

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Session: **Monday January 4th, 2021**

7:00 pm @ Notus City Hall

375 Notus Road, Notus, ID 83656

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL IN PLACE: Max of 10 people at a time in Council Chambers

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Council President Bonnie Emly, present. Councilmen, Steve Ahlborn, and Devin Krasowski, present. Mayor Porterfield, City Attorneys, Joe Borton and Stephanie Hanson, present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Concerns, Comments

NONE

5. Consent Agenda, ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Disbursement List

Ahlborn motioned to approve the disbursement list for 1-4-2021. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Emly motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2020. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski, yes. Motion carried.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library

NONE

6. Business Items

6.1 Resident from 266 Elgin Ave Concerns of Use of Truck Air Brakes in City Limits.

Chad Braegger and Howard Hulls of 266 Elgin stated that south Notus road coming into the City needs to have No Engine Brakes ordinance/signs. Since Sun Rock has moved in, the noise has greatly increased. Starting at about 5:00 am and continuing all day. Mayor stated that he will look into this and possibly bring an ordinance back to Council. Perhaps a phone call to Sun Rock would be helpful.

6.2 Comprehensive Plan

Mayor commented that zoning relates back to the City Comp plan. He asks Council how does commercial zones fit in Notus? What about the possibility of mixed-use areas? This could allow business use on lower floor with residential above, as is the case with 266 Elgin business owners potential plans. City Attorney stated that current landowner right to current zoning is called "entitlement". Also, residential homes in a commercial zone that have a change in use to operate a business cannot change back to residential. Property owners could request a rezone or a Conditional Use permit. Any current non-conforming property remains unchanged. Mixed use zone does allow for flexibility for development.

6.3 Personnel Policy Amendments, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that there are areas that still need discussed. First the current mileage reimbursement rate is .36 cents per mile. The Federal rate is .58 cents. Ahlborn suggested being closer to the Federal rate would be better. Krasowski motioned to raise the travel reimbursement rate from .36 cents to .50 cents for travel reimbursement. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

The next area discussed was Employment Recruitment. Mayor suggested adding wording of "Mayor may, but is not required to, use an interview and hire committee of at least 2 or more members. The candidate can be chosen from either a current list of walk-ins or from previous applications." Ahlborn motioned to approve the wording for the Employee Recruitment and Selection as Mayor stated, basically that the Mayor as the Authority to hire but may choose to have an interview committee to participate in the selection of candidates. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried.

Another topic discussed was Personal Time Off (PTO). Mayor commented currently a full-time employee gets 12 hours PTO per pay period. That seems excessive. Perhaps changing to percentage of hours worked would be more realistic with a maximum of hours accrued/used per year. One chart for all eligible employees. More discussion. No decision.

7. Mayor & Council Comment

NONE

8. Adjournment

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Krasowski seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____