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CITY OF GRACE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT GRACE CITY HALL
MARCH 2, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor: Jackie Barthlome
Council Members: Colleen Fluckiger, Mike Ridenour, Larry Allen, Kathy Tillotson
Superintendent: Riley Crookston
Deputy Clerk: Loy Raye Phillips

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Chairperson Dave Pristupa

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

Mayor Barthlome excused Clerk Shelley Reeves.

Councilmember Tillotson gave the invocation.

Deputy Clerk Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 16, 2022 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 2/16/2022 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$12,579.45 and payroll in the amount of \$9,376.25 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Fluckiger moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ridenour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Zoning Chairman Pristupa who stated that information is needed on any changes the City Council has made to the Substantial Complete Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and the Impact Area Ordinances. Mayor Barthlome stated that the city council had added the time frame of three years to the Substantial Complete Ordinance. Discussion was had on the Impact Area Ordinance and the change made with the County Planning and Zoning Administrator to have the permits sent to the city after they are received by the county.

Mayor Barthlome stated that the brush rotors at the wastewater treatment plant needs to be discussed. Mayor Barthlome stated that on Friday a decision had to be made at the sewer plant to get a rental aerator ordered which cost \$21,000.00.

Superintendent Crookston presented bids to upgrade the brush rotor system to the city council from the following (see attachment):

- Lakeside Equipment Corporation for two 9-foot single magna rotors the same as the city currently has. The cost is \$132,200.
- Evoqua Disk Rotors flat disks for \$170,000 plus a cost of \$38,000 for hood covers and \$43,000 for probes for a total of \$251,000.
- Aeration Industries International manual mode aerator is \$98,825 plus the automatic control system would be \$29,765. Superintendent Crookston stated that the rental for the sewer

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plant is coming from Aeration Industries. The company has offered to take \$10,000 off the price of the automatic controls if the city will order before 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Which will drop the total price to \$118,590.00.

The automatic controls need to be purchased in case SCADA goes down the aerator would continue to work. The aerator can be set to work on different perimeters and could be switched back to manual mode. Councilmember Ridenour questioned if it would alter the current read outs on the discharge rate. Superintendent Crookston stated that the aerator has the capability to put more oxygen into the ditch making a better mixture. Superintendent Crookston stated that once the aerators are installed the process will be to get the system up and running so that adjustments can be made from there. Councilmember Allen stated that it varies the speed on the motor making it so that it either puts less oxygen or increases the oxygen. Employees would not have to monitor the aerator. Mayor Barthlome stated that the aerator will reach the corners and move slug out of that area. Councilmember Allen stated that this is a better way to go than with the disk rotors. Councilmember Fluckiger stated that the presentation at the meeting February 7, 2022 on the aerator was very informative.

Mayor Barthlome stated that Alan Johnson from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) informed the city that the city would not have hire an engineer to install the aerators. Mayor Barthlome stated that with the information received the city is in compliance with DEQ guidelines. The city is not changing anything just the way the facility works. Mayor Barthlome stated that the DEQ is aware that the city is having issues with the sewer plant and so is Keller and Associates.

Zoning Chairman Pristupa asked if the rental was going to be used in the exchange. Superintendent Crookston explained that the company does not want to sell the used one. The rental one will be replaced with two new units. The new system will come with a three-year warranty.

Councilmember Allen moved to accept the bid from Aeration Industries International for \$118,590.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fluckiger. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome stated that because of the purchase of the aerator the city will need to reopen the budget to move money that was budgeted to the use in the water fund to the sewer fund. Mayor Barthlome stated that there is money in the sewer budget but did not want to use all of what was budgeted in the fund because of operating expenses. Decision was made not to use all of the operating funds. In order to reopen the budget, it will need to be published in the newspaper for two weeks. Mayor Barthlome asked the Council for a motion to hold a public hearing on April 6, 2022, to reopen the budget and move money to pay for the aerators. Councilmember Tillotson moved to hold a public hearing to reopen the budget on April 6, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the clutch was changed on the 10-wheeler, but then found that the transmission needed to be repaired. A rebuild it will cost between \$4,500 and \$5,000 for the transmission itself, plus the installation and the warranty is for one year and could be extended if the city were to use a specific oil from the company that rebuilds the transmission using the company's guidelines. If the city does not want to use the specific oil the warranty would be one year only. Superintendent Crookston stated the city could get a used transmission which has been gone through but will have a different shift pattern hook up differently and only comes with a 90-day warranty. Councilmember Allen asked Superintendent Crookston how long the city could get along without the

