MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 4/26/2022

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Mike Gladhart via telephone, Jennifer Dunaway, Shannon Schrader, Josh Tilley and Doug Donner

Absent: Mark Swayne

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

Absent: Police Chief-Jeff Wilson (called out on duty)

Guests: JoAnn Davis, Shelby Davis, Julie Castle, Chris Barger, Helen Clark, Beth Siefner, Greg Siefner, Debbie Borders, Christy Gering, Tom Douglass and Kamille Douglass

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written held on April 12, 2022. Councilmember Dunaway 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 and the payroll dated April 23, 2022. Councilmembers Tilley and Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

ICDBG Environmental Release Champion Park Restroom-Administrator Smathers reported Clearwater Economic Development Association (CEDA) is grant administrator for the funding that the city received for installation of a pre-fabricated restroom at Champion Park and associated utility connection work. It was determined this project is exempt and does not require any mitigation for compliance.

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Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to accept ICDBG Environmental Release for the Champion Park Restroom. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Jet Boat Race Street Closure Request on College Avenue—Chris Barger, Jet Boat Race Coordinator, was requesting city’s permission to close College Avenue on Friday, June 17th, 2022 for the Boat Show and Shine. Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to close College Avenue on June 17th, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Thank you Letter—The City of Orofino received a letter from Clayne Tyler, Prosecuting Attorney. Tyler was thanking the Orofino Police Department for the resources and excellent investigatory work and assistance through lead investigator, Sgt. Vince Frazier through testimony, investigation and efforts with the case that went to trial which led to the conviction the person responsible for murdering Samantha Fignani three years ago.

Proclamation—53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week—A copy of the 53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 1 – May 7, 2022 Proclamation was submitted to the Council for information.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator—Administrator Smathers reported he received a call from Joe Dupont, Fish and Game. Mr. Dupont will meet with the Council during a Work Session on June 7th, 2022. Fish and Game is scheduled to do a fish count on the Dworshak Reservoir in the month of May. Dupont will have the results of the survey when he meets with the Council. It was noted Smathers is working with John Watson, JUB regarding grant funds that are available for dilapidated bridges that need to be replaced. JUB will apply on behalf of the city for grant funds for Johnson Avenue Bridge that was built in 1978 and Forest Street Bridge that was built in 1925.

In other news, Smathers announced Tony Crockett with the Orofino Fire Department reached out to IDL and inquired about surplus vehicles. IDL referred Tony to the Forest Service and he was able to get a surplused 2008 Dodge Ram to use as a Brush Truck from the Forest Service. This vehicle will replace the 1987 Brush Truck in the Fire Department. The truck is fully equipped to fight wildland fire and the only thing that needed to be done was striping on the truck.

This Saturday April 30th, is the City Wide Cleanup and barbecue. Tree City will be awarded at noon with pictures to follow. Smathers was requesting Council to please attend the short ceremony.

Treasurer—A copy of the Clearwater County Tax Recap Report dated 4/18/2022 was submitted to the Council for review. Treasurer Wilson reported the cancelled ICRMP training was rescheduled for May 11 and 12th, 2022. Wilson will email flyers out and would need a RSVP for those who will attend the training.

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Building Official-Building Official Perry reported three (3) Box Elder Maple Trees will be planted in the Orofino City Park this week in conjunction with Arbor Day Celebration and City Wide Clean up. Perry reported Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on May 17th for the Ordinance amendment to the Use Districts under General Regulations. In other news, the IOOF Hall hired a Real Estate Agency to try to sell the IOOF Building. Perry is working with Diane Hairston, CCED and Realtor. It was noted Perry is currently investigating a complaint that was registered over the week-end with the Sheriff’s Department where someone was building a fence in the city’s right-of-way. Perry is trying to contact the owner to have them remove fence.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported Public Works Crew is busy. All the city parks were aerated. It was noted Public Works Crew helped with the tank fill station system at the WWTP for bulk water sales. On May 2nd, public works will begin the inmate crew to help with cutting down weeds and tall grass in city right-of-ways. In other news Miller is working with Steven Schramm, JUB Engineer. Miller will review the 1st draft of the GIS Mapping System for the water and sewer lines. They are working together on a BID Advertisement for future sliplining on the sewer lines.

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

Water/Wastewater-Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported the 2 inch bulk water fill station is almost complete. In other news Martin reported the price of chemicals that is used to treat water has escalated from $2,500 for 275 gallons to $7,000. The shipping charges increased.

Fire-Interim Fire Chief Jones reported the department had one fire call and two rescue calls since last meeting. Jones commented there is a Wildland Mitigation Awareness Workshop in the Orofino City Park this week. CPTPA, Forest Service, EMS and Orofino Fire Department will be involved in the Workshop. Jones complimented on Tony Crockett for getting another vehicle through surplus, thanks to the relationship through networking with other entitys. It was noted the fire department was able to pick up a 500 gallon poly tank and a couple of 2,300 horsepower pumps.

It was noted on May 19 there is a Healthfare at Orofino Junior/Senior High School. The Fire Department will be in attendance and will have a recruiting strategy on education and expectations for new Fire Department Recruits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Siefner was inquiring if Michael Martin heard of a process where they liquify human remains and dispose in the water/wastewater system. Siefner commented that he read where the remains are used as a fertilizer for crops and that 21 states in the nation had approved this process. Martin replied that he has not heard of anything. Martin replied to Siefner stating that he was asked from Center for Disease Control Prevention to provide water samples several times a week to help track the presence of Covid and other communicable diseases locally. Martin would investigate and report at the next Council meeting.

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JoAnn Davis gave a short bio and introduced herself to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Davis announced she is running for Clearwater County Clerk and has worked for the last three and half years in the Clerk’s Office and would like support in the upcoming May 17th, 2022 election.

Helen Clark wanted to thank Bart Jones, Interim Fire Chief for the recognition and appreciation to Clearwater County Dispatch for the working relationship they have with the Orofino Fire Department. The Dispatchers received a Fire Department T-shirt. Dispatch Appreciation was the week of April 10 through April 16.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:27 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sean Simmons, Mayor

ATTEND:  

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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