

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Session: **Monday, March 2nd, 2020**

7:00 pm @ Notus City Hall

375 Notus Road, Notus, ID 83656

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilwomen Michelle DeGiorgio and Bonnie Emly, present. Councilman Steve Ahlborn, present. City Attorney Todd Lakey and Mayor, David Porterfield also present.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Concerns, Comments**

NONE

5. **Consent Agenda**

5.1 **Disbursement List**

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

5.2 **Council Meeting Minutes**

DeGiorgio asked why her questions and comments about the money spent on road shoulder work was not in the minutes. Clerk will review the meeting audio and add more of her comments. Meeting minutes will be brought back to council for approval.

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

NONE

6. **Professional's Reports**

6.1 **Engineer, Mountain Waterworks**

NONE

6.2 **Wastewater, Blackwater, LLC**

NONE

7. **Business, ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 **Valley Regional Transit (VRT) City Representative**

Mayor commented that Tina Wilson of Western Alliance has agreed to be the alternate for several other small cities and ours if Council would like. DeGiorgio motioned to have Bonnie Emly as the City representative. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

Emly motioned to have Tina Wilson as the alternate. DeGiorgio seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

DeGiorgio motioned to approve Resolution No. 20-1 and appoint City representatives Bonnie Emly and Tina Wilson as alternate to the board of Valley Regional Transit. Ahlborn seconded.

Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

7.2 Health Insurance Options

City Clerk reported that after a discussion between Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin and a health insurance agent, it seems like he may not be seeking insurance through the City. Medical reimbursement accounts were discussed. Decision was tabled until more information can be found.

7.3 Canyon County Public Hearing for Maverick Towers, City Opinion

Mayor stated that Canyon County is accepting public comment on the proposed communication 190 ft tower located within our impact area. DeGiorgio and Emly attended a County meeting and DeGiorgio is opposed to the tower. Emly would support the tower. Discussion. DeGiorgio suggests the City stay neutral and asks Mayor to send a response letter to County stating the City's position.

7.4 Safe Link Contract review

Mayor reported that Safe Link has responded to the proposed contract changes. They don't like the yearly fee increase description. DeGiorgio motioned to stay with the proposed of \$400.00 per month with a 5% annual increase for the next five years and then drop to a 2.5% annual increase on year six. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

7.5 Well #4 Office Construction

Mayor stated that it may be possible to remove the computer system from the well house, move it to City Hall and access the well system remotely from there. This would require an ethernet, radio control, nodes and about \$1000 in networking costs. Estimate total about \$2500. Would this be better than putting up a building? DeGiorgio stated that she trusts Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin judgment on this. DeGiorgio motioned to allow the relocation and remotely access well #4. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

7.6 Comprehensive Plan Review and Workshop Schedule

Mayor reviewed dates for Comprehensive Plan workshops. Ahlborn will send out a calendar to Council to set dates.

7.7 LGIP withdrawal for Extra Water Bond Payment

Treasurer, Marie reported to Council that there is a balance of \$56,000 in the Water Bond LGIP and suggests sending in a larger payment this year. We must keep one annual payment in reserve in \$19,518 in the account until it is paid off. Ordinance states we can make extra payments without penalty but must be done in multiples of \$1,000 and at the same time that the original payment is due, which is June. DeGiorgio commented that if payment is \$19,518 then make it \$29,518, then we are throwing an extra \$10,000 in. Discussion. DeGiorgio motioned to pay \$30,000 payment on the water bond, which is basically \$9482.00 (extra). Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

7.8 Canyon County MOU, Concerning Auto Registration Fee

DeGiorgio motioned to decline the City's participation. (MOU of registration fees). Motion dies for lack of second. Emly would like more clarity on that. Ahlborn would like more information

before deciding. Perhaps see pro's and con's list. Mayor commented that this proposal would allow City's to leverage a small portion of all auto users to pay for repair of local roads and streets in the County. Estimate is \$40,000 for Notus. Mayor will ask representative to come to the next Council meeting to answer questions. City Attorney, Todd commented that the MOU has no termination provisions.

8. Mayor & Council Comment

DeGiorgio commented that there needs to be a Notus Rd sign up at the RR track. She also wants to know why the donated playground equipment is not up yet at Tower park. Mayor stated that it is more complicated than just setting it up. Some repairs need to be done. The Regional manager that he asked to come and evaluate the equipment has not been able to get here. Perhaps we can get someone to manage the project.

Mayor stated that Todd will put together a proposal to send to Mr. Staplemen. There is also a leak in a valve/supply line at the water tower. Tyler has a company coming out next Monday to repair. Cost estimate is about \$6,000.

9. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Emly seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____