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truck until a good box could be purchased with a year warranty. Superintendent Crookston stated that he has two trucks that are running. Mayor Barthlome asked for a motion for Superintendent Crookston to repair the 10-wheeler. Councilmember Allen moved to repair the 10-wheeler with the new unit. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fluckiger. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston discussed the snowplow with the city council. The truck was being used to sand and the gears are stuck in third gear. The transmission control module (TCM) has gone bad. The transmission is still under warranty. To replace the module the cost is \$6,000 for the TCM that controls the Allison transmission. If there are further problems what would the \$6,000 buy was discussed. Superintendent Crookston asked the council if this truck should be put aside and remove what we can use and get what we can out of it. The truck is a 1994. The truck that the city bought from the state last year has a sander, but it needs to be taken out and rebuilt because of corrosion. The plow works but the unit does not sand. Councilmember Ridenour asked about the sander attached to the orange truck. Superintendent Crookston stated that the wheel bearings are gone on the sander. The truck bought from the state has a rock bed. Councilmember Allen asked if there was an option to rent a sanding box if these are available at a reasonable price to finish out the year. Superintendent Crookston stated that there is still the orange plow and the yellow plow that can be used. This is something that can be put in the budget to purchase something from the state next year. Councilmember Ridenour stated that the truck was purchased for \$8,000 and the module costs \$6,000 for repairs. Decision was to hold off on the snowplow repairs.

Superintendent Crookston stated that the fuel pump at the city shop needs to be replaced. There is no date on the pump. They are supposed to pump 15 gallons a minute but it only pumps ½ gallon a minute. Superintendent Crookston stated that he would like to purchase three fuel pumps. To replace two for the shop and one for the fuel tank at the treatment plant so that the fuel can be circulated. Superintendent Crookston stated that in checking around the best deal comes from Bomgaar's in Soda Springs. The meters are \$929 each the total cost would come to \$2,789. Amazon would cost \$979 and the total for three would be \$2,938. Councilmember Tillotson asked if the meter was needed. Superintendent Crookston stated that the fuel needs to be kept track of for the different trucks used for different departments in the city. Discussion was had on purchasing the pumps all at once because the cost is going to be split between three accounts and the availability of the pumps. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to purchase three fuel pumps at Bomgaar's for the price of \$2,789.00. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Allen asked Superintendent Crookston if a discount could be done for the purchase of three fuel pumps. Superintendent Crookston stated that he would look into getting a discount.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the brush rotor is still having problems, but they are keeping it functioning. The rotor seized up and has a 3 ½ inch bearing which is obsolete. He is in the process of finding an insert that goes on the inside to get the system running.

Superintendent Crookston stated that the city has purchased a three-inch trash pump which has been set on the bridge above the brush rotor to move the water from one side to the other keeping the ditch moving, keeping things alive so the process does not go full septic. An Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA) representative was here today and looked at the treatment plant. IRWA suggested using the vac truck and dumping the gunk into a drying bed. If everything can be moved to one corner to remove it to the drying bed, then move it to the landfill.

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Superintendent Crookston stated that the oil cooler on the generator has gone down. When the cap on the generator was removed there was oil in the water and repairs will be needed. A new cooler was ordered. The new part cost between \$300 to \$350 plus shipping of \$100. The generator is up and running today.

Discussion was had on the purchase of bulk hydraulic oil to service equipment. Councilmember Allen stated that Superintendent Crookston asked if it would pay for the city to buy more hydraulic oil to place in storage. The cost of the hydraulic oil will come out of three different accounts. The city needs to be proactive and prepare for the future.

Superintendent Crookston stated that contact had been made with Energy Management on the generator. Energy Management comes and does the load test. There is a service contract that would have the generator tested once a year or every six months. The company does a full service. A load test has been done every three or four years. Superintendent Crookston would like this agreement to be done yearly. The same service truck would come and do the service on the generator and could piggyback with the City of Lava to save money. The generator runs every Monday for thirty minutes. The generator does not really get warmed up in that time and is not worked hard enough to open the governor. Superintendent Crookston will ask Energy Management their advice.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the city employees for the hard work at the sewer plant keeping it running.

Mayor Barthlome stated that Eric Hobson with the county emergency services had sent an email on the earthquake training to be held next Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the fire station in Soda Springs, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

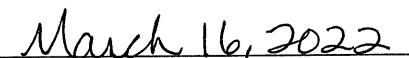
Councilmember Tillotson stated that the water is starting to run, and drains need to be checked.

Councilmember Allen stated that he is pleased that the city is moving ahead with the aerator.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


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MAYOR


DATE