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**Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gooding, Idaho was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on February 4, 2019. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke.

**Roll Call**

Present were Mayor Brekke, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Smith and Councilman Cram via phone. Councilman France was not present.

**Visitors**

Present were Eric Adams, Christy Adams, Jason Hill, Melissa Berry and Mike Kelley.

**Changes to Agenda (Idaho Code 67-2343 Sec 4 (b))**

Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to add Amendment #3 to Keller Associates/City of Gooding Agreement Modification to the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Consent Calendar**

*(Consent Calendar contains items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Council members can approve the items listed on the consent calendar as one item or, if finding a correction needs to be made, can pull that item for discussion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.)*

Mayor Brekke asked, "Consent Calendar Items numbered are before you, are there any items to be removed?" There being no objection, Councilman Smith moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes
2. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$198,849.03
3. Payroll in the amount of \$140,712.33
4. January Building Permits

No.	Date	Name	House	Street	Use	Value	Fee
01-19	1/10/19	North Canyon Medical Center	267	N Canyon Dr	Alteration	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 74.00
02-19	1/10/19	Idaho Power	422	Main	Alteration	\$ 49,910.00	\$ 1,060.69
						\$ 51,110.00	\$ 1,134.69

Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Visitors Business**

**Melissa Barry; Southern Idaho Tourism Update:** Ms. Barry gave an annual update for Southern Idaho Tourism. Southern Idaho Tourism develops and promotes tourism and recreation in Southern Idaho. They market the region to draw visitors to stay, play and experience the region. Ms. Barry reported the lodging collections are up .3% in the region. Vacation rental numbers may be negatively

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affection the numbers. The FY2018 lodging collection for the region is \$885,072.00. \$44,253,600 in lodging sales, \$100 average daily rate, 442,536 overnight stays, \$230 average spent for an overnight stay and \$101,783,280 in tourism spending that is put into our economy. In Gooding County \$100,310 was reported in lodging sales. Southern Idaho Tourism has invested over \$25,000 in Gooding County assets since January 2018. The current grant utilized to market the area is \$377,750 with a cash match requirement of \$47,219.

**Public Input**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

**GDA Request for Reimbursement #7:** Waiting for resolution in regards to the AWOS frequency.

**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading of the Proposed Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 670 and Amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 475, Providing Duties for the Gooding Airport Commission:** Attorney Hobdey read the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of the Proposed Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 670 and Amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 475, Providing Duties for the Gooding Airport Commission. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 708. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Internal City Mitigation Allocation Agreement & Mayoral Letter:** Attorney Hobdey stated the agreement is not finalized at this time.

**RCAC Rate Study Structure:** Tabled until next meeting.

**New Business**

**Big Wood/American Falls Water Share Sealed Bid Opening:** The City of Gooding currently has 103.2 shares in American Falls Reservoir District #2 and Big Wood Canal Company for lease for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 irrigation seasons. Attorney Hobdey stated the city received 4 sealed bids for the water shares. The first bid was from Bill Palacio for \$55.51 per share plus the operations and maintenance fee. The second bid was from Mike Sliman for \$65.51 per share plus the operations and maintenance fee. The third bid was from Windy Acres for \$20.00 per share plus the operation and maintenance fee. The fourth bid was from Boot Jack Dairy/Doug Kerner for \$134.51 per share for 45 shares and \$112.26 per share for 58.2 shares plus the operation and maintenance fees. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to accept the sealed bid from Boot Jack Dairy/Doug Kerner for \$134.51 per share for 45 shares and \$112.26 per share for 58.2 shares plus the operation and maintenance fees for three years. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**Snake River Dragway Lease; Eric Adams:** Eric Adams and Jason Hill presented a short term lease proposal and a long term lease proposal to the Council. Mr. Adams stated Snake River Dragway has managed the facility and a large investment of money and labor has been put into the Dragway. They have replaced the timing tower, concession stand, reconfigured the entrance to the facility and upgraded the pit parking. They have also brought in gravel for the parking area and repurposed

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asphalt to enhance the shut down and return road. Attendance has doubled between the 2016 and 2017 seasons and again in the 2018 season. Racers and spectators travel from Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming and also including racers from Boise and Idaho Falls. The facility is a low stress, affordable and welcoming to racers and spectators. While racers are here they use the motels, purchase food, supplies and fuel from the local businesses and surrounding area. Snake River Dragway has already entered into race agreements for the 2019 season. The big event booked is with the Street Outlaws, Memphis Fame, for a race event in May. This event is anticipated to bring 2,000 + fans to the area. Snake River Dragway has carried the proper insurance for the events and has also named the City of Gooding on the policies. The short term lease proposed is for the 2019 season only. The long term lease proposed a ten year lease and they would be willing to invest additional time and money to better the track. The Council's concern is the growth of the airport and made it clear that if that land is needed at any time that Snake River Dragway will be asked to vacate the property immediately. Councilman Arkoosh stated his preference is to grant a one year lease now due to contractual obligations and that would give the Council some time to work on the airport plan with the FAA and there may be a possibility that they could grant Mr. Adams a longer lease at a later time. Attorney Hobdey suggested they meet together in October to discuss a future lease. Councilman Arkoosh requested Mr. Adams meet with Attorney Hobdey to draft a lease for the next council meeting.

