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**APPROVED**

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Jackie Barthlome  
Council Members: Kathy Tillotson, Colleen Fluckiger, Mike Ridenour, Robyn Thomas  
Lead Man: Jake Wright  
Clerk: Shelley Reeves

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Curtis Peck, Matt Loertscher, Hank Noyes

Councilmember Thomas gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barthlome excused Superintendent Crookston.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 1, 2021 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 9/1/2021 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$6,053.57 and payroll in the amount of \$9,113.08 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 responded to a structure fire in town. He shared that the response times were 3 minutes from page out to trucks leaving the station. 4 minutes from page out to on scene, and 12 minutes from page out to having the fire contained.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve Morgan Hatt as the auditor for no more than \$8900.00. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Barthlome signed the contract for Morgan Hatt for the fiscal year 2020-21 audit.

Lead Man Jake Wright reported that he had contacted a couple of companies about fencing around the wells. Both companies are out at least 2 years, and they couldn't quote a price because they wouldn't know what the materials would cost in the future. He also reported that the representative with Huber had been at the Wastewater Treatment Plant the last few days getting the screw press demo going. Lead Man Wright brought samples of the sludge to show the difference in moisture after going through the screw press. He invited the councilmembers to come to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to see how the screw press works.

City employee Matt Loertscher and Hank Noyes from Teton Smart Security did a presentation on a security system for the city (attached). They presented many options ranging in price from \$690.00 to \$15,732.50. The highest priced system would provide cameras at the park and the wells, and it would also include an internet infrastructure system that could benefit all the buildings that the city owns

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making internet available at those sites. It would also be able to help with the monitoring that the city must do such as temperature monitoring at the outflow site for the wastewater, and monitor the lift station so that the city employees don't have to rely on a red light to notify them of problems at the lift station. The city council is interested in going with the highest priced system but would like to talk with the county commissioners to see if they are interested in piggy backing on the system to get some security cameras at the fairgrounds. Mayor Barthlome will get on the agenda to meet with the county commissioners. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.


Mayor Barthlome opened a discussion on the purchase of land that was discussed at the last meeting. She stated that she would like to entertain a counteroffer because she thinks that it would be worth it for the city to own the property. If the city could get the land for a good price, she would like to clean up the shop area in the middle of town and sell it, then build a building on the new property so that all the shop area is connected. There was discussion on what price to offer. After discussion Councilmember Tillotson moved to offer \$20,000.00. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilmember Ridenour voting no stating that the price was still too high.


Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for their work getting the Huber screw press demo up and running. She stated that she had talked to the school and asked that all the traffic flow in the same direction for the drop off and pick up at the new elementary. She stated that the employees had installed a stop sign and school zone signs. She stated that she would like the city council to consider doing a city wide clean up and involve the citizens of the city with something like a hot dog roast or food after.

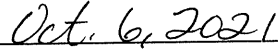
Lead Man Wright stated that he had been contacted by the high school principal, Mr. Brady, about having an assembly about the wastewater system. Mr. Wright contacted the Idaho Rural Water Association, and they are scheduling a time to come do an assembly.

Clerk Reeves was contacted about the city council entering a float in the homecoming parade on October 8, 2021. The council said that they would like to.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR

  
DATE