

November 3, 2021

APPROVED

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 3, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor: Jackie Barthlome
Council Members: Kathy Tillotson, Colleen Fluckiger, Mike Ridenour, Robyn Thomas
Superintendent: Riley Crookston
Clerk: Shelley Reeves

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Curtis Peck, Kim Welch, Shane Hamilton, Rachel Hamilton, Matt Loertscher

Councilmember Thomas gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 20, 2021 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 10/20/2021 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$7,332.59 and payroll in the amount of \$9,393.34 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Thomas moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ridenour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Fire Chief Curtis Peck to report on the Fire Department. He reported that the department had escorted the volleyball and cross-country teams out of town on their way to state tournaments. Fire Chief Peck has been looking for ways to keep the firemen certified since the Southern Idaho Fire Academy has discontinued training. He found an online training portal called Fire Rescue One Academy. They provide up to date online training for \$45.00 per fireman per year with a one-time fee of \$300.00. Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve Fire Chief Peck to purchase the training through Fire Rescue One Academy. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rachel Hamilton presented information on Youth City Council. She stated that she had served on a youth city council when she was growing up. She stated that the youth city council was voted on by peers and there was a certain number of councilmembers and a mayor. One of the city council members served as the advisor for the youth city council. They met about once a quarter and planned service projects that they could do in the city. Some of the projects that they did were, a senior citizen dinner, the annual easter egg hunt, and road cleanup. They were also able to go to the state capitol to learn about government. She stated that they had a budget that they had to work with, and she thinks the money for the budget came from a grant. Mayor Barthlome stated that she would talk with the high school principal Steve Brady and see if there is any interest from the students.

City alcohol licenses were presented for 2022 as follows:

- Sam's Market for beer and wine - \$37.50
- EZ-Way for beer and wine- \$37.50

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- Grace Lounge for beer and liquor- \$262.50

Councilmember Thomas moved to approve the licenses. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilmember Ridenour abstaining from voting.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve Superintendent Crookston and Jake Wright to attend the Idaho Rural Water Association conference in Boise in the spring. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion.

Clerk Reeves informed the councilmembers of the Association of Idaho Cities fall district meeting on November 16, 2021 in Chubbuck. She will register the councilmembers that are able to attend.

There was a discussion about the purchase of a plasma cutter to cut up metal and do repairs on the city equipment. Superintendent Crookston got a bid for \$3680.00 with a 3-year warranty. Councilmember Ridenour doesn't feel that a plasma cutter is needed or belongs in a city shop and that it won't pay for itself. Superintendent Crookston and Matt Loertscher explained that it was much safer than using a chop saw and more efficient than a cutting torch. After discussion Councilmember Tillotson moved to purchase a plasma cutter. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilmember Ridenour voting no.

Councilmember Thomas moved to approve the Juneteenth holiday to be celebrated on June 19 each year, and to be added to the observed holidays of the city. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the International snowplow needs a new transmission. A-Plus Automotive has quoted a rebuild kit for \$6,000.00. Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the purchase of a rebuild kit. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the sanitary survey with the Department of Environmental Quality went well and that they were told that the city doesn't need new spring boxes, but just needs new seals on the lids of the existing springs boxes.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for their work, and Councilmember Ridenour for conducting the last meeting in her absence.

Councilmember Tillotson asked about out of compliance letters that some of the citizens have been receiving. Mayor Barthlome explained that they are letters letting the citizens know that their setting permits have expired and that they need to come renew their permits. Clerk Reeves will look at the wording on those letters and see if there is a better way to word them so that the citizens understand why they are receiving them.

Councilmember Thomas moved that pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(a)&(b) convene in executive session to consider personnel matters at 7:18 p.m.

Personnel matters were discussed.

The executive session was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Shelley Reeves
CLERK

Jacqui Barthlome
MAYOR

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DATE