

April 19, 2023

APPROVED

CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL
APRIL 19, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kade Johnson, Nick Johnson, Laura Johnson, Jake Wright, Colt Wright, Adison Dixon, Deputy Russ Roper

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

Councilmember Fluckiger gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 5, 2023 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 4/5/2023 was made by Councilmember Tillotson. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$38,703.02 and payroll in the amounts of \$11,018.63 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Allen moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Russ Roper reported that they will be holding a mock driving under the influence crash on May 9, 2023 at the high school.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve the extension of David Pristupa's term on the planning and zoning commission for 3 years. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kade Johnson presented the video that he made for his senior project highlighting the city. Clerk Reeves will get it put on the city's website and Facebook page.

Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the donation of \$40.00 for the senior ads in the newspaper. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Allen moved to hold the budget hearing on August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported that he had looked at the vehicles that the county had up for public bid. He doesn't think they are what the city needs at this time.

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Councilmember Allen moved to approve reimbursing employees for the cost of their medical card for their commercial driver's license. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The sewer department vac truck was discussed. Metroquip has found two trucks that would work for the city. One is a 2014 for \$200,000.00 but it would need a wet kit. The other is a 2002 for \$175,000.00. Both trucks would be 45 – 60 days out by the time Metroquip received them and went through them to make sure they were ready to be sold. No decision was made.

Hiring of a code enforcement officer was discussed. Clerk Reeves questioned if the enforcement officer would be on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week and if not, who would enforce the codes when he wasn't working. Mayor Barthlome stated that he wouldn't be on call and the employees would still enforce the code when the code enforcement officer wasn't working. Councilmember Tillotson and Councilmember Fluckiger didn't think it was worth the money if the employees were still going to have to enforce the code most of the time. Councilmember Allen asked if the code enforcement officer job could be combined with the summer help job. That would only be possible if the employee hired was over 18 years old. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Barthlome called for a motion to read the ordinance by title only and to waive the three readings. Councilmember Tillotson moved that the ordinance be read by title only. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Reeves read the revised animal ordinance by title only. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the ordinance as read. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Fluckiger – yea, Councilmember Tillotson – yea, Councilmember Ridenour – yea, Councilmember Allen – yea. The roll call vote passed unanimously. The Ordinance will be assigned the number 2023-2.

Superintendent Crookston reported that he is working on the lead copper survey that is required to be done by 2024. He stated that he was glad he got to attend the training on the lead copper survey. There was a lot of information that he learned. He is ordering more cold mix to fix the potholes left from the winter. Jake Wright reported that the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will repave the potholes in the intersections with the state highway. ITD will be redoing the state highway in the city during 2027. Jake would like the city to start budgeting to save money to upgrade the storm drains while the roads are torn up.

Mayor Barthlome reported that spring clean-up has tentatively been moved to the first full week in June.

Councilmember Fluckiger moved that pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a)&(b) the board convene in executive session to consider personnel matters at 6:53 p.m. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Fluckiger – yea, Councilmember Tillotson – yea, Councilmember Ridenour – yea, Councilmember Allen – yea. The roll call vote passed unanimously.

Councilmember Allen moved to adjourn the executive session at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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No decision was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


Shelley Reeves
CLERK

Jackie Bartholome
MAYOR

May 3, 2023
DATE