

## SPECIAL SESSION MEETINGMINUTES

June 14, 2024

At Notus City Hall @ 7:00 PM

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor, David Porterfield

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with the following results: Council President, Steve Ahlborn, Councilmen Rob Hartsock and Devin Krasowski and Councilwoman, Lupita Connor, present.

**3. Business**

**3.1 P&Z Appointments, ACTION ITEM**

Mayor reviews the nominees with Council. Residents Chris Grooms and Mike Engle have agreed. Julie Morgan would like to join although she does work swing shift so may not be able to make evening meetings. Mayor asked Council if they thought there should be 3 or 5 members. Krasowski commented to provisionally appoint 3 and move forward with the establishment of the P&Z Commission. Mayor can assign the random year served after the appointments are confirmed. Krasowski motioned to provisional appoint Chris Grooms, Mike Engle and Julie Morgan to the Planning and Zonning commission. Ahlborn seconded. Mayor stated that he has not heard back from Julie Morgan yet. Mayor suggested that Chris Grooms serves 3 years, Mike Engle serves 2 years and Julie Morgan serves 1 year. We will continue to look for a representative outside of City limits. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Hartsock; yes, Connor; yes. Motion carried.

**3.2 FY 24-25 Budget review**

Mayor and Council reviewed the Sanitation and Street budgets.

**3.3 Notus Community Events Committee Retail Sales by Credit Card, ACTION ITEM**

The City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer indicated that the Events committee asked for a credit card reader to better service the customers attending their events. Research indicates SQUARE has a 2.65% convenience fee, plus a monthly fee. City currently uses Access Idaho (tyler technologies) for credit card bill pay with no monthly fee, just 3% convenience fee. They have a OntheGo Pay service which charges 3%. They indicated they would loan us a reader if we wanted to try the service first. City does have a smart phone to use for the app. Krasowski motioned to approve the City card reader to take credit card payments and upgrade city phone if needed but to continue research on other card services with reports and tracking with the lowest cost or monthly charges with a \$150 cap for the reader. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Hartsock; yes, Connor; yes. Motion carried.

**3.4 City Position on Irrigation Involvement, ACTION ITEM**

Mayor stated that Jack King's , May 23 letter and June 5<sup>th</sup> email to Council suggested that the City be responsible for the irrigation system. Since the 1980's the City has been trying but cannot seem to complete that task (for lack of full support from shareholders). The last attempt was a 3-year process, we took steps to get a municipal system set up for proper care and billing process. To achieve this the City must have all water shares within city limits, in its name. We only got 50/50 support and after consulting an irrigation Attorney, were told that it was currently too messy and to step back and get out of it. Irrigation is time consuming and expensive things to get into, and this one doesn't serve all residents as it is. Ahlborn commented if current water users can't agree, how are we supposed to help? He understands Jacks frustration. Mayor stated the Black Canyon shares are part of the property, Farmers Co-op shares are not. The current water assessments they charge is to get the waters to the head gate, only. Its up to the users from there. The City cannot spend money meant for the entire town to benefit the few. We have been trying to encourage users to set up irrigation associations and elect a water master for each area served. With little maintenance the irrigation boxes are breaking down, tree roots are breaking or plugging concrete pipes. Private citizens have been helping out. When the onion farmer (by the river)

turned water up, a tree root plug caused the system to flood town. We try to get by without doing anything but we need community support so we can make system available to all residents. We are still a shareholder. A meeting was held by water irrigation users to discuss issues and fixes. Only 8 people came to the meeting. Connor stated we should send out a survey to shareholders to see if they would be willing to start an water association. Mayor stated a letter did go out to all users. No response. Dealing with irrigation water issues does put a drain on city funds. At some point the city will need to repair a broken a line under a street. Which we are willing to do but we would need to recoup the cost, to be fair to all citizens. Mayor suggested more research and investigation.

**4. Adjournment**

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Krasowski seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, idCMC Notus City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Dvid Porterfield, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_