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CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
OCTOBER 19, 2022

Mayor Barthlome called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Barthlome asked those attending to state their names. They were as follows:
Riley Crookston, Colleen Fluckiger, Mike Ridenour, Larry Allen, Shelley Reeves, Jackie Barthlome,
Kim Welch, Ron Coombs, Curtis Stoddard, Paul Gritton, Eric Hobson, Jake Wright

Mayor Barthlome stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear comment on the amended impact area ordinance and map.

Mayor Barthlome called for comments from the public.

Curtis Stoddard asked how does the impact area affect property of those within the impact area, are there restrictions? Mayor Barthlome explained that the impact area was for future growth and if someone were to build in the impact area the city is notified so that they can let the county know of any concerns that the city may have. Ultimately the county has the final say. Mr. Stoddard asked if the impact area moved farther south. Mayor Barthlome explained that the city didn't move the southern boundary. The eastern boundary was moved to include the city springs. Mr. Stoddard asked if someone in the impact area were to build would they need a city permit. Mayor Barthlome stated that they would not.

Mayor Barthlome called for comments from the council. Councilmember Allen stated that in Section 1 of the ordinance it states, "Enforcement of said ordinance and the rules and regulations adopted herein shall be the responsibility of Caribou County." but, Section 2 did not state the same thing. It was explained that the statement in Section 1 applied to the whole ordinance. He also asked about the rules that are in the ordinance concerning wells and septic and who is responsible for enforcing those rules. It was explained that the State of Idaho Public Health Department and Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for enforcing and inspecting wells and septic in the impact area.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to adjourn the public hearing. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor: Jackie Barthlome
Council Members: Larry Allen, Colleen Fluckiger, Mike Ridenour
Superintendent: Riley Crookston
Clerk: Shelley Reeves

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Council Member Kim Welch, Ron Coombs, Curtis Stoddard, Paul Gritton, Eric Hobson, Jake Wright, Matt Loertscher

Mayor Barthlome excused Councilmember Tillotson

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Councilmember Allen gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 5, 2022 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 10/5/2022 was made by Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$16,898.28 and payroll in the amount of \$10,503.95 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Fluckiger moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome reported that the fire department had assisted the county on a fire and had responded to a gasoline spill in the city. Both calls went well.

Mayor Barthlome asked the city council and planning and zoning commission to start considering changing some of the zoning in the city. She explained that there are zones in the city that would better serve the citizens if the zoning were changed.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permits that were approved:

#2022-28 Berdell McCurdy – wheelchair ramp with handrails

#2022-29 Alvin Richards – garage and gazebo

County Permit #2022-070 – KMR Construction – garage addition

Mayor Barthlome presented outgoing Planning and Zoning Commission Member Kim Welch with a plaque and thanked him for his time and service to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Ron Coombs. Mr. Coombs stated that he had some issues with his sewer and had called the city to come look at it. He stated that no one from the city talked to him about what they found. He also called a company to jet the line and they found roots on the city side of the line. He stated that something needs to be done annually so that he and his neighbors don't have this problem in the future. Superintendent Crookston explained that he was there when the city flushed the line and found that there were a lot of wipes that had plugged the line. He apologized for no one from the city getting back with Mr. Coombs. Mr. Coombs stated that the bill that he will be getting from the company that came and jetted the lines will be significant and he feels that the city holds some responsibility for that bill. Councilmember Ridenour asked him to bring his bill to the city and the city will discuss it at a future meeting.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Paul Gritton to update the city on the 208 Communicate Project. The project is a way to coordinate and educate the county on ways to communicate in case of an emergency and telephone lines or cell phone communication was disrupted. Mr. Gritton reported that Degerstrom had donated a used repeater and it has been installed on Soda Point. Eric Hobson donated a radio that is compatible with the repeater to the city. Mr. Gritton also reported that there will be an amateur radio class on November 14 and 15, 2022 in Soda Springs.

Clerk Reeves read the resolution, increasing the water base rate 3%, in full. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be numbered 2022-3.

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Clerk Reeves read the resolution, increasing the sewer rate 3%, in full. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be numbered 2022-4.

Clerk Reeves read the resolution, increasing the garbage rate 3%, in full. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be numbered 2022-5.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve the purchase of a laptop for the wastewater treatment plant for up \$3839.00. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome stated that she would like the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss tiny homes so that the city can write an ordinance to regulate them. Decisions on where and if they there are allowed need to be made.

Councilmember Allen moved to replace the transmission control module in the old snowplow and then to put the snowplow on a surplus sale. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Fluckiger approved the transfer of \$80,000.00 from the general fund, \$92,000.00 from the water fund, and \$87,000.00 from the sewer fund checking account to the money market accounts of the respective funds. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The city Christmas Party will be held November 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

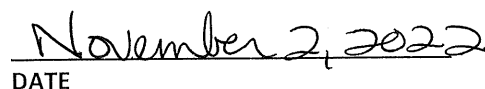
Superintendent Crookston reported that the conduit for the dissolved oxygen monitor is installed so that the aerators are up and running. The effluent pumps are showing their age. Automation and Controls came and worked on the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system and got the alarms working. They also ordered the parts that will be needed to get the system to where it needs to be. He has been talking to Troy McCurdy about getting internet at the wastewater treatment plant. The city should be able to use the system that was set up when the city installed the security system. The wrong parts were sent for the sweeper so new parts are on order. They are getting the equipment ready for winter.

Mayor Barthlome reported that the new streetlights were being installed. She thanked the employees for their hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR


DATE