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CITY GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
JANUARY 17, 2024

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Chairperson David Pristupa, Randy Lester, Paden Lester, Jody Reeves, Sam Ecker, Kim Funk, Stephanie Funk, Wade Rigby, Cassie Rigby, Eldon Peck, Dana McCurdy, Tom McBride, Eric Bates, Reese Bates, Riggs Bates, Matt Loertscher, Melvin Weaver, Nate Holbrook

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

Councilmember Tillotson gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2024, were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 1/3/2024 was made by Councilmember Fluckiger. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$94,725.96 and payroll in the amount of \$11,525.21 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Fluckiger moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permits that were approved:

- #2024-03 – Jesus Mejia – Home repair
- #2024-02 – Matt Loertscher – storage building

Zoning Commission Chairman David Pristupa presented Zoning Map Amendment Change #2023-02 for the Grace School District. The school district was asking to change their zoning from R1 to Commercial to move a storage container on their property. The container was placed on the property prior to the ordinance that doesn't allow containers in the R1 zone, but if the school district moves the container, it is no longer grandfathered in and would not be allowed. The zoning commission researched the issue and Attorney Doug Wood attended the last zoning commission meeting. The zoning commission found that most schools in the State of Idaho are zoned residential and to change the zoning for the Grace School District would be considered spot zoning. Attorney Doug Wood advised that the city deny the zone change and recommend a conditional use permit for the school district when they are ready to move the container. The zoning commission recommended denial of the zone change to the city council. Councilmember Allen moved to deny Zoning Map Amendment Change #2023-02. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pristupa presented Conditional Use Permit #2024-227 for Kelly Anderson to allow for the storage of junk cars in the Industrial Zone. Chairman Pristupa stated that Mr. Anderson told the zoning commission that he is waiting for a crusher to come and crush the cars so that he can get them out of the city. He is also waiting on the titles or a release form on some of the cars to be able to scrap them. Mr. Anderson

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stated that he is willing to build a berm to block the view of the vehicles. The zoning commission recommended a 3 year time period to have the cars removed. The city council discussed the issue but no decision was made. Councilmember Allen moved to table the discussion until next meeting. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The new citizen handout (attached) was discussed. Councilmember Allen ask that it be translated to Spanish for the citizens that speak Spanish. Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the new citizen handout. Councilmember Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

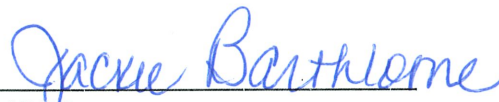
Superintendent Crookston reported that they have been clearing snow. They got the sander on the snowplow fixed and were able to get started clearing out the fire hydrants. He reported that he had received many compliments from citizens on snow removal. He reported that he needs to order new garbage cans. He will put it on the next agenda.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for all their hard work. She reported Fire Chief Peck informed her that he has noticed snowballs thrown at the new sign. He asked about getting a camera so the culprit could be found.

Councilmember Allen started a discussion on snow removal. He stated that the city and state are pushing the snow onto the business' sidewalks. He suggested that the city contract with someone to clear the sidewalks. Per city ordinance the sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility. Councilmembers Tillotson and Toone stated that the city needs to take care of its citizens. Wade Rigby and Dana McCurdy, who are business owners, stated that the snow on their property is the snow that is being plowed from the street. There was a lot of discussion between the city council and the business owners trying to come to an agreement on how the snow should be removed in the best interest of both parties. No decision was made. Mayor Barthlome stated that she would get volunteers to remove the berm from the business sidewalks by the weekend. Councilmember Allen asked if Gil Wright from the Idaho Transportation Department could come to the next meeting to discuss the State's roll in snow removal on Main Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR


DATE