

APPROVED

September 20, 2023

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Jackie Barthlome
Council Members: Mike Ridenour, Larry Allen, Colleen Fluckiger, Kathy Tillotson
Superintendent: Riley Crookston
Deputy Clerk: Loy Raye Phillips

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Member: Ralph Spackman, Rachelle Jenkins, Eric Hobson, Gloria Peck, Matt Loertscher, Jake Wright, Sherrif Adam Mabey

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

Councilmember Fluckiger gave the invocation.

Clerk Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 6, 2023 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 9/6/2023 was made by Councilmember Fluckiger. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$18,177.13 and payroll in the amount of \$11,054.63 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Tillotson moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Maybe gave that the sheriff's office report for the City of Grace for the month of August. Sheriff Maybe stated the Sheriff's office is moving forward with staffing. There has been one new dispatcher added to the staff. The jail side is still short one officer. Sheriff Maybe stated that patrol was completely staffed. Sheriff Maybe asked if there were any questions? Councilmember Fluckiger stated that she had received two phone calls on Tuesday evening. That a fellow was hanging out at the church on Tuesday evening watching the youth. Councilmember Fluckiger stated she had been notified because they knew that Councilmember Fluckiger was on the city council, stating that the individual was sitting in the car watching. Sheriff Maybe stated that the patrol was aware and watching the individual. Sheriff Maybe stated that the radar had been set up on the highway in Niter and it was now set up on Center Street and 4th West in Grace, trying to slow traffic down.

Mayor Barthlome stated that Fire Chief Peck got her a copy of the bid on the radios. The bid came to \$74,831.48. Mayor Barthlome asked for a motion to go ahead with the proposal and purchase the radios. Motion was made by Councilmember Fluckiger to approve the purchase of the radios. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permits that were approved:
#2023-18 Kim Spencer - Addition on a home
#2023-17 Lee D. Barfuss - Portable carport
#2023-16 Roy Dexter -6' Vinyl Fence

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Mayor Barthlome asked Commission Member Spackman if there was anything from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commission Member Spackman stated that there was a letter from the Planning & Zoning Commission on the Thomas Ag Conditional Use Permit.

Mayor Barthlome stated that there were five letters mailed to property owners within three hundred feet (300') and there was only one response received from the City of Grace and it was neutral. Councilmember Tillotson asked where the property was located. Councilmember Allen stated that it was next to the city shop in the industrial park. Councilmember Tillotson asked if there would be any problems with the grazing. Superintendent Crookston stated that there had been livestock in the area for a long time. Mayor Barthlome stated that Troy Neilsen had cows in the area when he owned Heritage Safe. Mayor Barthlome asked for a motion to approve Thomas Ag conditional use permit #2023-225. Councilmember Tillotson made the motion to approve Thomas Ag conditional use permit #2023-225. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson stated that the main item that he would be discussing is the upcoming EMT Class to approve more EMTs to volunteer in the community. Mr. Hobson stated that the class would start in November, meeting on Tuesday evenings for twenty weeks. There will be some online courses. Mr. Hobson stated that recruitment had started about two weeks ago and there has been one application received. Two years ago, there were seven volunteers added, since that time there have been thirteen volunteers quit. The county has been under half staffed for volunteers. Emergency Services has been trying to get the word out for people to attend the course and volunteer to see if the community can keep the service or is it time for the community to have staff on call, which will be paid for by the taxpayers in the county. Mr. Hobson stated that hopefully there will be those who could become involved and keep it as a volunteer service. Mayor Barthlome stated that she asked Mr. Hobson what the minimum age was required to participate in the program. Mayor Barthlome stated that anyone sixteen or older could volunteer with parental consent to become an EMT. Mayor Barthlome asked Mr. Hobson if the city could help. Mr. Hobson stated that the cutoff date would be October 19, 2023. Mayor Barthlome stated that when the city bills were sent out for this month it could be added to the section where notices are written.

