

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY February 21st, 2023 @ 7:00PM
at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus Rd, Notus, ID, 83656

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Council President, Steve Ahlborn, Councilwoman, Bonnie Emly, Councilman, Devin Krasowski all present. Mayor, David Porterfield, City Attorney, Joe Suthers was also present.

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 the disbursements in the amount of \$3884.57. 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 of February 2, 2023. Ahlborn seconded. Krasowski would like to see the reason why no decision was made on 6.5 added to minutes. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried. Treasurer, Marie Eilers gave clarification of propane bill for Museum indicating tank top topped off, twice so close together and wondered if there was a leak. Mayor stated that in November a request was made by Randall Taylor of the Museum board to change propane providers as they felt they were being charged too much. Change was completed by City Treasurer. Propane company will not fill empty tanks without inspecting entire system to ensure there are no leaks. The City does not have a key to the City leased building since the Museum changed the locks, so propane company was told to contact Mr. Taylor. There have been 3 fill ups, that were on tanks that were completely empty, that the city has paid for that were not in our budget. Ahlborn stated that the funds should be coming from the Museum budget, not the City's. Mayor stated current agreement with the Museum does not cover expenses. Emly asked why we don't have a key for our building? She would like this item on the next available agenda.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

NONE

6. Staff /Professionals Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Treasurer, Marie Eilers, presented Council with the January fund balance sheet with LGIP interest rates listed. Council had no questions.

6.2 Public Works

Tyler Martin reported that he had two bids for the installation of the VFD's. He is leaning toward AME Electrical because they are familiar with our system. Bid was \$27,400.00 to install 3 VFD's, 3 filters and electrical. Our DEQ inspection report came in with 3 violations. #1 no generator at the chemical building. #2 Presence of Duck Weed. Other operators with duck weed have never known of someone getting a violation for that item. Idaho Rural Water may be able to help with removal of the weed. Our wastewater permit, issued in 2013 does have treatment on it. After the 2018 sewer upgrade, with DEQ approval, a new permit was applied for but was never issued. DEQ is backlogged. During a conference call, the options they gave us was to shut off disinfection and receive discharge violations for e coli **OR** continue with disinfection treatment for e coli and get violations for no permit. Tyler chose to continue with treatment with no e coli present in our discharge water as it is safer for the environment. The new permit

could take up to 5 years to receive. City Engineers were invited to join the phone conference but said they were unable to.

6.3 City Clerk

Skipped

6.4 Public Safety and Law Enforcement

Skipped

7. Business

7.1 Animal Control code 5-1-09 (3) Amendment request, 694 3rd Street, ACTION ITEM

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer, stated that since this topic, on the last agenda, was not noted as an ACTION ITEM, the motion made was invalid and any action will need to be restated if Council so desired to affirm their past action. Emly motioned to keep the Animal ordinance unchanged but give Council permission to allow the Grooms to have 2 cows, this year. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried.

7.2 Western Alliance Report, Dave Lincoln

Mayor introduced Dave Lincoln of the Western Alliance for Economic Development. Dave stated that he has resources and support for economic development projects. He will keep a watch out for grants that the City would qualify for. He also stated that in his opinion the City could really use a P&Z board to take the pressure off of the Council who are currently acting as P&Z. People are still coming and will need housing.

CLERCK NOTE** MAYOR suggested switching places of 7.3 and 7.5. Council agreed.

7.3 Heater at Headworks Building Proposals, ACTION ITEM

Two bids for heaters were reviewed. Moisture inside of the building needs to be addressed. Perhaps adding a auto timer on the exhaust fan. Ahlborn motioned to approve the proposal from Foundation Heating and Air for \$12,965.00 for purchase and installation of a new indeeco 10 kw explosion proof heater and once the old heater is removed, ship to manufacturer for a repair estimate. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

7.4 Kate Dahl, Capital Improvement Plan and Adoption Ordinance, ACTION ITEM

Ahlborn suggested a workshop to discuss this plan since a full council was not present. Workshop will be Feb 27 or 28. City Clerk will coordinate and post meeting.

7.5 Mud Drainage along Notus Road, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that mud and water have sluffed off along Notus Road and water is damaging local resident home/basement. Irrigation water has been known to overflow in the area and when it does it washes dirt/mud onto the street and water enters her basement. Resident claims that the open ditch irrigation was removed and pipe put in and then the trouble started. She would like it restored to stop the problem. Mayor asked if this is a City problem or a farmer problem? Krasowski feels we should contact the farmer for remedial action to stop the erosion and irrigation overflow. Krasowski also mentioned erosion area at Notus and Conway Gulch area.

7.6 Street Maintenance, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that Boswell Paving will be scheduled to seal Kremmwood. More streets need to re chip sealed and crack sealing done this summer. Krasowski stated they let staff decide the priority of street maintenance. Krasowski motioned to dedicate \$25,000 from the Street fund to crack seal or rejuvenate seal this summer. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

7.7 Accessory Dwelling Unit, Discussion

Tabled

7.8 Free Dump Day, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated the concern from last year was the dumpster was overflowing, even though there was signage asking not to overfill. Ahlborn stated that he was willing to OK two dumpsters if needed. This just benefits the City. Krasowski motioned to offer a free dump day this year. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion carried.

8. Mayor & Council Comment

NONE

9. Adjournment

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Krasowski seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, Notus idCMC _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____