

March 20, 2024

CITY GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
MARCH 20, 2024

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Commission Member David Pristupa, Cathy Rasmussen, Matt Loertscher, Kelly Anderson, Mike Thomas, Dana McCurdy, Gloria Peck, Deborah Olsen, Asher Olsen, Elijah Olsen, Chloe Olsen, Sheriff Adam Mabey

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

Mayor Barthlome excused Councilmember Tillotson.

Councilmember Allen gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 2024, were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 3/6/2024 was made by Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$9,624.02 and payroll in the amount of \$12,207.60 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Toone moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Mike Thomas from Agtura. He explained that the conditional use permit that he applied for but that hadn't been approved yet was for a 65-foot tower. It is not connected to the existing building that the city council and zoning commission had asked for fire inspections to be done on. He has been complying with Fire Chief Peck on getting those inspections done, but he was asking the city council to approve the conditional use permit for the tower since the inspections on the existing building didn't have anything to do with the tower. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve conditional use permit #2024-228 with the condition that a beacon light be attached to the top of the tower due to the height of the tower. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Thomas also stated that he had received a call from the State Electrical Inspector telling him that someone representing the city had called them telling them things that he feels they didn't need to be told. Mr. Thomas stated that he felt targeted and that people representing the city need to be careful about overstepping their boundaries.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Kelly Anderson to discuss his conditional use permit for a junk yard in the industrial zone. Mr. Anderson stated that all but three cars are removed from the property right now, but with the nature of his auto repair and towing business there will be more cars put there over time, but when he has enough for the crushing company to come back, they will come and remove them again. He stated that he still has plans to put storage units on the property, but it won't happen for at least three years. He stated that he is willing to put up a fence or some kind of barrier on the east side and possibly

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the south side to make it so people can't see the junk yard from the fairgrounds. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve conditional use permit #2024-227 with the conditions that vehicles are only stored until a scrap company can come crush the vehicles and remove them, cars cannot be double stacked, oil, gas, fluids, and batteries must be removed, he has three years to build storage units to put around the perimeter, and a fence or barrier needs to be built on the east side of the property. Councilmember Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Anderson also stated that he had received a call from a car salvage company that stated that someone from the city had called them and taken them to see the cars that needed to be removed and the company was ready to come remove them. Mr. Anderson had already contracted with a company and felt that whoever was representing the city was overstepping. Zoning Chairman Pristupa stated that it was him that had called the company and that he was trying to help Mr. Anderson out.

Mayor Barthlome asked the city council if they were willing to waive the cost of using the truck to allow Bryan and Valerie Smith to clean up from their home burning down. She also asked if they were willing to waive the cost of the setting permit when they bring in their new home. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the requests. Councilmember Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome read the proclamation declaring April 6-12, 2024, as the Week of the Young Child. Councilmember Toone moved to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on requiring a survey on all setting permits if survey pins can't be found on the property. This was discussed earlier and added to the setting permit guidelines, but an ordinance was never approved to be able to enforce the requirement. Councilmember Toone moved to require a survey for all setting permits if survey pins can't be found. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Reeves will work on getting an ordinance written.

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 Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Reeves read Ordinance 2024-2 stating that no cars be parked on city streets from November 1 to April 1 of the following year. Councilmember Allen moved to approve Ordinance 2024-2. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Allen – yea, Councilmember Toone – yea, Councilmember Fluckiger – yea.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve a letter of support for the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments for a grant they are applying for. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve a welding table for the shop purchased from Royster's welding for \$3600.00. Councilmember Toone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome brought up the subject of code enforcement officer. Right now, according to the city code only the city superintendent is sworn in as a code enforcement officer. Mayor Barthlome would like to change the code to have all the maintenance employees code enforcement officers in case something happens that needs to be addressed while the city superintendent is not at work. Superintendent Crookston stated that he would like to speak to the employees before making a decision since it wasn't something that they were made aware of when they were hired. The city council agreed that the

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employees should be a part of the discussion. It was also brought up that all of the employees are already animal control officers and most of the other code violations that come up the first step is delivering a letter which can be done with a certified letter instead of in person. No decision was made.

Councilmember Allen presented a proposal he had come up with concerning storage containers. After discussion it was decided to wait to change any of the rules about storage containers until after the current out of compliance issue has been resolved.

Superintendent Crookston reported that there was a power bump at the wastewater treatment plant and Rocky Mountain Power sent single phase power not three phase power, so there was enough power that the back up generator wasn't tripped to start. This burnt the motor on the screw pump. He had Bear River Electric go through the electrical and everything else seemed fine. The motor was replaced, and the screw pump is up and running. He will have the generator company come check into why the transfer switch didn't work. The sweeper is up and running. He will be putting up traffic counters throughout the city for the transportation plan study. Superintendent Crookston will be on vacation next week.

Mayor Barthlome reported that the city did not get the grant they applied for to repair some of the city streets. She also reported that the county is trying to update the city boundaries legal description because they have several different legal descriptions from the state, the census, and the county that don't match. They suggested that the city have a new survey done so that the subdivisions that have been annexed are included. Mayor Barthlome will speak with Wade Olorenshaw to see if he would be able to take care of this for the city. The county has set county wide clean up for June 3-8, 2024, and from now on clean up week will always be held on the first full week of June. Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for all of their hard work.


Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Sheriff Mabey. He stated that he is still working on a contract for law enforcement for the city. He warned the city council that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is trying to revamp the fire grade regulations. This may affect volunteer firefighters all over the country. He stated that things have been quiet in Grace lately. He will be bringing the speed reader sign to Grace when the weather gets warmer. He announced that he is running for re-election.

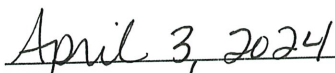
Councilmember Toone suggested that the city revisit snow removal and change the ordinance so that it is what it was before the changes that were made this year.

Gloria Peck announce that the Concert in the Park would be held on July 6, 2024 and Due West would be coming to perform.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR


DATE