

## NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00PM

at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus, ID, 83656  
In Council Chambers

### 1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mayor, David Porterfield.

### 2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Council President Bonnie Emly, present. Councilmen Steve Ahlborn and Devin Krasowski, present. City Attorney, Stephanie Hansen, City Planner, Antonio Conti and Mayor, David Porterfield were also present.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Public Concerns, Comments

NONE

### 5. Consent Agenda, Action Items

#### 5.1 Disbursement List

Emly motioned to approve the disbursement list as presented for \$2314.92. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Krasowski; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion carried.

#### 5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Ahlborn motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 7, 2021, as written. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

#### 5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

NONE

### 6. Staff Reports

#### 6.1 Treasurer

NONE

#### 6.2 Public Works

Tyler submitted a written report.

### 7. Business

#### 7.1 Temporary RV permit at 318 Fargo Ave., ACTION ITEM

City Clerk, Loretta stated that the resident at 318 Fargo has requested an extension to his Temporary RV permit issued by the City. He has recently obtained his building permit to add on to the existing home, that will allow him to move in with his daughter. Until it is complete, he is requesting an extension to allow him to live in the RV on the property. Ahlborn motioned to allow another 6-month extension. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried. Clerk will issue another Temporary RV permit extension of 6 months.

#### 7.2 Valley Regional Transit, Annual Report

Mark Carnopis reviewed with Council their annual report. COVID 19 caused a hard hit to the revenues. They had to make some changes. They changed fixed routes to "on-demand" service in Nampa and Caldwell. They still provide free medical transit, Rides2/Wellness, for those in need. The Parma Senior Center also provides services to Notus residents like meals on wheels 3 times a week. Rural services available include Metro Transportation service and Share the Ride Idaho. VRT is working with a consultant to complete a vanpool study towards building a regional vanpool solution to serve Ada, Canyon and adjacent counties. Direct any questions or concerns to Mark Carnopis at [mcarnopis@valleyregionaltransit.org](mailto:mcarnopis@valleyregionaltransit.org).

**7.3 Syringa Broadband Internet and possible Grant Application approval, ACTION ITEM**

Tina Wilson from Western Alliance for Economic Development stated that there is a new due date for the broad-band grant application of July 16<sup>th</sup>. The final project completion date may also be extended. There are still two pots of money, one is from the CARES ACT of 10 million and the other is 35 million. There is no commitment for the application but if the City is awarded the grant, then Council action is needed to accept or deny. Kevin Johnson from Syringa stated that the plan is now to bring the infrastructure from I-84, along 20-26 to Notus City Hall for a cost of \$849,000. That avoids crossing the Boise River and also the issues involved with the Railroad crossing. 1.5 million would include from City Hall building out to the “spokes of a wheel” that would include service to the sewer headworks building (across the RR), water tower, well house, and library/community center. Syringa offers high speed internet, phone/cloud voice services, cloud solutions, colocation, and IT managed services and security. This is a no money match, no cost 100% grant. Syringa representative Gary Welch will do an assessment of City and submit a quote on the services they can provide. Private residential service is not yet provided. Syringa needs to get the backbone in place first. Franchise fees typically come from telephone and cable companies. Syringa is not a phone company or a cable company, so they don’t pay franchise fees. They are considered FCC type “other”. The agreement with Syringa would be written so that the City wouldn’t pay until the grant request was submitted/fulfilled. The level of service is higher, 1 Gig, with a discounted monthly fee of \$495.00 plus \$150 per “wheel spoke” with a 1-5 year agreement. Discussion. Ahlborn motioned to go forward with the grant application with Syringa broad-band with the intent to move forward. Krasowski seconded. Also, to allow Tina to look for more grant opportunities. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

**7.4 Budget Review**

Mayor and Council reviewed budget. Potential increase in employee wages. Possible administrative raises. Added expenses for City Planner and Code Enforcement officer. Mayor is encouraging Library Board to look towards the future and funding. Mayor asks Council to review the handouts and bring questions to Marie or himself.

**8. Mayor & Council Comment**

Mayor asked Tina Wilson to comment for him. She stated that the Mayor is a decision maker and should not be in discussions with potential developers due to liability issues. Pre-application meetings with City Clerk and City Planner Antonio would direct developers towards the City’s vision. Council creates the vision with the Comp plan/zoning and Antonio as City Planner, enforces that vision.

**9. Adjournment**

Krasowski motioned to adjourn. Ahlborn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

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

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_