

**APPROVED**

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
JANUARY 4, 2023

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Zoning Commission Member Kyle Bingham, Jake Wright, Matt Loertscher, Sheriff Adam Mabey

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

Councilmember Allen gave the invocation.

Mayor Barthlome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 7, 2022 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 12/7/2022 was made by Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$46,957.45 and payroll in the amounts of \$9,930.72 and \$10,844.70 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Tillotson moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Mabey reported the incident count for the City of Grace for the month of December and the total number for the year 2022. He reported that he had fought the Sheriff's Association as far as requiring cities without a police department to have a contract with the County Sheriff for patrol and coverage. He feels it is more important to have a school resource officer than to charge the cities for coverage. The upgraded 911 system should be online by the end of March. Sheriff Mabey is also working on getting a new radio system. He has increased some jail maintenance projects that have been put off for many years. Sheriff Mabey has been appointed to several committees for the state.

Mayor Barthlome reported that the Fire Department sign has shipped but has been delayed by the weather. When it arrives, it will be inspected then installed later.

Kyle Bingham with the zoning commission reported that they are still working on the comprehensive plan. They will be meeting with Emma Morton with the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments to update the plan.

There was a discussion on plowing snow. The mayor questioned who is responsible for the snow between the white line and the sidewalks and found out that the state is responsible and will plow it but then the snow will end up back on the sidewalks for the business owners to take care of. Mayor Barthlome commended Superintendent Crookston for keeping the sides of the road clear so that when a citizen goes to a business they aren't having to trudge through snow and ice to get in. The city

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employees clear the sides of the road and push the snow to the center of the road from the block that the park is on to the block that the library is on. Mayor Barthlome questioned why the city doesn't take care of all of main street to help keep the drains clear and allow the citizens access to take out their garbage. There was also discussion on the berm that the city puts in the middle of the roads and the time that it takes afterwards to clean them up. There was discussion on bringing in extra help to clear the snow. Superintendent Crookston was given the go ahead to bring in extra help when he feels that he needs to. The decision on snow removal was to keep doing it the way it has been done.

Parking on the street during the winter was discussed. Currently the rule is no parking on the street from 4:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. The employees can't get the side streets plowed by 8:00 a.m. and then there are cars in the way. The decision was made to change the time from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. no parking will be allowed on the street. There was discussion on whether the city damages a car that is parked on the street when no parking is allowed if the city would be liable for the damage. The city will check with Attorney Doug Wood to find out what is the city's liability.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the rodder pump in the vac truck has been replaced but when the tech came to install it, they went through the entire truck and it has a lot of other problems that need to be fixed and is estimated to cost \$50,000 to \$100,000. To replace the truck with a used truck would cost \$200,000 to \$300,000. Right now, the city can use the truck it's just a matter of time before it quits working. Superintendent Crookston was told to check to see if the city could contract with a sewer company instead of replacing the vac truck. Employee Matt Loertscher and Shane Hamilton will be attending a class with Idaho Rural Water on January 10, then taking their tests later in the month. The new plow truck is almost ready to use, the hydraulics all had to be rerouted but is almost done. The SCADA system is up and running and the alarms are coming through. Superintendent Crookston is working on getting a bid to upgrade the system and get a yearly contract. Employee Jake Wright will be taking an online class on the Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for their work removing snow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Shelley Rames  
CLERK

Jackie Barthlome  
MAYOR

1/18/23  
DATE