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**APPROVED**

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Zoning Chairperson Dave Pristupa, Scott Rasmussen, Brooke Allen, Curtis Peck

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

Councilmember Fluckiger gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 2, 2022 and the special meeting February 7, 2022 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 2/2/2022 was made by Councilmember Ridenour. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 2/7/2022 was made by Councilmember Fluckiger. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$6,628.11 and payroll in the amount of \$10,244.08 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Tillotson moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ridenour. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Curtis Peck thanked the city employees for working on the new truck that they got from the county. He stated that he may need to get some more vinyl to finish the signage on the truck.

Zoning Chairman Dave Pristupa presented the substantial complete ordinance to the city council. After reviewing the ordinance, the council would like to add that a citizen applying for a setting permit has a maximum of 3 years to complete the work they are doing. After 3 years the citizen will be charged a fine of \$100.00 per day until the permit is deemed substantially complete. Mr. Pristupa also reported that some of the members of the zoning commission met with the county commissioners about the impact area ordinance. He stated that the commissioners were in agreement with the city concerning the ordinance.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permit that has been approved:

County Permit #2399 – Layne & Savannah Zaharias – New Home

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Brooke Allen with Direct Communications. The city has been on a complimentary plan with them for years for internet, but at very slow speeds. The city needs to increase the speed of the internet at the city office due to the amount of work that is now done over the internet. Mr. Allen presented 2 options for internet. 100x20 Mbps cable internet for \$79.95 per month or 50x10 Mbps cable internet for \$69.95 per month. Plus, a static IP address for \$10.00 per

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month. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the 100x20 Mbps and the static IP address for \$89.95 per month. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Mr. Allen also reported that Direct Communications is in the process of upgrading the cable internet in the city. He said that he would like to meet again in the future to discuss a public/private partnership with the city to bring fiber internet to the whole city.

Superintendent Crookston presented a bid of \$2301.00 to get security cameras at the water tanks including moving one of the cameras from the park to the water tanks. Councilmember Ridenour moved to approve the bid. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The subdivision ordinance was discussed. Mayor Barthlome suggested putting in that no cul-de-sacs be allowed. Councilmember Ridenour suggested that they may be allowed, but that there should be requirements about leaving space for the city to pile snow in the winter, and where garbage cans would be put to make garbage pickup easier and safer. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the Digline contract for 2022. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported the following:

- The 1988 International had the clutch repaired. It will cost around \$2000.00 to \$2500.00. It also needs a new transmission which will cost between \$4000.00 and \$6000.00
- The transmission control module went out on the white snowplow. This is the same part that was repaired about a year ago and the part is not available right now.
- He will try to get a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality to determine if engineering is required to change the brush rotors to aerators.
- He and the employees toured the City of Soda Springs animal control site. He learned that wildlife, such as skunks and racoons, are not the city's responsibility. If someone has them on their property, the city can provide a trap, but the homeowner or the Fish and Game are responsible to dispose of the wildlife. They also learned that feral cats do not have to be held at the pound for 72 hours. The city council will review the ordinances that the City of Soda Springs uses for animal control and update the city's ordinances.
- He is trying to get a bid on a new muffin monster. He got a bid on a rebuild and it was about \$12,000.00.
- Generac came and looked at the wells and the booster station to see what would be required for generators at those locations. They will be getting him a bid.
- He has been looking into getting an ammonia tester to test the ammonia on the influent at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The cost between \$450.00 and \$650.00 dollars. The council was in agreement that the purchase would be worthwhile.
- He will be getting prices on new fuel pumps.

Mayor Barthlome reported that Caribou County will be holding a meeting on the comprehensive plan sometime in April. She thanked the Soda Springs Animal Clinic for donating the chip reader and 2 wire cages for cats. She also thanked Caribou County for donating N95 masks. She thanked the employees for their hard work. She reported that there will be a meeting in conjunction with FEMA on

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earthquake response and recovery in a disaster event on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Caribou Medical Clinic will be holding a health fair at the Grace Legion Hall on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Allen asked about the rates that the city gets on the Zion's Bank accounts. Clerk Reeves said that on the money market accounts there are .05%. The CD rates are slightly higher, but she wasn't sure off the top of her head. When the CD's come due she will let the council know and let them decide on the reinvestment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR

3-2-22  
DATE