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APPROVED

CITY GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 21, 2024

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Commission Member Scott Rasmussen, Jake Wright, ChristiAnn VanWinkle, Brandon Hall, Cathy Rasmussen, Sheriff Adam Mabey, Dana McCurdy, Mike Thomas

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

Councilmember Toone gave the invocation.

Deputy Clerk Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 7, 2024, were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 2/7/2024 was made by Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$55,626.19 and payroll in the amount of \$10,417.87 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Tillotson moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Sheriff Mabey. Sheriff Mabey brought up the discussion on a contract between the city and the sheriff's office. Sheriff Mabey doesn't feel that Grace has the need for a traditional contract that would specify a certain number of hours and days the sheriff's office would be on patrol in the city. He stated that the sheriff's office isn't trained to enforce zoning issues and certain city codes, but they are more than willing to help with public safety issues, such as traffic violations, animal issues, alcohol issues, etc. Sheriff Mabey suggested that the city and sheriff's office enter a contract for \$1.00 per year. If Superintendent Crookston does not feel comfortable enforcing an issue or feels that he is in an unsafe situation the sheriff's office will come to give him backup. This wasn't an action item on this agenda so it will be added to the next agenda to fine tune the contract.

Fire Chief Peck reported that the fire department had escorted the State Champion girls' basketball team into town with the sheriff's office. The fire department and the city employees will be doing a joint training sometime in the spring.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permit that was approved:
#2024-04 – Kyle Page – solar panels

Zoning Commission Member Scott Rasmussen reported on the Zoning Commission's public hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit #2024-228 for Agtura Inc. for a 65-foot seed cleaning bin. The zoning

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commission recommended approval of the permit with six conditions that need to be met. The conditions are as follows:

1. Copy of Safety Data Sheet
2. Fire Chief inspection of cleaning chemicals and dust.
3. Grain going from bins into cleaning, treating or drying of seed.
4. Wire attached to the building and posts. Need explanation of how it is going to stabilize the bin in high winds.
5. Secure a State of Idaho electrical permit.
6. Find out if a State of Idaho plumbing inspection is required.

Fire Chief Peck reported that he has been in contact with the State Fire Marshall about this issue. The State Fire Marshall has a copy of the blueprints and will be working with Agtura to make the inspection fair for both Agtura and everyone else involved. The State Fire Marshall recommended that the issue be tabled until he and Agtura can get everything worked out. He is optimistic that everything will be worked out for the best for all involved.

Mayor Barthlome asked Mr. Thomas, the representative from Agtura to explain to the city council what his business will be doing. He explained that they are a seed company that can help the farmers around be able to produce and sell their seed. He stated that they were able to get a dealership with the IFA stores and will be able to provide feed and other things that people may need, and they won't have to go out of town to get them. He stated that they will be holding an open house on March 5, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to table Conditional Use Permit #2024-228 for Agtura Inc. until the proper paperwork is in place. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston asked for approval for the employees to attend training for water and wastewater. Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the training. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome called for a motion to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three separate occasions. Councilmember Fluckiger moved that the council suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three separate occasions. Councilmember Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome read the ordinance designating The Idaho Enterprise as the city's official newspaper as of March 1, 2024 due to them opening a newspaper with an office in Soda Springs. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Tillotson – yea, Councilmember Toone – yea, Councilmember Allen – yea, Councilmember Fluckiger - yea. Roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance will be numbered 2024-1.

Wastewater treatment plant operator Jake Wright requested to purchase another algae inhibitor for the effluent tank. He purchased one last year and put it in one side of the tank to test if it really helped with the algae. He stated that last year the one side was about 75% cleaner than the other side. He stated that less algae helps to keep phosphorus and ammonia levels down, which is something that the city always has problems with. The price of the algae inhibitor is \$4460.00.

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Councilmember Toone moved to approve the purchase. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome updated the council on the progress of additional dwelling units and short-term rental. The planning and zoning department had written up some ordinances concerning additional dwelling units and short-term rentals some time ago and they were sent to Attorney Doug Wood. As he investigated it, he found that the state won't really let cities not allow additional dwelling units and short-term rentals due to the fair housing act. He found that there was a city in Idaho that was sued because of some of the rules they had made concerning these things. The city hasn't had anyone request such a thing yet but was trying to be proactive and have rules in place in case it came up. As of right now there isn't really a problem. The state legislature is in the middle of working on some laws concerning short-term rentals right now, so the city will have to see what becomes of that before making any changes to the ordinances.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the wing broke on the grader, but it is fixable. The company building the garbage cans has them done, so they should be here early next week. They are having some code reader issues on the Mac truck, and it will need to go get fixed. The employees have been cleaning up slush this week.

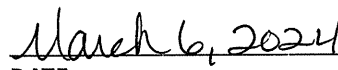
Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Tillotson asked if there was an update on the storage container issue. Mayor Barthlome stated that she hadn't heard anything from the city attorney. Councilmember Toone asked if it was time to look into a new attorney or additional help. The city council agreed. This issue will be added to the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR


DATE