

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 1st, 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, 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 \$2489.77. Krasowski seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer, stated that the minutes from 4-3-2023, topic 6.4, first two sentences are verbatim. Straight from the recording. DeGiorgio commented that it is still a spin on words but that's OK, everyone has their own interpretation. Krasowski motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 4-3-23 and 4-17-23. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; no. Motion carried.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

NONE

6. Business

6.1 Proposed annexation, zoning, preliminary plat, and planned unit development application hearing date set, Update.

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer informs Council that a complete application for a proposed annexation, zoning, preliminary plat and planned unit development has been submitted. This is located between Notus Road and Conway Road, south of Purple Sage Road and north of Kremmwood Heights Subdivision. Township 5N, Range 4W, Section 34 on parcels R3855501800 (Notus, Idaho), R3855501300, R1888600000, R1888601000, R3855501400 and R3855501200, (Canyon County, Idaho) A hearing date has been set for June 26th, 2023, at the Community Center at 7:00 pm. She reminded Council of ExParte' communication, that there is to be no discussion or communication with residents or applicant outside of a public meeting. It is prohibited by law. She stated that the full application is available for review by Council or the public. If there are any questions about the process or the proposed development, let her know and she will get the answers and let all council know the answer. Information must be handled in a certain way to follow LLUPA rules. DeGiorgio interrupts stating "the inequities that are going on right now after what we just learned, I am appalled..... this is exactly why I have to gather my things and leave. My health is worth more than \$50 a month".

****CLERK NOTE**** DeGiorgio leaves meeting at 7:15 pm. Meeting continues with 3 Council quorum.

6.2 Irrigation Informational Brochure, review

Mayor reviewed the brochure Marie Eilers developed, with Council. Black Canyon Irrigation and Farmers' Co-Op water co-mingles to serve residents. Lateral associations need to be formed and registered with the State to be able to collect money for the cleaning of the ditches. Lateral associations have a president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and ditch rider. Each neighborhood shareholder/user should get

together and clean the ditches in their area. The city is not responsible for irrigation, only as a shareholder/water user as anyone else. (We can't spend city money on irrigation since it is not a municipal system with resident support and benefits for all) Krasowski liked brochure but would like to see a map included, if we have an accurate one. If we provide information for users that will help conserve city water from being used for irrigation purposes. Ditches need to be cleaned before water is turned on. Paul Levitt volunteered to clean ditches with the help of others. Discussion. Ahlborn stated that we need to put irrigation on the agenda for discussion since this topic item is about the brochure and not irrigation fixes. Others may want to join this discussion and are not here. More discussion. Ahlborn stated that if we want to continue to talk about irrigation (and not the brochure) our attorney should be telling us to stop because this (agenda) doesn't say what we are talking about right now and other people that are not here, that may want to be in on that discussion are not given the chance to be here. We are off topic. This is an important discussion item, but it has to be on the agenda as discussion item. Discussion. Marie will make suggested changes to brochure and bring back to Council.

6.3 Proposed Utility Rate Increases, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that reason for this is not for finalization of our budget but for getting a ballpark figure for the school district. They are already into their budgeting process because they have a different year end than we do. Mayor reviews water and sewer revenue and expenses analysis with Council. Sewer immediate projects list estimate is \$51,000.00. Sewer current base rate is \$53.35. USDA recommended rate of \$54.35 was supposed to be met by a certain date but that date has passed. Proposed fee changes, if any, would take place October 1st. Krasowski leaning towards \$1 increase to meet USDA suggested rate after looking at the sewer and water system deficiencies. 3% increase for sewer is \$1.60 and 3% increase for water. Ahlborn suggested \$1.00 increase of water base rate and use the ARPA funds for water projects. Council agrees to look at a proposed base rate increase of \$1.00 to both water and sewer base rates.

**6.4 Employee Policy Manual Amendments:
Definition of Workday, ACTION ITEM**

Mayor suggested a re-wording of some items in the employee manual with better definition of expectations and extended sick time. Council reviewed red line changes. Draft will be brought back to Council for review and/or approval.

Revision of EST Language, ACTION ITEM

Item tabled.

6.5 Adjustment of Wage Hours Authorization, ACTION

Item tabled.

7. Mayor & Council Comment

NONE

8. Adjournment

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Emly seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, Notus idCMC _____

Approved by Council President, Steve Ahlborn _____