MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 5/11/2021

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

Guests: Tina & Sal Lauria

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on April 27, 2021. Councilmember’s Swayne and Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

The Urban Forests of Orofino Regular Meeting Minutes held May 4, 2021 were submitted to the Council for review and information.

The Regular Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes held April 20, 2021 were submitted to the Council for review and information.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Tilley made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the payroll dated May 8, 2021. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATION, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FY 2021-22 Budget Schedule-A copy of the 2021-2022 Budget Schedule was submitted for Council review. Administrator Smathers reported this year’s budget will be a challenge.

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Reasons for Findings (Amendment to Zoning Ordinance)-Building Official Perry reported Planning and Zoning held a Public Hearing on April 20, 2021 on proposing to amend the following: Title 11 Chapter 2 Sections 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A and 9A; to ADD-All other uses, structures and accessory uses not listed are strictly prohibited unless a Special Use Permit has been issued. Amend Section 11-2-10 General Regulations: Add Subsection E. Prefabricated Containerized Transport Containers. Amend Section 11-2-9A: Special Public District (P) Permitted Uses: Remove, Other Public Facilities. Perry commented during the public hearing he answered the question regarding the proposed changes. The Containers already in place prior the zone change would be considered a legal non-conforming use if they remain used as the same use and were allowed at that time. If changed, then the use would no longer be allowed without following ordinance standards. There was no supporting testimony, no opposing testimony, no uncommitted testimony, and no written or verbal correspondence.

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to accept Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Clerk Montambo reported an Ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda for Council approval on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Donner inquired if the Ordinance will be submitted to the City Attorney for approval. Clerk Montambo responded a copy will be submitted to Becky Vaage, City Attorney for review.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-Administrator Smathers reported he is waiting to hear back from the Post Office legal staff from Seattle in regards to the Mail Box issue. Smathers received an email from Becky Vaage, City Attorney, she is working with a Planning and Zoning member from southern Idaho who has experience on a camping ordinance. Vaage reported she is still working on a firm letter to IOOF owners regarding their dilapidated building. Administrator Smathers reported he had Jordyn Howell submit the Sand Volleyball Court Request and costs to the Blue Cross Transformation Community Grant Committee. The request fits in their model for the grant. It was noted the City Park needs to grow up. Councilmember Tilley commented this would be a good project for an Eagle Scout Troop member. In other news, Smathers reported presently he is corresponding with two potential new business’s that are planning on opening a Restaurant and a Tap House. Each business was inquiring about expanding and provide seating on side walks to serve food and alcohol. Some city’s allow that type of business’s through a permit process. Smathers indicated it would take an amendment to the Open Container Ordinance and he will work with Police Chief Wilson and what is needed to amend.

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Building Official-A copy of the April 2021 Building Permit Report was submitted to the Council for review. Building Official Perry was inquiring from the Council if they would revisit the proposal of closing a section of College to block off Johnson to the alley and form an outdoor sitting plaza utilizing the street between Fiesta En Jalisco and Hub Insurance. Parking will be allowed along the barricades. Perry would like to do a test run and see if the city gets good or bad response before actually expending money. Perry is open for suggestions and would go to business’s and get donations to help with benches and greenery to make it a pleasant atmosphere and try as a pilot program. Public Works Supervisor Miller commented before anything permanent is set up he would need to replace the water and sewer line under that portion of street. Council members all voiced they are all for the plaza and would like to see a plan. Perry commented he will put something together and present it at a future meeting.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported he met with Roach Construction to get a quote on upgrading 4” sewer lines to 6” lines at various places throughout town that needs to be rehabilitated. It was noted Miller met with JUB to set up smoke testing on the system. In other news, Miller commented it’s been a full time job for Tyson to do utility locates for the contractor who is installing the new power poles for Avista. Miller believes Avista will be changing out two hundred (200) poles throughout the city.

Police-Police Chief Wilson reported Mike Deitrick has not been cleared to go back to work since his surgery. Deitrick is now going through physical therapy and expects to be off up to another five weeks. Chief Wilson will continue to cover for the night shift the next couple of months. In other news, Wilson reported the next phase of the building construction for the conference room will be put in next year’s budget. Wilson expects the construction will be completed by the end of June or first part of July.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported the cellular communication is completed at the Adams Reservoir and water plant. And Skid C is up and running.

Fire-Fire Chief Hoyt reported he along with Bart Jones will be attending the Idaho Fire Chief’s Conference in southern Idaho. Hoyt reported they received the Brush Truck and they are working steadily and retrofitting with equipment. Right now they are working on the wiring and adding emergency lights and siren. Hoyt hopes to have it in service by the end of this month. In other news, Hoyt reported Jim Thornton and Michael Martin is working on the 1926 Graham’s Fire Truck. This was the first fire truck used by the City. Hoyt was happy to say they fired it up and hope to have it running soon. Hoyt will show it during the Show and Shine Car Show and hope to enter it in the parade.

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It was noted Orofino Fire Department was called through mutual aid to Kooskia to help with a structure fire. Hoyt commented the Fire Department is working on the hose testing and will start the hydrant testing within this month.

WORK SESSION

Work Session Meeting May 4, 2021-Mayor and Council met with City Staff in the City Park and measured out potential area’s for two Sand Volleyball Courts. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward and start with one court on the south end of the park. Costs on material will be gathered and submitted to the Council for review at the next Council meeting.

No decision was made. Councilmembers will wait to hear if Blue Cross Community Transformation Grant will fund the Sand Volleyball Court.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Donner inquired where are the illegal campers in this town. Building Official Perry commented there is several through out town. Out of town family members living in campers taking up permanent residence in family yards or the city right-of-ways. No one complains about the camper if it’s a few days where family members are visiting, but if its seen as a permanent situation most neighbors call to complain. It was noted one was set up on Brown Avenue where the camper had their awning over the sidewalk with chairs set up in the middle of sidewalk. It was suggested the city would need a camping ordinance to address these issues.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Isbelle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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