MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 4/12/2022

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Mike Gladhart, Mark Swayne, Jennifer Dunaway, Shannon Schrader and Doug Donner

Absent: Josh Tilley

Staff: Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller, Building Official-Todd Perry, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin, Police Chief-Jeff Wilson and Interim Fire Chief-Bart Jones

Absent: City Clerk-Janet R. Montambo

Guests: Alan and Claire Schumacher, Rick Miller, Loretta Stout, Diane Hairston, Helen Clark, Dennis Harper, Trapper Stewart and Mary Stanley

Media: Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written held on March 22, 2022. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

A copy of the Minutes of the Regular Urban Forests of Orofino held on April 5, 2022 was submitted to the Council for review.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills and the payroll dated March 26 and April 9th, 2022. Councilmember Gladhart seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of Concern and Request-Dennis Harper submitted a letter of concern to the Mayor and Council regarding the mortality rate of the fish during fishing tournaments on Dworshak Reservoir.

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Tournament fishing has dramatically increased in the last several years, with the target of being Bass. Harper reported there is twelve (12) scheduled tournaments this year. Harper commented he and his wife spend an average of 45 days a year on Dworshak Reservoir fishing. Harper noticed the decline in the number and size of fish in the last two years. With the heavy tournament fishing, the stress on the fish has increased. And not to mention the influx of people to our area, both to recreate and live has had a tremendous impact on fish numbers. Harper continued saying there have been reports of non-resident fishers fishing above Grandad bridge limiting out in the morning and returning in the evening to do the same. Harper stated he has no direct evidence of this, though increasing the number of people fishing, their inexperience with proper fish handling and good stewardship practices, all create a cumulative effect that is unhealthy for fish population. Harper continued stating that in the last 3 years he has not seen no evidence of Fish and Game enforcement presence at all on the Dworshak Reservoir. Harper would like to see a letter from the Mayor and City Council addressed to the Idaho Fish and Game addressing concern regarding Dworshak Reservoir Bass Tournaments and lack of enforcement.

Bulk Water Sales Fee Increase Discussion and set Public Hearing Date for May 10, 2022. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin provided information to the Council regarding other entities throughout the State selling bulk water anywhere from 2 cents to five cents a gallon. City of Kooskia and Riverside Water/Sewer District is selling water at 2 cents a gallon now and expects to increase to 5 cents because of rising costs of water treatment. Martin reported the cost of treated water has increased dramatically over the last year because the cost of the chemicals that is used in treating potable water. Martin would like to make a recommendation to increase the bulk water rate from 1 penny a gallon to 5 cents a gallon. City residents pay $47.50 first before any water is used, and $1.25 per thousand gallons used. The $47.50 is for operation and maintenance and repay for water plant. It was noted most people who purchased water all year long reside in the County because either their well or spring was not providing water. This is not irrigation water but potable treated water. It was noted the sale of bulk water increased last year and continued all year long.

After no further discussion, Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to set a Public Hearing date for Bulk Water Fee Increase on May 10, 2022. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Administrator Smathers wanted to clarify that household rates for water is not increasing, just bulk water sales.

CEDA Multiple Events April 21, 2022 Invite-The City of Orofino received an invitation from Clearwater Economic Development Association (CEDA) for the Annual Meeting held April 21, 2022 at Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, Lewiston, Idaho from 4:00 pm to 8:30pm. Treasurer Wilson will RSVP for whoever would like to attend. The deadline for the RSVP is April 14, 2022.

CCED Annual Sponsorship Request in the amount of $10,000-Diane Hairston was requesting the City's support for CCED Annual Sponsorship in the amount of $10,000. Diane is here to serve

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the city and county for economic development. It was noted that Diane will soon be certified for small business.

Councilmember Swayne made a MOTION to approve CCED Program Annual Sponsorship in the amount of $10,000. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-Administrator Smathers reported he attended a meeting with Blue Cross Committee, there was no new request at this time. Smathers commented there is approximately $46K in funds available. Smathers commented he received a hand written Thank you Card from the Orofino Elementary School. In other news Arbor Day Celebration is set for April 30, and the city was awarded $300 Arbor Day grant. It was noted Smathers is busy working with JUB Engineers. All maps have been scanned in for the GIS Mapping. Working on the Water Master Plan and the Airport Taxiway. The Traffic Study is completed.

Treasurer-No report.

Building Official-A copy of the March 2022 Building Permit Report was submitted to the Council for review. Building Official Perry reported UFO had a work day scheduled but had to post pone it due to the inclimate weather.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported on Monday, Roach Construction began pipe bursting and so far has gone well. In other news, a new water service line and meter was installed for Main Street Barber Shop. It was noted the Splash Pad work is done, and the park was mowed twice and fertilized. Miller reported he is still waiting on the pickup that was ordered to replace the 99 Ford. And lastly, Miller was inquiring to have an AdHoc Committee formed to discuss what streets to be paved this year.

Police-Police Chief Wilson reported he is working with PERSI and his date for retirement is December 31, 2022. Police Chief Wilson referred the rest of his report to Executive Session.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported they are waiting on parts to finish projects.

Fire-Interim Fire Chief Jones reported they had three (3) fire calls and seven (7) rescue calls since last meeting. Jones announced that they picked up three (3) new firefighters. Jones commented Clearwater Valley Auxiliary Fire Districts is sponsoring a Wildland Awareness Mitigation Presentation at the Orofino City Park on April 27th, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 pm if anyone is interested in attending. It was noted the Fire Department was awarded a grant for radios from Innovia Foundation.
COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Dunaway commented how important it is to get out and vote in the upcoming election. Dunaway mentioned that she is working on getting the AdHoc Committee together for the Orofino Park and arena.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Miller introduced himself and gave a brief bio to the Mayor and Council. Miller has concerns with the roads within Clearwater County and would like support in the upcoming election on May 17th, 2022. He is running for Clearwater County Commissioner.

Helen Clark gave a brief bio and announced that she is running for Clearwater County Clerk and would like support in the upcoming May 17th, 2022 election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:12 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 subsection 1 (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. The motion included a request to have a roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schrader.

REGULAR SESSION

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to return to regular session. Councilmember Donner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Sean Simmons, Mayor

Donna Wilson, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk

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