

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6th, 2024 @ 7:00PM

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

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Council President, Steve Ahlborn, Councilmen Rob Hartsock, and Councilwoman, Lupita Connor, present. City Engineer and Planner, Antonio Conti, City Attorney, Bryan Norton, and Mayor, David Porterfield, also present. Councilman Devin Krasowski was excused absence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor recognized David Lincoln of Western Alliance for Economic Development. David stated that their group tries to promote new business with the surrounding communities. They help businesses with zoning, finance, expansion, and retention. They are part of the regional Economic Development organization, under the U.S. Economic Development office. City gets extra points on grant applications if we are a member. Their meeting next month will be held in Greenleaf if anyone would like more information.

5. Consent Agenda, Action Items

5.1 Disbursement List

Ahlborn motioned to pay the disbursements in the amount of \$5,277.24. Hartsock seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Hartsock; yes, Connor; yes. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

NONE

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events Committee

Ahlborn motioned to accept into record the Library Board meeting minutes of 2-8-2024. Hartsock seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Hartsock; yes, Connor; yes. Motion carried.

6. Business

6.1 Canyon County Ambulance District Override Levy presentation, Michael Stowell

Mayor recognized Michael Stowell. He stated they have 70 field employees and cover 20,000 requests for service annually. They get County user fees and property tax income but are not 100% supported by taxes. The ambulance districts are separate from the County but cover the entire county plus more. The south Nampa station is being torn down and they need to build another one, hopefully one in Caldwell. Staffing is a problem and they have had to shut down some units during low call volume times. The proposed increase would be a permanent one, unlike the current levy rate that has continually decreased. Their last request for a levy was 23 years ago. He is asking that we please support the levy request this November.

6.2 Proposed Sanitation Fee Increases, discussion

Mayor recognized Bill Pastoor of Republic Services. He is representing both Hardin and Republic Services. Bill proposed a 4% increase in service (\$11.57 to \$12.03) and carts (\$3.00 to \$3.12) for

next year's budgeting for both City garbage service companies. A 56-cent increase per month. The mayor stated we would be looking at this during budget time.

6.3 SafeLink Tentative Rate Change Approval, ACTION ITEM

The Mayor and Council reviewed SafeLink and city fee for using water tower. Proposed a 5% increase annually. Suggested language change to limit city liability and add a noninterference policy. Ahlborn would like to know what other cities are getting. City Clerk will gather information from other cities.

6.4 Planning & Zoning Board Appointments, ACTION ITEM

The Mayor is still waiting for the responses. No action.

6.5 Amendments to Museum Lease Agreement Review, discussion

The Mayor and Council reviewed the 2009 agreement and the new proposed agreement. Ahlborn appreciates the new and more concise version. Sets requirements and expectations. The Attorney suggested a 2-year lease, maximum. The desire is to express particulars to guide actions. ADA requirements have changed from 15 years ago. All City owned buildings are reviewed when we are applying for grants. Attorney stated that a lease should be a benefit to both parties. "Is this a benefit to the city?" He would encourage a shorter lease time frame. Add wording to limit City liability, for city to have limited access with 24 to 48 hours' notice for building maintenance, fire extinguishers service, etc. Currently the City pays for the electricity and annual propane tank rental, museum pays for the propane (heat). A draft of the new rental agreement was emailed to the museum director, Renee Taylor. A return email was received telling us to "cease-and-desist" contacting her, and send all correspondence to the Museum Board Secretary.

Attorney stated that if Renee Taylor is listed as the museum director, that is who we send to. If a cease-and-desist letter was received, that indicates there is a problem.

7. Mayor & Council Comment

The topic came up regarding Emails sent to council members regarding any city issue with no C/C attached to the Mayor or City Clerk (carbon copy) Ahlborn commented; any Email sent to a council member from citizens showing concern with statements or questions should be forwarded to the City Clerk and/or the Mayor. The council member who received the Email should not respond, especially if it concerns issues that are, or may come before the Council, for a decision.

The dump day went well. Many residents took advantage of the event and their containers were not overflowing this year.

8. Adjournment

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Hartsock seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, idCMC, Notus City Clerk _____

Approved by Mayor, David Porterfield _____