MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 07/11/2023

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Guests: Kaye Weller, Chris McCune, Ken Harvey, LJ Reece, Sal Lauria, and Jenne Lacey

Media: Nancy Butler and Elizabeth Morgan

Absent: Councilmember Tilley & Clerk Treasurer Donna Wilson

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as corrected held on June 11th, 2023. Councilmember Gladhart 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 July 7th, 2023. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Jenne Lacey: Thursday Evening Farmers Market Feedback & Requesting to Extend Time to 9:00 pm- Jenne Lacey expressed the first Thursday farmers market held June 22nd, was very successful. The vendors and herself were happy with it and overall felt it was great for the community. Lacey requested to extend the farmers market by one hour in hopes to give individuals who work at the clinic time to join in the festivities. She shared there was feedback City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 07/11/2023
available that can be emailed. The feedback received was found to be mostly positive. There are some ideas in the process for public restrooms as well as trash bin. Mayor Simmons confirmed that it was from 2:30 to 8:30 pm with clean up and tear down, previously. Lacey confirmed it was 3:00-4:00 pm set up, 4:00-7:00 pm was the market, 7:00-8:30 pm for cleanup. Lacey shared the new hours would be 3:00 to 9:00 pm.

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve the Thursday evening farmers market extension to 9:00 pm. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator- Administrator Smathers announced he placed handouts at each councilmembers desk, one for the monthly JUB monthly project status update. The second is a downtown master plan survey that has gone out to the public. Smathers asked that the council members post it at their place of employment or somewhere they feel there will be participation. Surveys can be completed from the QR code or website. Smathers reminded the council the skate and bike park would be hosting their open house Friday morning. Mayor Simmons will be BBQing hot dogs and taking a lap around the bike track. Friday afternoon, the airport will be closed for the EVOC training for the police department. The Airport preconstruction meeting held on July 6th, 2023, with POE in the council chambers determined they are tentatively scheduled to start that project; a final date will be provided by the end of the week. As of right now the start date looks to be July 24th, 2023, and they will have a 20-day window for substantial completion. Once done, it gets a temporary marking, let it cure for 30 days then come back and do the final paint application. Hillcrest will keep their helicopter staged in the grass in case there are any fires. They are still able to respond but the airport will be completely closed to fixed wings. Smathers shared he will have the YCC kids next week with a few projects lined up and asked the council if any more ideas came up, they would have some time still available. Smathers added another reminder that there is a work session scheduled August 1st, 2023, with three items at this point.

Clerk/Treasurer- Absent

Building Official- Building Official Perry reported last month at the planning and zoning meeting he introduced the idea to the Commission about removing the animal section from the police section and putting it into the planning and zoning ordinance. Discussion was had that, in the past there was a history, depending on the property, where the city issued special use permits to some people for horses, maybe a couple of goats, and a sheep. Perry realized that all animals are prohibited except cats, dogs, and chickens per the police ordinance he explained that to the council. Through his discussion with P & Z they decided unanimously against making any changes to the current police ordinance. Councilmember Gladhart asked how this pertains to those who already have those permits? Frazier stated that if the ordinance stands with the police department, realistically a letter needs to go to anyone who has an animal within the city limits.

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that it is a prohibited animal with the city police department stating it was issued in error and needs to be given a time frame to have it removed. Councilmember Swayne asked has there been any instances where someone has been outside the city limits and now have partial property in the city but has always had farm animals? Perry said he was not familiar with any, Councilmember Swayne stated he is. He said he has a parcel that is split and set up for open pasture that is being grazed for fire prevention, so he feels it does impact an individual’s livelihood. Perry stated they legally thought that they were doing the right thing and upon finding out that it was not in his jurisdiction they stopped issuing special use. Frazier wanted to clarify that he is not against animals and understands we are a rural community and actively supports the 4-H program which many are within city limits, and a lot of ground within city limits that is being used for that purpose. Frazier just wants clarification that he just enforces the ordinances that are in place. Perry stated they will be having another meeting next week; he will take the recommendation from the council to remove it out of the police and place in P&Z and they will. He asked that the council allow P&Z to do their job and hash it out, then bring something back to the council, if the council doesn’t like what is presented, they can make changes. Perry stated that it will require P&Z for the zoning ordinance and a public hearing for removing it from the police ordinance. Councilmembers Dunaway and Donner both suggested reaching out to surrounding cities and seeing how their ordinance is written.

Public Works- Public Works Supervisor Miller reported his crew has been extremely busy and overwhelmed with additional projects. They are having a hard time keeping up on some of the routine maintenance, but they do have a big sewer issue that they have had brought to their attention. It’s a Johnson Avenue address but it’s on Fourth Street going up Dewey. On the video of it you can see the bottom of the pipe has been pushed up about two or two and a half inches, so the sewer must come up over. This is usually a routine thing for them other than the fact that it’s 25 feet deep, the deepest Miller has ever found in this town. Miller has Josh Russell excavating coming July 12th, 2023 to look at it and give a bid on it. Miller is hopeful in finding the pipe not quite that deep further up the road, where they can hook into it and reroute into it higher up in the manhole and then reconnect Gaffney service line, whose house is the last one on that. Councilmember Dunaway had a comment complimenting the progress of the basketball, tennis, and pickleball court stating there are people there every day using the facilities.

Police- Police Chief Frazier announced Officer Bruegeman has been taken off the FTO program and is now on his own. He also has been accepted and will be attending POST academy, August 24th, 2023. The sidewalks at the police station are coming along and they are to start pouring Thursday. EVOC training starts at 8:00 am July 14th, 2023, in the classroom and then will move to the airport later that afternoon to meet the requirements the state has put on them for the amount of training hours needed. Frazier shared the tractor and forklift are on the public surplus website, and receiving active bidding but does not close for another twelve days.

Water/Wastewater- Water/Waste Water Supervisor Martin stated he was off the previous week, so he was spending this week catching up on regulatory paperwork.

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Fire- Fire Chief Jones announced the current months totals for fires is three and four rescue calls. Jones reminded the council that fire dangers are getting more extreme as they reach the middle of August and predicts we're going to see some major fires country wide. The tender is back in service, everyone is on high alert and fully prepared. Councilmember Swayne asked how many of the reported fires were from fireworks? Jones stated that the fire from the 4th of July and on Deer Cedar were caused by fireworks. Councilmember Swayne also asked Frazier how the 4th of July went for his team. Chief Frazier shared his team was busy chasing back and forth finding where they were coming from, while a few individuals were talked to no citations were issued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Harvey shared years ago Orofino had an animal control officer and asked if there has been any further thought put into possibly creating a position for that. He also commented that he could not hear anything being said by the council or City staff members.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:33 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Sean Simmons, Mayor

Joni Spencer, Deputy/UB Clerk