

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2023 @ 7:00PM

at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus Rd, Notus, ID, 83656

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, present. Also present were Mayor, David Porterfield, City Planner, Antonio Conti and City Attorney, Joe Suthers. Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin joined by speaker phone.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Concerns/Comments, limited to 3 minutes each

NONE

5. Consent Agenda, Action Items

5.1 Disbursement List

DeGiorgio motioned to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$8172.56. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk pointed out that on 2. Roll call was missing Michelle DeGiorgio. Ahlborn motioned to approve the meeting minutes for March 20th, 2023. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Krasowski; abstained. Motion carried.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

NONE

6. Business

6.1 Building Stronger Veterans Donation Request, Adam Founder, ACTION ITEM

Mayor introduced Adam Founder. Adam stated that Building Stronger Veterans are seeking land donations to be able to provide tiny homes or for manufacturing tiny homes. Krasowski suggested the city owned property at Wagner and Hwy 20/26, outside of City Limits, as a possibility. Adam will check with Canyon County on the zoning and feasibility of that property.

6.2 New Library Director Introduction and Compensation, Rhonda Wickland, ACTION ITEM

Mayor introduced new Library Director, Rhonda Wickland. She will be replacing Ann Misner who is resigning as of April 14th, 2023. Rhonda used to live in Notus as a teenager and then moved away. She later returned and worked in Notus School District and later in the school library. She then retired. She is excited to start and is thankful for the opportunity. Mayor opened the discussion of compensation for time she has been spending volunteering her time to learn about the library workings, about 10 hours a week. Discussion. Krasowski motioned to provide compensation at the same amount (rate) for time spent now as she will be getting when she starts (after Ann leaves). Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes. Motion carried.

6.3 Summary of Boise River Pack Water Request/authorization of consultant expense, ACTION ITEM

Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin stated that Boise River Pack is building a 29,000 sq. ft. onion storage building (Conditional Use Permit approved with conditions by Council action) Building is well under construction. After review of the plans, the Caldwell Fire Chief, Alan Perry indicated that the building would require fire flow of 4,700 gpm for 4 hours. In Tyler's opinion the City cannot provide that amount of extra water or sustain that gpm for any length of time. BRP then amending building plans by adding a 2-hour fire rated partition wall to reduce the amount of fire flow required. They are requesting that the City reduce the fire flow requirement by 30 %. BRP had Vikings Fire Protection perform a flow

test and they indicated that the City actual fire flow was closer to 2,300 gpm for 3 hours. Tyler disputes that report. He stated they ran test on one hydrant, 10 minutes, with 893 gallons and times that by 4(hydrants required to be installed) for the flow numbers. Tyler does not think it would be a good idea to reduce state code requirement down by 30 %. He would like to do more hydrant testing. He would like to help them out but at what risk to our residents. Meeting fire flow was a condition of the C.U.P. If a fire started, can we adequately fight the fire and still support our resident's water? DeGiorgio commented that it should not be a City problem or cost. BRP should solve their own (fire flow) problem. City Planner stated that there are other things that could have been done in the planning stages that could have addressed the supply of water available to them such as using different building material, sprinkler system etc.. Krasowski stated that we provide them with what water we can and they have to figure out the rest. The City Engineers have indicated that they can evaluate the existing fire flow and what will be needed to upgrade the system to meet the requirement for BRP at a estimate of \$6,300.00. DeGiorgio stated that cost should not be on the residents. Krasowski commented that BRP work with Alan Perry (Caldwell Fire Chief) for the solution. Ahlborn commented that reducing requirement by 30 percent does not make sense for the citizens. Mayor stated that we need a new redundant water source. Do we work with BRP to help with this new well (to be able to provide them what they need)? City Planner suggested looping water lines to gain some flow and maintain pressure. If Council reduces the required fire flow the C.U.P conditions will have to be changed. Krasowski motioned that the fire flow requirement is the Fire Chief's decision to make. 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. Wonder why? Is there a plausible reason for that? Krasowski asked if we could obtain the hydraulic model for our system from Mountain waterworks?

****CLERK NOTE**** Recess was called at 8:25pm, Meeting resumed at 8:27 PM.

Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; no, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

6.4 Animal Control Volunteer Dog Catcher Position, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated he has received "an offer from a citizen to act as animal control officer for the City. Paul Leavitt has offered to do this on a volunteer basis. He feels this offer could help the City out." City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer checked with AIC and said a volunteer position is allowed but be aware that the person would still be covered by City liability and workers comp. They also suggested a well-defined job description and defined expectations with procedures being in place before moving forward. Council suggested a dedicated cell phone for call record and picture ability along with procedure for dealing with dogs at large. Krasowski motioned to accept Paul Leavitt as our volunteer dog catcher (animal control) for the City. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes. Motion carried.

7. Mayor & Council Comment

City Clerk reminded Council of the AIC District workshop in Nampa on April 24, 2023.

8. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 8:56 PM. Krasowski seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, idCMC _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____