

April 5, 2023

APPROVED

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
APRIL 5, 2023

Mayor Barthlome called the public hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Barthlome asked those attending to state their names. They were as follows:
Jackie Barthlome, Riley Crookston, Colleen Fluckiger, Kathy Tillotson, Mike Ridenour, Larry Allen, Shelley Reeves, Deneal Walker, Cathy Walker, Curtis Peck, Ralph Spackman, Kypsten Peck, Matt Loertscher, Sheriff Adam Mabey, Jake Wright

Mayor Barthlome stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the vacation of city property.

Mayor Barthlome called for comments from the public. There were no comments.

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Councilmember Tillotson moved to adjourn the public hearing. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Commission Member Ralph Spackman, Sheriff Adam Mabey, Jake Wright, Curtis Peck, Kypsten Peck, Matt Loertscher, Deneal Walker, Cathy Walker

Councilmember Allen gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 15, 2023 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 3/15/2023 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$29,551.71 and payroll in the amount of \$10,156.06 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Ridenour moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Sheriff Adam Mabey asked the city council to encourage the citizens to clean the snow off their roofs, carports, decks, and sheds as there have been several things lost due to the snow load this year.

Fire Chief Curtis Peck reported that they had responded to two page outs, a gas meter leak and assisted Franklin County with an indoor arena explosion by inspecting the home next door to make sure it was structurally sound. The fire department will work with the public about structures collapsing due to snow. The Fire Department is willing to help clean snow off homes if people aren't able to do it themselves.

Mayor Bartholome reported that the assessor's office has a program to take damaged structures off the tax role. Citizens who have had damage should let the assessor's office know.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permit that was approved:

#2023-1 Brent Krebs/T-Mobil – fence and replacing cell tower

There was discussion about vacating a portion of city property between 9th and 10th South along 4th West. There are three houses along that section. The two on the ends would still have approaches to their driveways, but the one in the middle would be without an approach if the city deeds the property to the adjacent property owners. Peter Clegg and Bill VanDyke promised to make and approach for the middle house, but there is no guarantee that will happen. The city council also has not heard from the middle home's property owner. Councilmember Ridenour felt that it was important to talk to all the property owners before the council makes a decision. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Matt Loertscher presented to the city council a power point presentation that he made about the wastewater treatment plant and the process of treating the sewage.

The ordinances that the planning and zoning commission presented to the city council about short-term rentals and accessory dwelling units were discussed. The city council had many question about if the ordinances could be enforced the way that they were written, and if they followed state statutes. Clerk Reeves will send them to Attorney Doug Wood to have him go over them and send back any changes that need to be made. The ordinances will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Councilmember Ridenour moved to accept the updated setting permit guidelines. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve the small animal permits for Eve Harrison and Amanda Butikofer. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Reeves read a proclamation that designated April 2023 Fair Housing Month. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The animal ordinance was discussed. The city council would like to require a permit for herding animals through the street at no cost, but the owner of the animals would have to accept any liabilities that may come from damage to property and so forth. They would also like a penalty section added to the animal chapter. Clerk Reeves will ask Attorney Wood to make the changes and the ordinance will be passed at a future meeting.

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Councilmember Allen moved to approve Superintendent Crookston and Jake Wright to attend the Southeast Idaho Operators Conference in May. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome asked the city council to consider changing the zoning that storage units are allowed in. Currently they are only allowed in the industrial zone. She asked the city council to consider allowing them in the R2 residential zone or the agricultural zone. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the donation of \$100.00 to the Pocatello Rural Transit system. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Allen moved to leave the money that is in the sewer fund money market accounts, but to split it into 2 separate accounts to lower the amount in each, to move \$600,000.00 from the water fund money market account into bonds, and to leave \$200,000.00 in the general fund money market account and move \$1,131,271.24 into bonds. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported that he was able to get in contact with a new person about the warranty on the garbage cans and is making progress. He is also working on the Consumer Confidence Report for the water.

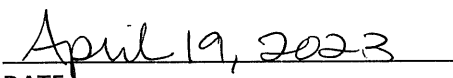
Mayor Barthlome reminded the council of several upcoming meetings. The county has a meeting on their comprehensive plan on April 6, the planning and zoning has an open house about the city's comprehensive plan on April 13 at the Legion Hut, the Association of Idaho Cities' spring district training is on April 12 in Chubbuck.

Fire Chief Peck informed the council that the fire department will be joining the county in wildland training on April 6.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR


DATE