livelihoods that depend on the Salmon and Steelhead fishing.

Clearwater Power Letter Regarding Franchise Agreement-The City of Orofino received a letter from Clearwater Power regarding a future franchise agreement. Clearwater Power was requesting a copy of the Avista Agreement and a map and legal description of the annexed area, known as the Konkolville area. It was noted Building Official Perry and Clerk Montambo are currently working on identifying and verifying address’s in the Konkolville area.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-No report. Administrator Laam not in attendance of the meeting.


Building Official-A copy of the September 2019 Building Permit Report was submitted to the Council for review. Building Official Perry reported Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing next week on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding Manufacture Homes, Mobile Homes, definition of trailers and remove storage units. It was noted UFO Committee Members along with Public Works Supervisor Miller and Perry did some brush cutting along Highway 12 between 122nd and 126th Street. Mayor Smathers commended UFO Members for taking an active part in their role as a committee member.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported there was minimal damage to the park after Lumberjack Days. Miller commented public works crew is busy with the annual sewer line maintenance which takes up to six weeks to get through the city’s sewer mains. In other news Miller and crew fixed another water leak on C Street. The four inch water line will need to be replaced sometime in the future.

Police-No report. Chief Wilson was not in attendance of the meeting.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported McQuire Iron from South Dakota will paint the million gallon water tank next spring. It was noted the conveyor belt for the Wastewater Plant will be delivered tomorrow. Martin commented Matt Baugh will be back to work in two weeks.
Fire-Chief Hoyt reported he and Nick Hardin attended the Rope Rescue Class in Lewiston all last week and now they are Certified Rescuers. It was noted Hoyt has two new firefighters and two more are applying to be on the Fire Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Orofino Business Center Expansion Bid-Chris St. Germaine, CCED reported the Orofino Business Center expansion project bid that came in at $561,354 which is $161,354 over the Architect’s projected figure. Chris commented she and Administrator Laam went back to the Architect, the Contractor and SJX to reduce the scope of work and identify any value-added engineering. The primary concern is to retain the two businesses on the Business Center because they play a vital role in our community’s economic base. The result of the research is as follows:

- Idaho Department of Commerce will add an additional $32,000 to our existing RCBG grant.
- The Scope of Work will be revised for an additional savings of $16,310.
- No additional funding is available from USDA-RD or EDA.
- The RCBG grant is in the amount of $300,000.
- The city is contributing $237,192 in Match money.

Chris St. Germaine stated it is her recommendation to move forward with the contractor with the contract amendment. Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the bid amendment and add the additional money for the Orofino Business Center Expansion. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Dunaway wanted to thank Steve Stajkowski for being patient in waiting for something to happen. Dunaway also thanked Chris St. Germaine for working diligently on the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris St. Germaine announced the City received notification from Kathy Muir, State & Federal Grant Manager with Idaho State Parks & Recreation. The City of Orofino received the National Park Service grant on the federal level. St. Germaine reported the next step his hiring an Architect and Engineer.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. 

ATTEST:

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held October 8, 2019