

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:00PM**  
at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus Rd, Notus, ID, 83656

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilwomen Michelle DeGiorgio and Bonnie Emly, Council President, Steve Ahlborn, and Councilman Devin Krasowski, present. Also present were Mayor, David Porterfield, City Planner, Antonio Conti and City Attorney, Joe Suthers.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Concerns/Comments, limited to 3 minutes each**

NONE

**5. Consent Agenda, Action Items**

**5.1 Disbursement List**

Ahlborn motioned to approve disbursements in the adjusted amount of \$18,666.81. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

**5.2 Council Meeting Minutes**

Krasowski motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes. Motion carried.

**5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events**

NONE

**6. Staff /Professionals Reports**

**6.1 Treasurer**

Treasurer, Marie Eilers reviewed the balance sheets from October, November and December of 2022 with Council following the adjustments from the Auditor. She added lines indicating the interest rates of the LGIP accounts. She also reported that the Library has received a donation of \$52,500 that the board has earmarked for a new building fund. That fund current balance is \$71,709.10.

**6.2 Public Works**

Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin was absent. No report.

**6.3 City Clerk**

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer reported that for 2022 there were 18 dog tags and 14 building permits issued. One was for a new home. For the month of December there were 56 credit card payments received, one burn permit issued, one city complaint received, and 5 resident moveouts/move ins. Google profile indicated 17 phone calls, 30 people asked for directions, 38 website visits, and 223 views.

**6.4 Public Safety and Law Enforcement**

Notus Code Enforcement officer and Parma Police Chief, Robert Topie reported on the Valley Partnership meeting he attended with the Mayor and other public officials from the County. The crime rate in Notus and Parma are relatively low, but gang violence is on the rise. Nampa-Caldwell is starting a gang task force and Parma will have one officer that tracks and reports to them on gang activity. There are 1-2 gang members living in Notus and 6-7 living in Parma. 2 weeks ago, a traffic stop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street resulted in 2

guns and large amount of meth being confiscated. Chief Topie asked if the public “see something, say something”. Report to Notus City Hall or to him directly. A house with a lot of short-time visitors and traffic could be a problem spot. Chris Grooms commented that the Church was targeted with graffiti awhile back. Members removed it immediately, sending the message that this community will not tolerate this type of action.

## **7. Business**

### **7.1 RV Temporary Permit Extension, 427 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, ACTION ITEM**

Lanae Hoffman requested an extension of time for her RV permit. She is recuperating from surgery and will have another surgery soon and needs to stay close to family to recuperate until May. Krasowski motioned to extend the time of the RV permit until May. DeGiorgio seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Eml; yes. Motion carried.

### **7.2 Kate Dahl, Capital Improvement Plan Draft, ACTION ITEM**

Kate was unable to attend meeting. Mayor asked Council to review plan draft, as this will be on the next agenda for discussion.

### **7.3 Heater at Headworks Building Proposals, ACTION ITEM**

Mayor reported that the estimate from Foundation Heating and Air was \$12,965.00 and estimate from Norbryhn Equipment is for \$9,960.00 for explosion proof units and installation. The current heater warranty has expired. There is indication of corrosion on the unit. Krasowski asked about ventilation. Mayor stated there is a ventilation fan, but it is not auto but on a manual switch. Krasowski commented City should go with new equipment. Ahlborn would like to see if a longer warranty is available and what other communities are doing for this problem. Mayor will seek more information for Council.

### **7.4 DEQ Water Loan/Grant Application, ACTION ITEM**

Mayor and staff are working on a grant application that will cover new well and well house construction with help from Idaho Rural Water Association. They have indicated that funds are available again this year. Last year many of the awards were full grants. Should find out in May 2023 if we are successful and can have design completed and start construction by September 2024. Council agrees to move forward with the grant request.

### **7.5 Report on Drinking Water PFAS (Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances) Cost Recovery Registration, ACTION ITEM**

Mayor stated that PFAS come from manufactured goods that don't breakdown in the soil. These are retained in soil and water. And effort has begun to control these. The cost of filtering them out of the water can be detrimental to cities. Idaho Rural Water Association and Association of Idaho Cities are recommending cities to register for the PFAS Cost Recovery Program through the law firm Napoli Shkolnik, at no cost, for cost recovery should we be faced with this in the future. Currently our water tests negative for PFAS. Krasowski motioned to register for the PFAS Cost Recovery program. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Eml; yes. Motion carried.

### **7.6 Acoustics - Council Chamber Carpet, ACTION ITEM**

Carpet installation bid was presented. This will help the acoustics and make audio easier to decipher. Meeting room causes voices to echo, especially if there are several talking at once. Council disagrees with purchase and suggests area rugs if needed.

### **7.7 Accessory Dwelling Unit, Discussion**

Krasowski stated there are several things to decide on. How to treat utility hook ups, number of occupants, size limit, aesthetics, setbacks, and parking. Chris Grooms stated that Middleton has limits set such as must have same address, driveway, sewer, water and not over 1000 Sq Ft. These are intended as “mother-in-law suites” not full homes for rentals.

**8. Mayor & Council Comment**

NONE

**9. Adjournment**

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Ahlborn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, idCMC, City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_