**Wood River Animal Shelter to become a Rescue Shelter:** Ordinance Enforcement Officer Mike Kelley is requesting the Council to authorize the Wood River Animal Shelter to become a rescue shelter for the City. The Wood River Animal Shelter is the only shelter around that will accept pit bulls. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to authorize the Wood River Animal Shelter to become a rescue shelter for the City of Gooding. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Region IV Development Invoices #1094 and #1117 for Water Project:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Region IV Development invoices #1094 in the amount of \$5,556.00 and #1117 in the amount of \$22,779.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Eagle Rock Timber Change Order #3 for the Water Project:** Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Eagle Rock Timber Change Order #3 in the amount of \$4,176.90. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Eagle Rock Timber Pay Request #7 for the Water Project:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Eagle Rock Timber Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$49,574.27. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #44 for the Water Project:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #44 in the amount of \$6,447.10. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #13 & Outlay Request Form #7 for the WWTP Project:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #13 & Outlay Request Form #7 in the amount of \$7,060.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

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**Property Owner Agreement:** After reviewing other city agreements the Council was in agreement that the City of Coeur d' Alene had good template for a property owner agreement. A work session is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm to discuss a format for the city.

**Reschedule February 18, 2019 Council Meeting for President's Day:** The February 18, 2019 meeting is rescheduled for February 19, 2019.

**Pickles Bar & Grill Alcohol License Approval:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Pickles Bar & Grill Alcohol License. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

**Amendment #3 to Keller Associates/City of Gooding Agreement Modification:** The Mayor has already signed the Amendment #3 but it did not include the total. It was requested by Noel LaRoque that the amounts need to be shown otherwise the project remaining budget will be higher than it really is. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the modification to Amendment #3 to Keller Associates/City of Gooding Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Department Reports**

**Police Chief Dave Fisher:** Chief Fisher was not present but did submit his annual police report.

2018 Year End Statistics - Gooding City Police			
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total Incidents/Offenses</b>	495/615	338/407	393/462
Calls for Service	3992	3873	3493
Homicide/Manslaughter	1	0	0
Assault/Battery	33	38	51
Domestic Assault/Battery	7	3	5
Sex Crimes	10	6	10
All Thefts	54	20	41
Burglaries	25	13	10
Drug Cases	46	47	39
Juvenile Tobacco	2		2
DUI	16	4	10
Other Alcohol	7	1	3
Crimes Against Children	15	8	16
Mental Holds	2	4	6
Damaged Property	23	20	25
"All Other Offenses"	156	98	112
<b>Arrests (Warrant)</b>	54	35	34
<b>Total Arrests Adult</b>	256	171	141
<b>Total Arrests Juvenile</b>	32	21	38
<b>All Arrests</b>	288	192	179
<b>Citations (Infraction Only):</b>			
Traffic Stops	832	885	759
Speed	28	49	44
Other Moving	13	12	6
Other Non-Moving	5	5	13
All Other Offenses	75	63	58
Animal Control	8	7	9
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Dogs Impounded</b>	Unknown	April > 135	Year 209
City Dogs		85	122
County Dogs		50	75
Other (Arrests ect.)		Unk	12
Returned to Owner		66	117
Adopted		6	16
Sent to Rescue Agencies		63	59
Other (Arrests/Euth-Health)		Unk	17

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**Library Director Cindy Bigler:** Library Director Bigler was not present.

**Public Works Director Larry Bybee:**

- They are still working with FCC for a frequency for the All Weather Station at the Airport.
- TO Engineering has completed 95% of the runway design.
- PWD Bybee presented to the Lion's Club a couple of options for a drinking fountain for the Lion's Park. He is awaiting their decision.
- At this time both of the sanitation trucks are down but will be up and running as soon as possible.
- The streets department has been filling potholes, graveling road edges and trimming trees.
- DEQ has responded to the letter and he is hoping to have the new permit for the WWTP soon.
- He met with the Department of Fish & Game to review the area of recharge and continue discussions on possible conditions that would be acceptable to them and by default the rest of the protestors prior to a field visit to be held with the rest of the protestants.
- They conducted another video inspection of the Senior Ave well and they are working with Layne Pump to disinfect the well.
- The work is completed on the by-pass.
- He has begun working with the Department of Commerce and SIEDO to promote the "Opportunity Zone".

**Attorney Craig Hobdey:** Attorney Hobdey submitted letters and notices of interest to the Council.

**City Clerk Hollye Lierman:** City Clerk Hollye Lierman submitted letters and notices of interest to the Council.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Arkoosh moved to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 Section (b) to discuss personnel issues at 8:42 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Smith and Cram voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

ATTEST:

/s/ Hollye Lierman  
Hollye Lierman - City Clerk

/s/ Jeff Brekke  
Jeff Brekke - Mayor