

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 4th, 2023 @ 7:00PM
at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus Rd, Notus, ID, 83656

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

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

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 pay the disbursements in the amount of \$7,391.59. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; no. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Ahlborn motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 28th and September 5th, 2023. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; abstained. Motion carried.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events, Vision Tomorrow

None

6. Business

6.1 Liquor License Renewals, ACTION ITEM

DeGiorgio motioned to approve liquor license renewals for The Garage Café and Jacksons. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried.

6.2 Employee Bonus Approval, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that Christmas bonuses for 5 employees last year were \$150.00 each. Krasowski motioned to approve \$150 bonuses for 5 city staff. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes. Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes. Motion carried.

6.3 Treasure Valley Water User Report, DISCUSSION

Mayor reported on the irrigation and water reuse issues concerns around the Treasure Valley. Aquifers recharge levels are dropping in some areas. There are big concerns of waters including drinking water. Irrigation water stored in the reservoirs is used up by the time it reaches Meridian. Then most left is run off or drainage water. There is lots of discussion between city leaders and professionals on this subject. Roger Batt of the Treasure Valley Water Users Association is trying to raise support of his work to study and exploration and will be making a funding request to help him to continue his work. Mayor commented on our waterway, Conway Gulch. He has gathered a few names of people to contact to help change the condition of the gulch. It is spreading out, creeping up onto residents' property, trees across banks and increased

vegetation on the banks and at waterline. District 63 water manager is Mike Myers, a Notus High School graduate. Hopefully we can get help with this.

6.4 Employee Policy Amendment for Part-time, Holiday Pay

Mayor stated there are currently 2 part time employees (under 20 hours a week) with no holiday pay. Current full time, part time (over 20 hours a week) get 7 holidays paid and the other two do not. No action tonight because topic was not noticed as an action item. Decision will take place at the next meeting in January. The money for this item is already in the approved budget. Emily commented to pay for New Years but not Christmas at this time.

6.5 Commercial/Industrial Zoning Vision, DISCUSSION

Mayor stated that item 6.6 was not to be a topic item but to be part of this discussion. Mayor asked Council what is their vision for town?

CLECK NOTE DeGiorgio asked to be excused and left meeting at 7:36 PM.**

Mayor shared the concept of the creation of a strategic plan. Objective of a strategic plan is to coordinate with the Comprehensive plan. Areas to address could be: Financial Strength, Operations Excellence, Safe and Healthy Community, Sustainability and Natural Environmental Concerns, Livable and Well-planned Community, Infrastructure and Asset Management, Community Inclusiveness. This will be a long-term process. Guidelines for the downtown area. How to “celebrate” the entrance of the town. What gives evidence of quality and character of the town. Mayor shared slides for examples. Ahlborn commented that commercial painted signs might be better. Make the decision to be better and then make signs to welcome. Be mindful of what fits into Notus and what doesn’t. Be aware of ADA. Layout should separate industrial from residential homes. City Planner, Antonio suggested that industrial should be next to the railroad and highway, it just makes sense. You don’t want residential homes there. Council could add a walking path and buffer requirement for improvements next to the river. Mayor asked what is the vision of what people see when they enter town.

6.6 Joint Vision Committee/Council, DISCUSSION

See previous topic.

7. Mayor & Council Comment

City Clerk reminds council of the Community Tree Trimming and refreshments at the Community Center on December 7th at 7pm.

Reminder that the next meeting will be on Tuesday Jan 2nd. We will be starting at 6:45 with refreshments and Jimmy Johns sandwiches, supplied by City Planner Antonio Conti. We will be welcoming new Council members and thanking the out-going members for their community service.

8. Adjournment

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Krasowski seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, idCMC Notus _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____