

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session: **Monday, March 16th, 2020**
7:00 pm @ Notus City Hall
375 Notus Road, Notus, ID 83656

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilwomen Michelle DeGiorgio and Bonnie Emly, present. Councilmen Nathan Wells and Steve Ahlborn, present. Mayor, David Porterfield and City Attorney, Ben ?????also present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor stated that the agenda was amended adding 9.7 Declaration of Emergency, COVID 19 because of the current situation of corona virus.

DeGiorgio motioned to approve the amended agenda. Wells seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Public Concerns, Comments

NONE

5. Approval of Amended Agenda

Mayor stated that the agenda was amended adding 9.7 Declaration of Emergency, COVID 19 because of the current situation we are facing.

DeGiorgio motioned to approve the amended agenda. Wells seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 Disbursement List

Emly motioned to pay the disbursement list as presented for March 16th. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Wells; yes. Motion passed.

6.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Ahlborn motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Feb. 19th and March 2nd, 2020. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

6.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Community Events, Library Board

DeGiorgio motioned to accept into public record the Library board meeting minutes from Nov 19, Dec 19, Jan 2020.???? Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes, Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Treasurer

Marie reported on the monthly fund balance report with LGIP account balances.

7.2 Public Works Supervisor

Tyler Martin reported that he has found 2 water leaks, that he is working on. One is a valve at Gary Ave and Notus Road. Seems that it was over tightened when installed, making the pipe oval and the seal has failed. The other leak is a fill line at the water tower. The pipe is uncovered. He is trying to locate the correct vales to shut it off. Our maps show two valves, but he has found six.

He is also looking into other issues that will need to be discussed and decisions made at a later date.

Looks like well #2 will need to be rehabbed. Water sample will be taken in tomorrow, after a good flushing of the system. The current booster pump is running hard and will need some maintenance. In case of a power

outage, the current generator will only run 1 booster pump, no chlorine and it would be inadequate for fire suppression.

The well head, although within the fence and locked gate, is still exposed to the elements and vulnerable to tampering. We need to put up some kind of structure to protect it.

The vehicles situation is this. The Crown Vic engine light is on. The Ford Ranger runs but the clutch sticks, engine light is on, and he has trouble driving and using the turn signals because his knees hit the lever. He doesn't feel it is safe. The Sonoma is out of commission. The dump truck works. The flatbed has a lot of issues. All vehicles need to be moved off the well site. Mike Black doesn't want them down at the lagoons. He means no disrespect but just planting the seeds for thought.

A building and area we could use for a shop, would be the Museum. It has some awesome stuff in it but if it's not being used, it could be perfect.

Wells suggested a list with costs to be able to make any decisions.

Tyler estimated the cost of a generator to be \$10,000-\$15,000. VFD about \$5,000. Well head cover \$5,000. Well rehab \$25-35,000, worst case scenario. He invites council to take a tour with him when they are available.

8. Professional Reports

8.1 Engineer: Mountain Waterworks

Mayor reported that the sewer system closeout documents are being put together with the surety company. Stuart will report when all closeout documents are completed.

8.2 Wastewater Operator

Mayor reported that the monthly DMR reports are being completed and ready for signature.

9. Business, ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Canyon County MOU Approval, concerning Auto Registration Fee's

Jeff Barnes, Public Works Director for Nampa, presented the information for the Canyon County Registration Fee Increase Proposal. They are seeking support from all 13 highway jurisdictions within the County to get this on the 2020 ballot. All smaller cities struggle with funding for infrastructure. This Memorandum of Understanding addresses the funds distribution formula. This is an alternative to a property tax increase. The people that are using the roads are paying for the roads. Notus would see a minimum of \$40,000 for roads and street improvements. Some vehicles are exempt. DeGiorgio wants this tabled and to put this in front of the people to see what they want. Wells is not personally in favor of an increase but thinks Council should approve to get it on the 2020 ballot for the people to vote on.

Wells motion to approve the Canyon County Memorandum of Understanding. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; no, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

9.2 Irrigation Ditch, Responsibility and Cleaning Of

Mayor reviewed the history of the City's involvement in the irrigation system. At the suggestion of our Attorney, the City should no longer have anything to do with it, other than as a regular share holder. Wells understands the City trying to help shareholders if there is a flood of irrigation water but we can't pay the employees to work on the irrigation system. DeGiorgio asked if we would build the irrigation boxes back up. Mayor commented that it is not in the budget. Marie stated that as a farm owner she is well aware as to what citizens should do. Everyone on a ditch should form a lateral association. If repairs are needed and done, each shareholder pays a portion of the costs. Mayor commented that it would be best to not have City personnel clean any ditches.

9.3 April Fair Housing Month Proclamation

DeGiorgio motioned to approve the April as Fair Housing Proclamation. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Wells; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

9.4 Health Savings Plan Discussion

City Clerk, Loretta reported that after research of health savings plans, it seems they must be attached to a health insurance policy. It seems that Tyler may not even want health coverage from the City, since he has other coverage. DeGiorgio motioned to table this decision until such a time as Tyler may change his mind. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes, Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

9.5 Safe Link Contract

Mayor stated that Paul of Safelink has concerns over the 45 days notification to the City because this would restrict their ability to do timely repair service for their customers, if needed. Tyler is concerned about the weight of the current equipment on the water tower. Discussion. Wording changes to page 3 section 2 (highlighted) “ however, the 45 days notification shall not apply to Lessee work that includes replacement or repair of equipment due to malfunctions or which will cause service interruptions or prolonged outage to Safelink customers” would address Safelink concerns.

Wells motioned to approve the wording changes on page 3 section 2 concerning the 45-day City notification. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

9.6 Comp Plan Review

Ahlborn handed out calendars for council to set up some workshop dates to work on the comprehensive plan. City Clerk will compare and set up potential dates.

9.7 Declaration of Emergency, COVID 19

Mayor stated that Idaho Governor Little and Canyon County have asked Cities to pass a Declaration of Emergency concerning COVID19. This allows additional resources to be available to communities to care for residents and their safety. Wells motioned to approve the Declaration of Emergency to aid the corona virus response efforts. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

10. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor updated Council on staff working during the corona virus. Staff is disinfecting the areas used. We are encouraging payments by drop box, mail and credit card payments. Ahlborn offered to help with the city website to try and get a payment link on it.

Mayor reminded Council there will only be one Council meeting next month on April 6, 2020.

11. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn. Ahlborn seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____