

February 28, 2023

APPROVED

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan McCurdy, Matt Loertscher, Dana McCurdy, Kelly Anderson

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 15, 2023 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 2/15/2023 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$6,046.49 and payroll in the amounts of \$11,056.06 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Fluckiger moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome reported that she had received some information about a grant that might be available to the fire department. She passed the information on to Fire Chief Peck.

Megan McCurdy and Dana McCurdy with SyberSafe informed the council that the city website needs updates due to the domain that hosts the website being bought out and the website hasn't had an update in over 10 years. They recommended that the city transfer the domain to a different hosting provider. At the same time, they would like to do some upgrades to make the website more mobile friendly and update some of its features. The cost would be \$600.00. Councilmember Ridenour moved to approve the transfer and updates. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Reeves reported that there are two certificates of deposit (CD) that are due to renew. Clerk Reeves has been working with Time Value Investments on reinvesting some of the city's funds to earn a better interest rate. They advised not renewing the CD's and investing them in United States Government Bonds. The weighted yield to maturity is projected to go up from .17% to 4.93%. Councilmember Tillotson moved to not renew the CD at Ireland Bank. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to not renew the CD at Zion's Bank. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Allen moved to open an account with Time Value Investments. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Code enforcement was discussed. The city has ordinances about not plowing snow into the street and not pushing snow across the street, but the ordinances aren't being enforced. The City Council asked Superintendent Crookston to give out warnings to people who are parking on the streets overnight. There is also an ordinance about herding animals through the streets not being allowed, but there is no penalty attached to the ordinance. The city council felt like the ordinance needed to be changed a little since the city is a rural city. Councilmember Allen suggested that herding through the streets be allowed by a permit. Clerk Reeves will talk to Attorney Doug Wood about making the changes.


Kelly Anderson with A-Plus Automotive met with the City Council about fixing the vactor truck. He explained that he has never worked on a vactor truck before so he can not guarantee or give an estimate on it until he tears it down. He is afraid he will get it torn down and not be able to put it back together for the amount of money that the city is willing to put into fixing the truck. The city council thanked him for his honesty and candor. The city council decided that fixing the vactor truck is not feasible at this time. Councilmember Allen moved to approve Superintendent Crookston to look for a used vactor truck for up to \$200,000.00. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Allen moved to put the vactor truck up for surplus sale. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


Superintendent Crookston reported that the power take off (PTO) pump on the boom truck is dead and will cost \$6,000.00 plus labor to fix it, or it can be sent to 1 of 3 companies to get it fixed but it will be 10 -20 weeks out. The city could rent a boom truck for \$400.00 per day including delivery and pick up fee. This will be decided at the next meeting. Pumpco will be here tomorrow to pull the effluent pump so that it can be rebuilt, reinstalled, and they will service the other one. The grader is down, and the wing needs to be rebuilt. The employees will start hauling snow off the streets and the curb and gutter this week.

Mayor Barthlome informed the city council that there is an Association of Idaho Cities meeting coming up on April 12, 2023. She told the council members to let Clerk Reeves know if they can attend so that she can get them registered. She thanked the employees for all their hard work this winter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR


DATE