

**CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

Council President Ridenour called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

Council President Ridenour asked those attending to state their names. They were as follows:
Riley Crookston, Colleen Fluckiger, Kathy Tillotson, Gloria Peck, Curtis Peck, Shane Hamilton, Emma Morton, Robyn Thomas, Shelley Reeves, Mike Ridenour

Council President Ridenour stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Application (ICDBG).

Council President Ridenour turned the time to Emma Morton from the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) to explain the ICDBG for the wastewater project. She explained that the grant is due on November 19, 2021. The budget for the project is \$2,934,000.00 and that the city is applying for \$500,000.00 from the ICDBG and \$2,434,000.00 from a USDA-RD loan. The schedule is grant submission 11/19/21, bidding for the project in August 2022, construction beginning in September 2022. The scope of work is 2,000 feet of new pipe, 7+ new manholes, electrical upgrades, equipment upgrades and a new dewatering system. The impact to the customers is an estimated rate increase of \$19.00 per month. The benefits are to improve an aging system, lower operational costs, better serve the community, and prepare for potential growth.

Ms. Morton asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Tillotson asked when the sewer rates were going to raise? Ms. Morton explained that they would raise when the city has to start paying back the construction loan. Maybe as soon as next September when construction begins but it could be later than that.

Council President Ridenour asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Council President Ridenour closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President: Mike Ridenour
Council Members: Kathy Tillotson, Colleen Fluckiger, Robyn Thomas
Superintendent: Riley Crookston
Clerk: Shelley Reeves

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Curtis Peck, Gloria Peck, Emma Morton, Shane Hamilton

Councilmember Tillotson gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 6, 2021 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 10/6/2021 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$77,004.84 and payroll in the amount of \$10,097.46 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Thomas moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tillotson. Motion passed unanimously.

Council President Ridenour turned the time to Fire Chief Curtis Peck to report on the Fire Department. He reported that he had responded to another false alarm at the elementary school. He reported that the school had been doing a great job at doing the required fire drills and would like to reward the class that has the fastest evacuation at the next fire drill with a root beer float party. He reported that he would be hosting a group of homeschool students at the fire department and do a class about fire safety next week.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following Caribou County permits for review:

- #2337 – Kent Allen
- #2338 – Colby Cole
- #2366 – Carrie Wilkerson
- #2371 – Shane Zaharias
- #2383 – John Johnstun
- #2385 – Jacob Nichols
- #2386 – Josh Younger

Councilmember Thomas moved to approve SICOG as the grant administrator for the wastewater project for a cost not to exceed 10% of the grant funds. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to hold the Christmas Party on November 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve a Christmas bonus of \$100.00 for full-time employees and \$50.00 for part-time employees. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Thomas moved to purchase hams and turkeys for the employees, fire department, councilmembers, planning and zoning commissioner members, and the lighting contest. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gloria Peck reported that the Chamber of Commerce would like to decorate the trees on Main Street on November 17, 2021 and asked if the city could get the power cords up by then.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the SCADA system was up and running with the new flow control sampler in the wastewater treatment plant and the technician had got the antenna up and running at the well so the guys didn't have to turn it on manually. He got the paperwork filled out to get the employees certified. Matt and Shane will start with their water certifications and Jake will be working on his Wastewater Treatment II certification which is the last certification that he needs. The security cameras are up at the park and the company will be back in the next couple of days to get the system up and running.

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Councilmember Tillotson was approached by a citizen and asked if it was necessary for the city to have an ordinance to not dig in the alleys in the winter due to the Digline markings melting or being covered with snow. The council didn't feel like this was something that needed to be pursued.

Councilmember Fluckiger reported that she will not be able to come to the meeting on November 3, 2021.

Shane Hamilton suggested the idea of a youth council. The councilmembers would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

Councilmember Thomas stated that she is not certain of when she is going to be moving. She has applied for a passport and is planning on moving in January, but it could be as soon as November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Shelley Reeves
CLERK

Jacqui Bartholome
MAYOR

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DATE