

CITY COUNCIL MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Monday August 3rd, 2020 @ 7:00 PM at Notus City Hall

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. 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. Also present were Mayor, David Porterfield, City Attorney, Todd Lakey, Treasurer Marie Eilers and City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. PUBLIC HEARING for the purpose of public comment regarding proposed City FY 2020-21 Budget

4.1 Mayor opens Public Hearing

Mayor, David Porterfield opens public hearing.

4.2 Verification by City Clerk that Public Hearing was correctly advertised

City Clerk, Loretta Vollmer verifies that the public hearing was correctly advertised and published.

4.3 Review of Proposed FY 2020-21 budget

Treasurer, Marie reviews proposed budget with Council. General Fund \$182,991, Water Fund \$216,052, Sewer Fund \$161,662, Sanitation Fund \$39,761, Street Fund \$325,033. For a total of \$925,499.

4.4 Written Correspondence Submitted for the record

NONE

4.5 Public Testimony from those in support

NONE

4.6 Public Testimony from those neutral

NONE

4.7 Public Testimony from those opposed

NONE

4.8 Comments from Mayor and Council

DeGiorgio questions the decrease in the prosecuting attorney line item for code enforcement. Mayor comments that the amount has not been used in the past. If needed, we could reallocate money within the line items as long as the bottom-line amount remains the same. Or if needed, we could reopen budget if it looks like we may exceed the expenditures.

4.9 Mayor closes Public Hearing

Mayor stated that due to very recent Legislative rules changing the procedure for claiming foregone amounts from the State, we must hold a public hearing to reserve that revenue. Therefore, this hearing will need to be held open until August 17, 2020 at which time we will continue with this budget hearing. Ahlborn motioned to continue and leave open the budget hearing until August 17th at 7:00 pm. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

Hearing will remain open until next meeting on August 17, 2020.

5. Public Concerns, Comments

NONE

6. Consent Agenda, Action Items

6.1 Disbursement List

Emly motioned to pay the disbursements list for August 3, 2020. DeGiorgio seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes. Motion passed.

6.2 Council Meeting Minutes

Ahlborn motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes from July 20 and the workshop meeting minutes from July 27, 2020. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes, DeGiorgio; yes Emly; yes. Motion passed.

6.3 Committee Meeting Minutes: Library, Community Events Committee

NONE

7. Business:

7.1 Temporary RV Permit Extension Request @ 318 Fargo Ave. ACTION ITEM

City Clerk, Loretta reviewed with Council an RV parking permit extension for 318 Fargo Ave. Resident is going to be adding on an addition to the home for an in-law suite but in the meantime, parents are staying in a RV on the property. DeGiorgio motioned to grant a six-month extension RV parking permit. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: DeGiorgio; yes, Wells; yes, Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

7.2 Sanitation Contract, Approval, ACTION ITEM

Mayor reviewed the “excluded waste” portion of the contract. Wells motioned to approve the contract for Hardin Sanitation and Westowns Disposal. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

7.3 Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget Amendment, Approval, ACTION ITEM

Emly motioned to approve the amendment to the 2019-20 budget of \$95,000. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Emly; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Wells; yes. Motion passed.

7.4 Budget Amendment Ordinance for FY 2019-20, Proposed Ord #464, Approval, ACTION ITEM

Ahlborn motioned to dispense with the rule requiring ordinances be read on three separate days and once in full, and that the ordinance be read once, by title only. Wells seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Wells; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed. Mayor read budget amendment FY2019-20 Ordinance 464 by title. Wells motioned to approve budget amendment 2019-20 ordinance #464. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Ahlborn; yes. Motion passed.

7.5 Proposed FY 2020-21 Budget, Approval, ACTION ITEM

Wells motioned to continue this at the next meeting August 17, 2020. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

7.6 Budget Appropriations Ordinance for FY 2020-21, Proposed Ord #465, Approval, ACTION ITEM

Wells motioned to continue this at the next meeting August 17, 2020. Ahlborn seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Wells; yes, Ahlborn; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Emly; yes. Motion passed.

7.7 Engineer Contract, Antonio Conti of Ackerman-Estvold, ACTION ITEM

Mayor reviewed “scope of work” that was requested by Council from Antonio. This would be exhibit A of the engineering contract. Liquidated damages are not part of a normal contract with an engineering firm. That is usually part of a contractor’s agreement. Proposed services not to exceed \$25,000. Ahlborn motioned to table until the next meeting. Emly seconded. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; yes, Wells; yes. Motion passed.

7.8 Photographer and Photos of City, ACTION ITEM

Councilman Ahlborn gave a slide show presentation of the photographs that Lowell Campen has taken around town. Whitmire building, Granary, welcome to Notus sign, Train, and some scenery

pictures. These can be used in advertisements, brochures, future business uses, and on City website. DeGiorgio comments that she can't justify cost when we need to focus on other, more helpful things. No decision.

8. Executive Session; (Idaho Code 74-206(1)(C)) Acquire real property interests not owned by a public agency

NONE

9. Continued Business, Action Item

9.1 Property Acquisition, 394 1st Street, 353 Fargo Ave. ACTION ITEM
Ahlborn motioned to approve the property acquisition of 394 1st street and 353 Fargo Ave and accept the preliminary closing statement. Emly seconded. Purchase price was \$95,000 plus closing costs. Roll call was taken with the following results: Ahlborn; yes, Emly; yes, DeGiorgio; no, Wells; yes. Motion passed.

10. Mayor & Council Comment

DeGiorgio asked about the contract with Skybeam Broadband since the current contract is expired. She also stated that if they do not like the same contract as Safelink, they can remove their equipment from the tower. Ahlborn stated that if they did, we would be losing that monthly income. Wonder how many residents use their internet service?

11. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Ahlborn seconded. All in favor.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

Approved by David Porterfield, Mayor _____