MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6/8/2021

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Doug Donner

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, Police Chief-Jeff Wilson and Fire Chief-Jon Hoyt

Guests: Dominic Ponzetto and Josh Tyler-Compunet, Karen Hunter and Tina Lauria

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on May 25, 2021. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

A copy of the Work Session Meeting Notes held on June 1, 2021 was submitted to the Council for review.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the payroll dated June 5, 2021. Councilmember’s Swayne and Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Idaho Park and Recreation approved funding letter for Orofino Bike Park Grant-The City of Orofino received a letter from Susan Buxton with Idaho State Parks and Recreation. Ms. Buxton was pleased to inform the City of Orofino on approval for funding for the Orofino Bike Park in City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 6-8-2021.
the amount of $10,000. Ms. Buxton commended the City of Orofino’s efforts to improve outdoor recreation facilities and services in Idaho. The funds for this project will be available after July 15, 2021.

Compunet-Dominic Ponozzo-Dominic Ponozzo reported the new system upgrade will be unique to the new building. The upgrade to the network, software upgrade, camera system and badge entry to the building. A new server was suggested because of the expansion of the newer technology. Currently the police department is using a single server, the second server that will be in place will be used as a backup if everything goes down. This is the best solution for the police department to have continual service. The new firewall security for the next generation for security and other issues the new server will have the capacity to expand if the City chooses. Ponozzo commented the age of technology is a disaster waiting to happen. Compunet’s job is to provide training and enables proactive approach to the newer technology. Councilmember Schrader inquired how long this technology will last until have to update again. Ponozzo responded anywhere from five to seven years. Software and configuration up to date but still cost’s for changes.

Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to move forward with Compunet. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator Smathers reported he was not able to attend the Blue Cross Community Transformation Committee meeting regarding the Sand Volleyball Court request so he has no news yet on the request. In other news, there was two separate viewings of the surplus items. If someone wants to view them again they will have to call and make an appointment. Smathers reported he attended a Library Board meeting to communicate and help work out some of the issues they were having with surrounding neighbors. Smathers has been working with Clayne Tyler and inquiring from other cities what is permitted for restaurants to provide outdoor seating and serve alcohol. At first it was suggested to do away with the open container, but that was not the way to go. Cities issues right-of-way permits if the restaurant owners met criteria. Smathers commented he has received requests from owners who will be opening a restaurant and another owner of a Brewery/Bar where they would like to provide outdoor seating on public sidewalk’s adjacent to their business/building and be able to provide liquor, beer or wine. More information will be submitted at the next Council meeting.

Smathers reported he has been receiving numerous phone calls from different Engineers. Come to find out the city’s airport engineer services will be expired under the previous contract. Smathers is working with FAA and working on a new Request for Proposals for new Engineering Services for future airport work. It was noted the Employee Appreciation Golf Day and Barbeque is this next Friday and hopes the Council will be able to attend.

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Treasurer-Treasurer Wilson submitted a copy of the Revenue vs. Expenditure by Fund Report ending April 2021 for Council review.

Building Official-The May 2021 Building Permit Report was submitted to the Council for review. Building Official Perry reported he is busy with issuing Building Permits and sending out Wecd/Nuisance Letters to property owners.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported he is working with JUB Engineers on smoke testing on the sewer main lines. Miller commented he is trying to decide which way to go, there are problems widespread throughout the city. In other news, public works crew removed sidewalks for two business owners. The contractor is waiting on concrete to complete the sidewalks. It was noted a water leak was detected and fixed on Odic Street. Miller is still waiting to get more cedar bark for the playground area in the park.

Police-Police Chief Wilson wanted to remind the Council he is still waiting to hear whether he was successful in obtaining funding through the Cares Act Grant. Wilson applied for funding for relief on updating to new communication technology in the amount of $115,000 for the police building and approximate $135,000 for the overtime hours worked during the Covid-19 effort. It was noted Mike Deitrick will be back to work on the 17th of this month, and Lahnii will be out of the office beginning the 16th for a week vacation. Matt will go on vacation the 19th. Wilson wanted to remind Council June 19th is the Special Olympics golf tournament where he and Sergeant Frasier will play in the tournament with Jeff Greene. The tournament is a fund raiser for the trip he and Jeff Greene will be attending the Special Olympics Games in Russia.

Wilson wanted the news media to report the City Police will confiscate and there will be “Zero Tolerance” for illegal fireworks in the city limits.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported during the recent thunder storm they lost communication again with the Adams Reservoir and lost the pressure transducer. Martin is trying to get a new one ordered. In other news, Martin reported they sold 32,000 gallons of water through the Water Station on Highway 12. Martin commented he is still charging a penny a gallon and inquired from Council if they want to look into increasing the cost. The cost of chemicals are increasing this year for water treatment.

Fire-Fire Chief Jon Hoyt reported he attended wildland training in Deary last week. Hoyt commented it is dry everywhere in the state due to lack of rain this last spring. June, July and August will be an extreme fire season with higher temperatures and dry vegetation. It was noted the fire department responded to a fire down in the park. The cause of fire was a smoldering cigarette thrown in the bark where the playground equipment is. More “No Smoking” signs will be ordered and put up again around the playground area. A new camera system will be installed in the park as soon as Avista set a pole in the park area.

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WORKSESSION

Mayor Simmons reported Orofino City Council met June 1, 2021 for a Work Session. Crystal Gamble was not in attendance of the meeting. Mayor Simmons announced a few changes will be made for future park schedule reservations. City Staff will add Orofino Babe Ruth to the mail list, and there will be a new deadline for the park reservation to be turned in. The deadline for park schedules to be returned will be the end of March. This way it will give all baseball teams time to work out a unified schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Hunter inquired if the City still puts fluoride in the water. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin commented they discontinued that some time ago and only use chlorine. Hunter reported there is a soft watery spot in the grass by the restrooms in the park. Public Works Supervisor Miller reported it could be a sprinkler issue there and he will have someone check it out the following day.

In other news, Karen Hunter announced that she is organizing and trying to bring Old Fashion Sunday back to Orofino. Hunter commented she reserved the park for July 10 and July 11, 2021. Hunter was requesting if the vendors can camp overnight in the park so they can keep an eye on their property. It would be advantageous to the vendors so they would not have to set up again the next day. The Old Fashion Sunday will include lawn games, buggy rides, fashion show, a costume contest and live entertainment in the Gazebo. Councilmembers referred Karen Hunter to check with Clearwater County Sheriff’s Posse to cover the security for Old Fashion Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Sean Simmons, Mayor

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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