MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3-26-2019

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

Absent: City Administrator-Rick E. Laam, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo and Police Chief-Jeff Wilson

Guests: Ken Harvey, Jared Gray, Payton Gray, and Dennis Fuller

Media: Elizabeth Morgan

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Councilmember Gardner made a MOTION to amend the agenda and add the Additional Bills as presented, Johnson Avenue Parking and 2018 Tree City USA Award placed under Petitions, Applications, Appeals and Communications. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written March 12, 2019. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

The Minutes of the Urban Forest of Orofino Meeting held on March 5, 2019 was submitted for Council review.

The Minutes of the Regular Planning and Zoning Meeting held January 15, 2019 was submitted for Council review.
BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Simmons made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the Payroll ending March 16, 2019. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Federal Land Access Program Grant Application-Councilmember Gardner reported Clearwater County is applying for a Federal Land Access Program Grant to help re-pave fifteen miles of Dent Bridge road. Any major roads that have access to Federal Lands can apply for this Grant. Gardner commented 1,882 feet of Dent Bridge road is in the city limits. Clearwater County was asking the City for support. The City’s portion would be 7.34% that would be $14,800 and can be monetary or a soft match with city employees working as flaggers for the project. A letter of support from the City is needed at this time.

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to send a letter of support to Federal Lands Access Program, recognizing that the first 1,882 feet of Dent Bridge road is within the city and pledges support and a funding commitment for this project to meet the required appropriate match of the cost. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Eagle Scout Project Requests-No one in attendance of the meeting. Mayor Smathers inquired from Jared Gray if he knew anything about this request. Gray commented that there are 5 boys that will need a project to earn the Eagle Scout Award. Information on various projects will be given to Jared Gray to take back to the Boy Scouts.

Drainage Problem Clearwater County Exhibit Building-Dennis Fuller, Treasurer for Clearwater County Fair Board addressed the Council asking on behalf of the Fair Board they would entertain discussion on the French drain for both sides of the Fair Building instead of rain gutters. Currently Fuller has contacted several contractors to get a bid for rain gutters. Fuller had stated with the design of the building rain gutters would function less effectively. French drains would be the best option to alleviate the excess water coming into the fair building. Public Works Supervisor Miller commented he did propose two different options and the rain gutters was a cheaper route, but it was concluded the Fair Board would need to get a contractor and have rain gutters installed. Fuller expressed it was not their intent to have the city pay for the rain gutters, he only suggested he would hope the city become involved and do the installing and the County would pay for the material. Councilmembers expressed to Fuller they approve to move forward on the French drains.

CEDA Annual Meeting Invitation-The City of Orofino received an invitation to the CEDA Annual Membership Meeting, for April 18, 2019 at the Clearwater River Casino Event Center from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Smathers, Councilmembers Dunaway and Gardner expressed they will attend the Annual Membership Meeting.
Education of Young Children Proclamation—Mayor Smathers signed a Proclamation proclaiming April 8-12, 2019 as Week of the Young Child. Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children are organizations working to promote and inspire high-quality early childhood experiences for our state’s youngest citizens. Mayor Smathers encourages all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in Orofino.

Census Awareness Day Proclamation—Mayor Smathers is proclaiming April 1, 2019 as Census Awareness Day, in an effort to spread the awareness and outreach on the one year out. The Census count is vital in ensuring our state and cities receive annual funds that help improve transportation, schools, hospitals, public works and other vital programs. The census data help local governments provide greater public safety and emergency preparedness. The 2020 Census will create jobs in communities and the census is meant to represent everyone.

2019 Park Schedule—A copy of the 2019 Park Schedule was submitted to the Council for review and information only.

Johnson Avenue Parking—Jared Gray reported after reviewing the maps of the proposed parking he came up with a way to add 18 more spots. Make Johnson Avenue one way have parallel parking on one side of the street and diagonal on the other side of the street and leave Main Street as is. Johnson Avenue Parking will be referred to a Work Session for May 7th at 6:00 p.m. for further information and discussion.

Arbor Day Award Letter—The City of Orofino received notification from Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. Mr. Lambe wanted to congratulate the City of Orofino, Idaho for receiving the 2018 Tree City Award. The award is honoring Orofino for its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA award will be a part of the community wide Arbor Day ceremony.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator—No report. Not in attendance of meeting.

Treasurer—Treasurer Wilson submitted the Clearwater County Tax Recap Report for Council review.

Building Official—Building Official Perry reported he contacted ITD to inquire about getting the sign replaced at the bottom of Dent Bridge Road. The sign has been ordered, they will just replace the panel.

Public Works—Public Works Supervisor Miller reported the four corners at H Street will be replaced with new ADA ramps. It was noted the streets will be swept on Thursday evenings. Miller was successful in bidding for a used sander, to be installed on the smaller plow trucks. In other
news Miller reported public works crew was busy unplugging the main sewer service line in the Orofino Park, may have to dig to the main.

Police-No report. Not in attendance of the meeting.

Water/Wastewater-Water Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported continue normal operations. The Water pay station is good to go and he will recheck the check valve.

Fire-Fire Chief Hoyt reported the Clearwater Fire Academy was successful and 208 Firefighters through-out the area were in attendance of the training. It was noted Chief Hoyt brought on two more additional firefighters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Harvey commented he will investigate for information regarding the down town parking and how the different lots became private parking only. It was noted the Mexican Restaurant is leasing the parking lot at the old Chinese Restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:50 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ryan Smathers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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