

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2020 @ 7:00PM
at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus, ID, 83656
In Council Chambers

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL IN PLACE

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilwomen Michelle DeGiorgio and Bonnie Emly, present. Councilmen Steve Ahlborn and Nathan Wells, present. Mayor, David Porterfield, Attorney, Todd Lakey, Public Works Supervisor, Tyler Martin, Treasurer, Marie Eilers, and City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer were also present.

3. Moment of Reflection

Councilwoman DeGiorgio led Council in a moment of reflection.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Concerns, Comments

NONE

6. Consent Agenda, Action Items

6.1 Disbursement List

Emly motioned to approve the disbursement list for 7-20-20, noting that the date is incorrect on the list. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call as taken with the following results: Emly; yes. Ahlborn, yes, Wells; yes DeGiorgio; yes. Motion passed.

6.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Wells motioned to approve the meeting minutes for 7-6-20 with spelling corrections, adding "Tyler" to 8.5 and changing "to" to for on 8.3. DeGiorgio seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

6.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

NONE

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Treasurer

Marie reviewed June revenue and expense report with Council. A deposit was made into the LGIP fund 3 months ago.

7.2 Public Works

Tyler thanks Council for the new, used work truck and the new pin locator that he is putting to good use already. He also reported that the SCADA computer system has been relocated to his desk in City Hall. The approved surplus list of vehicles have been recycled. He is currently working on a water source protection grant to help protect the wells and well head.

He stated that another leaking valve was discovered at the elevated tank. And 3 other valves in the street seem to be frozen and need to be exercised and possibly replaced. Both water tanks have been photographed, revealing rust nodules. The ground tank had holes in the top. It has been cleaned, repaired, and required placards have been placed at the entrance. The elevated tank was photographed

but not cleaned. It needs safety guard rails around the hatch. Cost estimate \$2,800. The ladder needs fall protection anchors to safely do the work required. Cost estimate \$6,500. After reviewing past inspection reports, it seems these issues were found but never acted on or repaired. DeGiorgio wants the past reports and contractor checked to see if we had them clean/fix the tanks. Tyler continued, the elevated tank ladder does not come all the way to the ground and needs to have a sliding, locking extension ladder for access. Cost estimate is \$5,300. Total repairs estimate of \$14,720.00.

He reported that we spent about \$10,000 to repair the ground tank and the elevated tank could be between \$20-25,000. He will also start water valve exercising to see which ones may need to be replaced.

He also stated that Control Engineers is working on prices for the VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) water pump. He feels that we should get one real soon since our current pump is working a lot harder than it should. A VFD would be able to sense when water is getting low (such as in case of a fire) and would come on automatically to maintain water level and pressure.

He also commented that he would like to use GIS to map the City. That would give him all sorts of detailed information on the underground utility system, etc....

Mayor reminded Council that the elevated tank still needs to be painted.

8. Executive Session; (Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b,c)) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.(c) Acquire real property interests not owned by a public agency

Ahlborn motioned to enter Executive Session; (Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b,c)) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.(c) Acquire real property interests not owned by a public agency at 8:09 PM. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes DeGiorgio; yes, Eml; yes. Motion passed.

Ahlborn motioned to leave Executive Session at 8:58 PM. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes DeGiorgio; yes, Eml; yes. Motion passed.

9. Business

9.1 Property Acquisition, 394 1st Street, 353 Fargo Ave. ACTION ITEM

Ahlborn motioned to postpone action on this item until August 3rd after the public hearing on the budget amendment. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes DeGiorgio; yes, Eml; yes. Motion passed.

9.2 Personnel Issue, ACTION ITEM

No action.

CLERKS NOTE* City Contracts were discussed before 8. in the agenda, with the Attorney's OK.

9.3 City Contracts: ACTION ITEM

Skybeam, Rise Broadband
Sanitation; Hardin and Westown

Mayor reviewed sanitation contract changes. Excluded item changes needed to address items that are considered "normal for the business" refuse. After discussion Mayor stated he will make changes and present next meeting.

Still have no contact from Skybeam- Rise Broadband.

9.4 Tentative FY20-21 Budget Approval, ACTION ITEM

Treasurer, Marie reviewed the tentative budget with Council. Budget items include: Sanitation \$39,761, Streets \$325,033, Sewer \$161,622. Mayor has repeatedly asked wastewater operator, Mike Black for a new contract proposal with no response. So budgeted amount will remain the same as last year at \$700.00. Water budget \$216,052, General Fund \$182,991. Wells motioned to approve the FY 2020-21

tentative budget as presented. Emly seconded. Wells; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; no, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

Public hearing for the FY 20-21 budget will be held on August 3rd at 7:00 pm.

9.5 Negotiation for Code Enforcement -Caldwell P&Z, ACTION ITEM

Mayor commented that code enforcement was in last year's budget at \$5000. From past information, to have one-person city police personnel would cost about \$72,000 per year. Since we cannot afford that, he asked Council for permission to re-open code enforcement negotiations with Caldwell. Ahlborn motioned to approve negotiations and \$5000 for code enforcement. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes DeGiorgio; abstain, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

9.6 Use of 20/26 Park: car show/dealer Parking, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that the Garage Café car show takes place in August and they use the grassy area across the Hwy. DeGiorgio motioned to allow them to park on the grass but if there is any damage that occurs, they have to pay for repairs. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Wells; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn. Motion passed.

9.7 Water Tower Well #2 Repairs, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated the estimated repairs for well #2 roof access safety rails is \$2,800, ladder fall protection \$6,500, sliding extension ladder, \$5,300. Wells motioned to authorize \$14,720 to upgrade the tower safety features. Ahlborn seconded. Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

10. Mayor & Council Comment

DeGiorgio commented that there is a nice fence put up on Elgin property near her.

Ahlborn commented he would like to see a check off list of things we want to do and things that get done.

11. Adjournment

Ahlborn motioned to adjourn at 9:58 pm. Wells seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____