MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 3/23/2021

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff: Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin, Police Chief-Jeff Wilson and Fire Chief-Jon Hoyt

Absent: Clerk-Janet R. Montambo and Building Official-Todd Perry

Guests: Ken Harvey, Dale Barger and Chris Barger

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Tilley made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on March 9, 2021. Councilmember Isbelle seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the payroll dated March 13, 2021. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of Support Request for Jet Boat Race-Chris Barger was requesting a letter of support from City Council for this year’s Jet Boat Race. Chris Barger reported last year’s race was cancelled due to COVID-19. Beside the letter of support, Chris was asking help from the police department by keeping the public a safe distance from going down to the river particularly near the stairs and along the bridge during the race. With City’s permission they would close College Avenue on Friday June 18th, 2021 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a Boat Show and Shine. The Jet Boat Race would begin from Ahsahka to Kamiah and back on Saturday and Sunday. Permits from Fish and Game and Nez Perce Tribe. It was noted the Idaho Transportation Department had requirements for the
event. Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve a letter of support for the Jet Boat Races. Councilmember Donner seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Letter of Resignation P&Z Commission—The City of Orofino received a letter of resignation from Rita Kaufman, Planning and Zoning Commission due to health reasons. Rita thanked the Council for the privilege of sitting on the board for the past few years.

Planning and Zoning Commission Application Recommend Appointment—Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to appoint Trapper Stewart to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator—Administrator Smathers reported the Odd Fellows building is continuing to deterioate and becomes a bigger liability to the city as it sits. Smathers will refer this to the City Attorney and inquire about the liability. The owners have not been cooperative regarding access to the building for inspections. Currently he and Todd are still working with owners regarding the replacement of their sidewalks. It was noted the Easter Egg Hunt is still planned for in the park and the City Wide Clean up.

Treasurer—Treasurer Wilson submitted the Revenue vs. Expenditure by Fund Report ending February 2021 to the Council for review.

Building Official—No report. Not in attendance of the meeting.

Public Works—Public Works Supervisor Miller reported they are still working on the water line project to the Public Works shop. The Ambulance Building water tie in was completed. It was noted the Main Street Pump was plugged again. Craig is street sweeping every Thursday night. Public Works new pick up came in. The Park bathrooms are open again. Miller commented they will begin getting the inmates again to help for the summer.

Police—Police Chief Wilson reported that he has received two quotes on the new building. He is waiting for the third bid. Wilson gave the Council an update on Officer Mike Deitrick. Several weeks ago Deitrick was apprehending a suspect during a bar fight. Deitrick fell and hurt his hand and wrist. Deitrick had gone to Clearwater Valley Health Clinic and had it x-ray. At that time they did not see a break. Deitrick was still having pain with his wrist and hand, he went back and received another x-ray and they found that he did have a fractured hand. Deitrick will have surgery this Thursday and won’t be off long. Deitrick had previously scheduled for a three week vacation that will begin right away. Chief Wilson reported he will be working the night shift for the next few weeks.

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Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported the RV dump and water pay station is up and running. In other news, Martin received a call that there was a diesel spill in the Clearwater River. Martin commented they have a Conductivity meter installed at the plant where it has an alarm and detects spills it will shut down the plant automatic.

Fire Chief Hoyt reported the Fire Department attended the Wildland Class Training with CPTPA for pack tests, eleven firefighters are red card certified and six firefighters are wildland certified. In April the department will be working with the Fire Academy on receiving more training and education. It other news, the Orofino Fire Department Fund raising breakfast was a success. The Department was able to raise $1,331.44 that was turned over to the Senior Citizens committee. And on Sunday the Guns & Hoses bowling for the fire auxiliary did very well.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 21-500-A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROFINO, IDAHO DECLARING THE CITY OF OROFINO, IDAHO TO BE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 21-500. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Resolution No. 21-501-A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROFINO, IDAHO FORMALLY ADOPTING THE CITY OF OROFINO INVESTMENT POLICY AS IN EXHIBIT (A); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 21-501. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Isbelle would like building materials bought locally for the new police building. Isbelle suggests to talk to Will at Orofino Builders for better pricing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ATTEST:
Donna Wilson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Sean Simmons, Mayor

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