

December 20, 2023

APPROVED

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Curtis Peck, Matt Loertscher, Jake Wright, Eldon Peck, Gloria Peck, Lara Peck, Dana McCurdy, Shane Hamilton

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

Councilmember Allen gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 6, 2023 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes as written for 12/6/2023 was made by Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$27,399.25 and payroll in the amount of \$11,613.38 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Tillotson moved that the bills be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Peck reported the firemen judged the lighting contest. The winners were Jerry and Yvette Weeks, Kyle and Stacey Bingham, Todd and Racquel Kap, and Kim and Tracey Young. The fire department will go caroling on Saturday, December 23, 2023.

Superintendent Crookston presented the following permits that were approved:
#2023-19 – Chad Burrell – addition to home

Councilmember Allen discussed how the city could improve communication with the community by using the new sign, social media, the city website, and email. He feels with the loss of the local newspaper the older people in the community will be missing out on some information and would like the city to do everything within its means to make sure that information is sent to as many people as possible.

Superintendent Crookston got a bid for a new tube heater in the fire station for \$4950.00 installed. The heater is 7-10 days out. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to approve the purchase of a new tube heater for the fire station. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The snow removal ordinance was amended to remove the following sentences: but shall be permitted to deposit the same in the city street right of way so long as said owner or occupant shall cause said snow to be deposited in the center of the street where the City has provided a berm. Commercial or business district will be allowed to deposit their snow in the center of the street as long as there is an existing city made berm, no ridges are left that will cause ruts, and the snow is deposited so that it does not narrow the street.

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Councilmember Allen made a motion to waive the requirement that an ordinance be read on three separate occasions and to read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Fluckiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Reeves read the amended snow removal ordinance by title only. Councilmember Tillotson moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Fluckiger – yea, Councilmember Tillotson – yea, Councilmember Ridenour – yea, and Councilmember Allen – yea. The roll call vote was unanimous.

A snow removal policy was discussed. The policy states the way in which the city will handle snow removal. Councilmember Fluckiger moved to accept the snow removal policy. Councilmember Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Crookston reported that the clarifier is up and running for now. He would like to have a company come in the spring/summer to go through the clarifier and do whatever maintenance may need to be done. Pumpco is coming to look at the booster pumps and see if they can get them up and running for this coming summer. He asked the city council for some direction when it comes to code enforcement. He asked if Attorney Doug Wood and someone from the Sheriff's office can come to an upcoming meeting and give ideas of how the city should approach code enforcement.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the employees for all their hard work. She reported that the City was awarded a grant of \$1,003,0000.00 for the bridge on Center Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


Shelley Reeves
CLERK

Jackie Barthlome
MAYOR

January 3, 2024
DATE