

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2023 @ 7:00PM
at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus Rd, Notus, ID, 83656

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

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 \$4,196.08. Krasowski seconded the motion. DeGiorgio questions the list of payments made of \$469.95. Treasurer, Marie Eilers stated those are the pre-council meeting payment list. (payments made to regular vendors, between Council meetings, authority given by Resolution #14-6) Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

DeGiorgio stated the meeting minutes are incomplete and inaccurate. More detail on the animal control dog catcher position. It states that "Paul Leavitt has volunteered to fill an animal control position at no charge to the City." She stated "that, that never even occurred. Before we worked on the fact that we wanted to give this volunteer a phone, that would take camera pictures and it was at the end of the motioning to accept this individual with the camera phone with a separate phone number." We had no clue that it was Paul Leavitt until the motion was done, motioned seconded and voted on it that she asked the question of who the wonderful volunteer was. "That's when you said Paul.... That's why, when it came to the vote, it was my reluctant yes, just because... well, god knows." Ahlborn stated that we did know who it was before we voted. City Clerk will review the recording, make any corrections needed, and bring back to Council.

DeGiorgio also read from topic 6.3 "Boise River Pack can work with City Engineers to determine flow capacity at their, BRP, cost. Ahlborn seconded. Ahlborn stated that he is concerned about the flow information not being in our, just completed (water facility) plan. We pay them for work done but there is no model of hydraulic of our water system in the plan." DeGiorgio wants it to be clearly interpreted by all that the City is not on the hook for any costs whatsoever. More discussion. No changes to 6.3. Minutes will be brought back to Council for review and approval.

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

NONE

6. Staff /Professionals Reports

6.1 Library Liaison

Councilwoman, Bonnie Emly reported that the new Director, Rhona Wickland's first day was Wednesday. Ashley Ortiz is doing a fine job as treasurer. Volunteer, Linda Ahlborn has returned after her injury. Ann Misner's retirement party was well attended.

6.2 Treasurer

Treasurer, Marie Eilers presented the balance sheet for March. She indicated that we have reached the 6 months mark (half year) for budgeting. She is working on next years budget worksheets for Council.

6.3 Public Works

Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin reported that the irrigation ditch has been rerouted/repared between 3rd and View Dr. It is piped along D. Maine yard. If the flow grade is not right, Doug will come back out and fix at no charge. The manhole in that area was also raised to grade level. Sensor (temperature/flow) was installed on Conway Gulch to monitor the temperature. He will notify DEQ of the installation to fix the violation.

6.4 City Clerk

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer reported 20 phone calls, 21 direction requests, 185 profile view and 11 website views from Google profile. There were 9 burn permits issued, 7 community Center rentals, 2 4-H meetings. 69 Credit Card payments taken, and 1 building permit issued last month.

6.5 Public Safety and Law Enforcement

Officer Murray stated that Notus has a low crime rate. Most violations are drive through type. Public can call Caldwell non-emergency dispatch number if they see something that needs reported. Caldwell will dispatch closest officer, which is usually Parma Police. For all emergencies call 911.

7. Business

7.1 Set Budget Hearing Date, ACTION ITEM

DeGiorgio motioned to set the budget hearing for August 21st, 2023. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Eml; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried.

7.2 City Irrigation Responsibility, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that a resident was complaining of a plugged irrigation line that is backing up flow of water and flooding her yard. She is asking the City to fix it. A resident commented that it is their right to sue the City. Mayor brought to Council for review of the City position over the past 30 years. The City is not required to repair or maintain the irrigation system. Mayor reminded Council that in 1990 and again in 2017 the City had withdrawn, by resolution, from managing and maintaining the irrigation system. All shareholders should share in the cost of the system and not all the residents are shareholders. Resident, Dan Cain stated If you're not a shareholder and you use irrigation water, you are stealing. Mayor commented that the City has tried 2 or 3 times within the past 30 years to maintain/repair the irrigation system within town but couldn't get resident cooperation. (municipal controlled irrigation system must abide by State Code). Krasowski would like to see an informational flyer for irrigation uses to know the way it works. Treasurer Marie Eilers volunteered to work on that and bring back to Council.

7.3 Vision Tomorrow Committee Recommendations, Discussion, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated this is for general information and not associated with any particular development. Vision committee suggestions were reviewed. The committee was recommending to Council the review of the public comments they received. The following topics reflect discussion regarding the public input. #1 Town Hall vs Public Hearings. Krasowski commented that we could require notification to all City residents and not just the code required property within 300 ft of any proposed development. Mayor reminded Council that LLUPA (Local Land Use Planning Act) rules leave a burden of avoidance by all elected officials when it comes to neighborhood meetings held concerning proposed developments. #2 New businesses, slow growth. Ahlborn commented that new business will follow growth. We don't have enough rooftops to support new businesses. What does slow growth mean to a developer? Build in phases or? Asks Vision Committee to give more definition of suggestion. Council reviewed current land use code. #5 Encourage self-sustaining practices. DeGiorgio commented that it gives a hometown feel. Rainwater collection is discouraged due to mosquito larvae. Larger lots encourage growing food, gardening. #6 requiring studies is provided by in code. #7 Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor commented that has been attempted in the past but fails for lack of members. Could be established again in the future. Community resistant to costs, traffic, loss of farmland, too many entrances on one road. Ahlborn commented that no growth will increase personal costs. Council observed that there seems to be a several contradictions with the suggestions from the public. Mayor points out the importance of communication with the community. We need to try to fairly make decisions that are best for the community, as a whole. We need to take time with the big decisions.

8. Mayor & Council Comment

NONE

9. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Ahlborn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, idCMC. _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____