

February 1, 2023

APPROVED

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Commission Member Scott Rasmussen, Matt Loertscher, Jake Wright

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

Councilmember Tillotson gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 18, 2023 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 1/18/2023 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$72,374.01 and payroll in the amounts of \$10,825.08 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Ridenour moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Commission Member Scott Rasmussen reported that the zoning commission has been working on rules for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and short-term rentals. They are also working on coming up with questions for a questionnaire for the comprehensive plan.

Ron Coombs requested the city help pay for his bill to fix his sewer line. Superintendent Crookston stated that it was unclear if the problem was on his side or the city side. When the city went to look at it he had already had the company come flush his line but the city did pull roots and rags out of it on the city side. Superintendent Crookston stated that the line is a problem line and the city side was plugged. There was discussion about citizens calling the city about sewer problems before they call an outside company. Councilmember Tillotson moved to pay half of the bill for Mr. Coombs and asked that in the future he call the city before calling someone else to fix his sewer problems. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to write off \$15.71 for customer #2740.2 due to a water leak. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken to approve Ordinance #2023-1, the animal ordinance, due to being forgotten in the last meeting. The roll call vote was as follows: Councilmember Fluckiger – yea, Councilmember Tillotson – yea, Councilmember Ridenour – yea, Councilmember Allen – yea. The roll call vote passed.

Superintendent Crookston reported that there is a need for heaters in the influent building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to keep the muffin monster, sampler, and screw pumps from freezing up. The heaters need to be all enclosed and explosion-proof. The cost for heaters will be \$5500.00.

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Councilmember Allen moved to approve the purchase of the heaters. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the repairs that need to be done to the vac truck. Superintendent Crookston contacted a shipping company about shipping the truck to Boise to get the repairs done. It would cost about \$2000.00 one way to ship it. The company that replaced the rodder pump sent a very rough estimate of the repairs that they could see when they were here of \$29,631.07. There would probably be more cost on top of that if they got into the truck and found more things that needed to be fixed. Councilmember Ridenour asked Superintendent Crookston to go to A-Plus Auto and ask them if they could get the truck in working order for \$10,000 to \$12,000 so that the truck could be sold, and the city could look for a replacement.

Councilmember Allen moved that the board, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206, convene in executive session to consider personnel matters [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b)] at 6:42 p.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Fluckiger – yea, Councilmember Tillotson – yea, Councilmember Ridenour – yea, Councilmember Allen – yea. The roll call vote passed.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to adjourn the executive session at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion.

No decision was made, and the discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the generator tech will be at the city tomorrow to start up the generator at the lift station and fix the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is a problem with the aerator transfer switch that is causing the aerators to trip out, an electrician will be coming to fix it. He explained that he had the snow hauled by a contractor due to the problems at the wastewater treatment plant and frozen meters taking the employees' time. He said that the tour in Logan to see their fan press was very informative, but he would like to stick with a screw press for the city.

Mayor Barthlome reported that the city had been awarded the State and Tribal Assistance Grant through Congressman Simpson of \$2.5 million. She thanked Clerk Reeves and Keller Associates for their work in getting the application in for the grant. She thanked the employees for taking care of the snow and Clerk Reeves for dealing with the citizens during the winter.

Councilmember Allen was thankful for the opportunity to go on the tour in Logan and stated that he enjoyed it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Shelley Reeves
CLERK

Jackie Barthlome
MAYOR

February 15, 2023
DATE