Mayor Barthlome stated that there was a meeting with Pacificorp last month in Preston. There is a map of the areas that would be flooded in the Grace area in the Pacificorp Emergency Plan manual. Mayor Barthlome stated that in the present emergency plan the citizens are supposed to go to the church and the school for shelter. Mayor Barthlome stated that the new map shows that the church and the school would be flooded. The biggest problem would be if the Soda dam at Alexander broke. There would be 20 minutes before the water would hit the Grace dam. The large impact would be in the City of Grace. Mayor Barthlome stated that the water would follow the Bench Canal. Mayor Barthlome stated that a place needs to be found that can house the citizens, and how to get citizens to a safe place. There is no guarantee that the bridge on the north or west of the city will still be in place to leave the city. Mayor Barthlome stated that a possible option would be the Thatcher Williams Ward Church. Mayor Barthlome asked the councilmembers to think about where the city could house the members of the community. Councilmember Allen stated that there would have to be a series of buildings to house the citizens. Councilmember Allen stated that there were several arenas in the area that could be used to house citizens. Mayor Barthlome stated that the school and the church were being used because of the kitchens, restrooms, with the proper facilities, if this happens those buildings will not be available. Councilmember Allen asked if the plan stated how high the water would be coming through the area. Mayor Barthlome stated that the information is in the plan. Mr. Hobson stated that it comes down to Bench A and Bench B maybe a one-to-two-foot wall and possibly a three-foot wall, a large sheet wall could be twelve feet.

Jake Wright stated that it had been discussed needing to improve the grit removal system. Mr. Wright stated that if the system is ordered now, we can get on the schedule to have it built. It will take

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approximately a year for the system to be built and shipped. Depending on how long it takes to build it may be paid for out of two different budget years. The first 25% will be owed once the company receives the purchase order. Another 45% will be paid once the system is completed, and the final amount due will be paid upon delivery. The total cost including installation is about \$300,000.00. Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve ordering the grit removal system. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston stated that the city crew were flushing sewer lines. Superintendent Crookston stated that the lift station chopper pump has been installed. There are now two pumps and the generator working the way it should, if there is a power failure it will start. Superintendent Crookston stated that the road on Third West was finished and there was enough asphalt that the approach on the other side was repaired. Asphalt was applied for a patch on second west, and the cut in the asphalt behind the post office was done.

Councilmember Allen asked if there was a bid or time on the tree removal? Superintendent Crookston stated all indications the city is still on the list and the city is not forgotten about.

Superintendent Crookston stated that he would be using some vacation and comp time from October 9, 2023, to October 24, 2023.

Mayor Barthlome stated that on October 18, 2023, the Association of Idaho Cities, will have a training in Pocatello, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please let Clerk Reeves know if you can attend so you can be registered.

Mayor Barthlome stated that on October 10, 2023, the Health Department will doing flu shots, at the Legion Hut, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Councilmember Ridenour asked about the Health Department doing shots in Soda. Mayor Barthlome stated that information could be obtained by calling the Montpelier office.

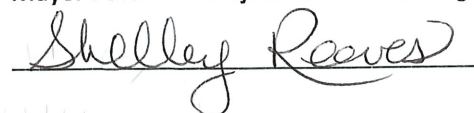
Mayor Barthlome stated that on October 17, 2023, the Senior Citizens would be hosting a potato bar, and they will invite the candidates for city council for a meet and greet. Officer Russell Roper from the Sheriff's Office and Tom McBride from Ireland Bank will come and give information on the scams that are being used against the elderly. There will be a notice posted for the event.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the city employees for their work.

Councilmember Fluckiger will be out of town October 13 to October 23, 2023.

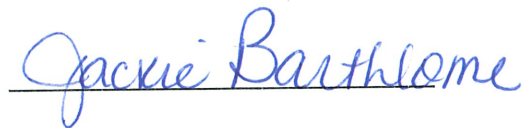
City Employee Matt Loertscher will be away October 2, 2023, for approximately six weeks.

Mayor Barthlome adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.



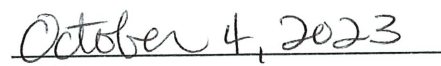
Shelley Reeves

CLERK



Jackie Barthlome

MAYOR



October 4, 2023

DATE