

NOTUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2021 @ 7:00PM
at Notus City Hall, 375 Notus, ID, 83656
In Council Chambers

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Concerns, Comments

Randall Taylor of 348 Elgin was recognized by Mayor. Randall stated that the Syringa costs seems like a large monthly fee commitment. He wondered where the money will come from and seems it would only benefit City Hall. He asked that Council take a hard look at this before deciding.

5. Consent Agenda, Action Items

5.1 Disbursement List

Emly motioned to approve the disbursement list of \$5962.05. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion passed.

5.2 Council Meeting Minutes

DeGiorgio asked more clarification. She stated that between June 21 and July 6th (meetings) things made a lot of different jumps. She thought we should wait till after tonight's topic discussion (to approve minutes.). City Clerk reminded everyone that meeting minutes are a direct reflection of the meeting that took place that night and nothing discussed tonight affects those. Clerk asked her what specific item that is not there did she want to see or more detail of. She doesn't remember \$600 fee, 2 grant amounts, and 5.2 etc... Clerk will review the audio, add more details, and bring back to Council for approval.

5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events

Ahlborn motioned to accept the library board meeting minutes from 3-11-21 and 5-12-21. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried. DeGiorgio motioned to accept the Community Events Committee meeting minutes from 5-18-21, 6-10-21, 6-24-21, 7-6-21. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried.

6. Staff & Professionals Reports

6.1 Treasurer

None

6.2 Public Works

None

6.3 City Engineer Mountain Waterworks, Mike Woodworth

None

7. Business

7.1 Open Meeting Transparency Disclosure

Mayor stated that on July 13 he sent out a mass text message to Council members concerning the broadband proposal. The action was not intentional but was a violation of open meeting laws. The text has been given to the City Clerk as a public record and is available for review upon request.

7.2 City Impact Fees Proposal, City Planner, Antonio Conti, ACTION ITEM

Tabled.

7.3 Property Tax Forgone Proposed Resolution #21-1, ACTION ITEM

Mayor reads property tax forgone proposed Resolution #21-1.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOTUS, IDAHO, DECLARING THE INTENT TO RECOVER \$958.00 OF FORGONE PROPERTY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE FORGONE TAXES ARE BEING BUDGETED IN SUPPORT OF STREET LIGHTING, PER CODE §63-802, et al.

Ahlborn motioned to approve resolution #21-1, Property tax forgone. Emly seconded. She asks that the date be updated. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes. DeGiorgio; yes, Krasowski; yes. Motion carried.

7.4 Tentative Budget Approval, ACTION ITEM

Treasurer stated some changes made. Ahlborn motioned to approve the budget as written. He has faith in the staff. General Fund \$1,393,562.00. Water Fund 307,747.00. Sewer Fund 289,528.00 Sanitation Fund 44,184.00. Streets Fund 204,868.00. For a total of \$2,239,889.00

Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; no, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

7.5 Delinquent Utility Account Collection Contract, ACTION ITEM

Mayor reviewed carrier changes on contract. Krasowski motioned to approve the contract with Advantage Financial Services for debt collection. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Krasowski; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion carried.

7.6 Broadband Grant Update

Tina Wilson reported that after the Syringa meeting, they all walked the town and then sent updated figures. Since the last meeting was cancelled, the grant has been awarded and no one in region 3 received any money. The new figures from Syringa included \$495 for City Hall and public wi-fi for no additional cost. The library would be \$150.00. This is a fiber optic dedicated line. The next round of funding grants will be around September or October. Ahlborn commented that citizens will never be able to get it if its not brought here. DeGiorgio commented that its not feasible for the cost of \$850,000 of a grant we are not even going to get. Tina Wilson stated that the advantage for the City is that it would make us on a more level playing field for residential or commercial development. Business needs water, sewer, electricity, and high-speed fiber optics. DeGiorgio stated that this is a waste of everyone's time. She sees too many red flags. Ahlborn commented he would like to keep looking. He has spoken with the Mayor of Greenleaf, and they love it. Tina asked us to check with current provider to see what the cost would be for 1 Gig upload and 1 gig download for comparison. She will keep looking for grants.

7.7 New Library Board Member, ACTION ITEM

DeGiorgio motioned to accept Noah Nesbitt as a Library Board member. Krasowski seconded. Voice vote. All in Favor. Motion carried.

7.8 General Growth Infrastructure Issues

Tabled

7.9 Ice Cream Social Expense, ACTION ITEM

Mayor stated that the Events Committee has made a request of the City to pay \$75 for the purchase of ice cream. DeGiorgio stated that the Memory Mill will donate \$25. Ahlborn motioned to give the Events Committee \$50.00 towards the Ice cream Social. Krasowski seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Krasowski; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion carried.

7.10 COMPASS Ortho Photography Service Agreement, ACTION ITEM

Mayor reviewed a non-binding letter of intent to commit funding for ortho photography from COMPASS. This is a to scale measurement topography mapping tool. DeGiorgio commented that we need to tighten our belt to get more things done like the water tower. Topic will be brought back on the next agenda.

8. Mayor & Council Comment

DeGiorgio wants to get the agenda on the Tuesday prior to the meeting date. This would give more time to research the agenda topics. She also stated that long time resident Phil Ryan had passed away and asked for a moment of silence in respect.

Ahlborn commented that he appreciated Phil's vast knowledge and insight. Mayor stated that Phil was persistent and always involved. May he rest in peace.

9. Adjournment

DiGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 9:12 PM. Emly seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____