MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 9/14/2021

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Jon Isbelle, Mark Swayne, Shannon Schrader, Josh Tilley and 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: Mike Gladhart, Chris St. Germain and Tina Lauria

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on August 24, 2021 as written. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

A copy of the Urban Forests of Orofino Regular Meeting Minutes held on September 7, 2021 was submitted to the Council for review.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the payroll dated August 28, and September 11, 2021. Councilmember Isbelle seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RFQ’S Engineering Services for Orofino Airport (Ad Hoc Committee Selection)-Administrator Smathers reported the RFQ’s are for Engineering Services for Orofino Airport for the next five years. Smathers was requesting Councilmembers to volunteer and review the RFQ’s and come back to make a recommendation for the full Council approval. Councilmembers Donner, Swayne and Isbelle will be on the review Committee.

Oral Health Feasibility Study Contract-Chris St. Germain had reported this Feasibility Study Grant was needed. All area Dentist’s do not accept Medicaid patients so therefore they go without any dental work. A couple of the area Dentist and Consultant will be on board for the Feasibility City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 9/14/2021
Study. Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to move forward on the Oral Health Feasibility Study Contract. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

State of Idaho DEQ Letter-Michael Martin, Water/Wastewater Supervisor submitted a copy of a letter to the Council for review and information that he received from Hannah Erickson, DEQ Water Quality Engineer. The letter was thanking Martin for working with DEQ to investigate the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the Clearwater River. Results of the test included detection of PFBAQ at 0.000585 ug/L. PFOA and PFOS were not detected. No action is required from the city’s system since these are unregulated contaminants without an established maximum contaminant level.

PUBLIC HEARING

Idaho Community Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $112,985.00 for the Champion Park Improvement Project

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Simmons opened the Public Hearing.

Chris St. Germaine reported this CDBG Grant application is for the Champion Park site for improvements to enhance safety and accessibility. Spring of 2022 Champion Park will have new ADA access, resurfaced basketball courts and a new fence around the tennis courts. The Champion Park area lacks a public restroom. The Champion Park site includes a picnic area with shelter, courts (basketball, tennis/pickle ball) and is immediately adjacent to the Joint School District 171 soccer and softball field. Currently, restroom facilities are provided by a port-a-potty designed to meet ADA standards. The City improvements to the park infrastructure will increase usage of Champion Park. This application for a $112,985 grant will help enhance public safety and the park user experience. The total cost of project financing is $243,201. The city has raised $130,216 to help finance this project. St. Germaine reported the application is due September 16, 2021 and we should know in sixty days if successful on the grant. The restroom is pre-fab with two single door restroom’s and a water fountain on the side.

With no additional comments or questions, Mayor Simmons closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m. Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to move forward with the CDBG Grant application for the Champion Park Improvement Project. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-Administrator Smathers reported he completed the Tree City USA application. In other news Smathers commented the Pocket Park that was identified on the Lutheran Church property will be a great place for all who live in the Riverside area to utilize. The City is in partnership with the Church and funding will be obtained from the Community Transformation Grant. Blue Cross was very receptive to the ideal. There is room for two tether ball poles, a
basketball court with a pickle ball court and room for a jungle gym that will be located off of 115th Street.

Smathers reported Department of Labor is downsizing to one part-time employee. CCED will share office space with Department of Labor Employee. Smathers commented he will meet with FAA at the Orofino Airport for an inspection tomorrow afternoon.

Treasurer-Treasurer Wilson reported she is working diligently on the new Budget to complete it. And currently working on the Budget Amendment for the next Council meeting public hearing.

Building Official-Building Official Perry reported business is as usual. Planning and Zoning will continue discussion on the Camping/Recreational Vehicle and come up with a recommendation for the Public Hearing in October.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported the paving of the streets are completed. Miller had minimal complaints this year. Miller would like an Street Ad Hoc Committee to give some directions on what streets to be paved in the future. He would put the street list together for future paving and the Ad Hoc Committee can review and make a recommendation. In other news, public works crew is busy with clearing brush on city right-of-way’s and gearing up for the annual maintenance of jet rodding the sewer system. Miller commented this takes 2 employees a month and a half to complete the whole system. It was noted Stripes A Lot will paint fog lines on the roads this next week if it’s not raining.

Police-Police Chief Wilson reported the camera’s in the park paid off. Over the weekend the park restrooms were vandalized and the camera’s clearly identified them. Wilson commented it is still under investigation. In other news, the Corona Virus Grant that he applied for and was successful in getting $45,000 he now has to go back in and update the grant to match the dollar amount to the equipment of award. Police Chief Wilson reported they are having problems with logging trucks parking and driving on the non-truck route streets. This has been a problem in the past and people were warned but it’s continuing and now citations will be issued.

Wilson reported it will be another three weeks before they can move into the new building. Compunet is still waiting for more equipment to install. Wilson reported M & D Flatroof Contractors will install the new roof and reported they are busy for the next three weeks before they can begin on the new roof at the police department. Alpine Heating will need to install the new heating/air unit before the roof begins.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported the new dump truck is ready to go into service and the old truck will be turned over to Public Works Department. Martin commented they are still waiting for parts to come in for different projects they have been working on, and hoping they will receive them so they can complete the projects in the new year.

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Fire Chief Hoyt reported they are busy with Wildland Fires and vehicle wrecks. Hoyt stated “Covid has hit hard in this area”. Hoyt’s crew are to mask up and wear gloves when on a rescue call.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Dunaway commented she was in attendance of a wedding over the week-end and a family member of the groom had commented to Jennifer on how lucky we are to have a community like we have where the entire town comes back from all over to get together for a wedding.

Councilmember Donner commented that there was a good turn out in the Park this past week-end for the Free Barbeque for all First Responders.

It was noted there was a great turn out of Police and Fire Departments at the Cannon Park for the VFW’s 911 Recognition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 an Executive Session is called for the purpose of 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. And Subsection 1 (e) to consider preliminary negotiations involving matter of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies.

At 6:37 p.m. Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to go into an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 Subsection 1 (a) and (e). The motion included a request to have a roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Swayne. The motion passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to return to regular session. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 7:56 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sean Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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