

June 21, 2021

**Gooding City Council Minutes**

**Work Session**

The work session of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gooding, Idaho was called to order at 5:00 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on June 21, 2021.

**Roll Call**

Present were Mayor Brekke, Councilpersons Cram, Arkoosh, Pierce and Shepherd via phone.

**Employees**

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee, Treasurer Brenda Aquiso, City Clerk Hollye Lierman, Water/Sewer Supervisor Noel Edwards and Streets Supervisor Mitch Rogers.

**Visitors**

None.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the increases and decreases anticipated in revenue and expenses for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

**Public Hearing**

PURSUANT TO Idaho Code 63-1311A and Idaho Code 50-1002 a public hearing was held at 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on June 21, 2021 at 6:45 pm to consider public comment regarding the rezoning request by Julie Loder for property described as Township South, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian Section 6, approximately 1 acre of real property from Commercial Zoning to Industrial Zoning.

**Roll Call**

Present were Mayor Brekke, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, Pierce and Shepherd via phone.

**Employees**

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee and City Clerk Hollye Lierman.

**Visitors**

Present was John Bolton.

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### Agenda

Mayor Brekke opened the public hearing at 6:45 pm to consider a request by Julie Loder, property owner, for Township South, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian Section 6, for approval of a zone change on approximately 1 acres of real property from Commercial to Industrial.

As required by Idaho Code 67-6511 the Gooding City Council will consider how the rezone relates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Information pertinent to this request, including the proposed Rezone Map and the Comprehensive Plan, are available for review upon request at the Gooding City Hall.

Councilwoman Shepherd had a concern regarding the width of the road to the property. It was stated that the road belongs to the Canal Company and access to the property is an easement.

There being no further comments or business, the public hearing adjourned at 7:00 pm.

### 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 June 21, 2021. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke.

### Roll Call

Present were Mayor Brekke, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, Pierce and Shepherd via phone.

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

None.

### Visitors

Present was John Bolton.

### 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 Cram moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

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2. Delinquent Accounts To Be Sent To Statewide Collections  
Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried by roll call vote.

#### Visitors Business

**John Bolton; Idaho Chariot Car Club:** John Bolton invited the Council to attend the Gooding Car Show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind campus. The show will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He stated the Club is excited about this event and thinks there will be a great turnout. He stated there will also be food vendors and the Gooding Fire Department will be cooking pulled pork and hamburgers to raise money for the Burnout Fund.

#### Public Input

None.

#### Unfinished Business

**Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance:** Chief Fisher requested this be moved to the next meeting.

**Gooding City & Gooding Recreation District Agreement:** After review of the Gooding City & Gooding Recreation District Agreement Councilman Cram made a motion to approve the Agreement to operate and maintain the city pool. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

#### New Business

**Ervina Covcic & Connie Stopher; REDS & SIED Update:** Not present.

**SIED Request to Consider FY22 \$3,300 Membership Fee:** Mayor Brekke stated the Council approved the REDS FY22 membership fee and denied the SIED FY22 membership fee. SIED is requesting the Council reconsider their decision. Mayor Brekke read the letter from Ervina Covcic, SIED. Councilman Cram stated the numbers in the letter doesn't reflect Gooding, it reflects all of the Magic Valley. Councilwoman Shepherd stated she doesn't feel these numbers are from what they have done in our community. PWD Bybee stated SIED does fill out applications for broadband assistance and programs such as that. Mayor Brekke stated they did send out good information regarding COVID funding. The Council doesn't feel it's a bad thing to be a part of but they feel their effort is mainly put into Twin Falls and Jerome County. Councilman Arkoosh would like to request SIED to come back to discuss what SIED has done for the City of Gooding over the previous 10 years, what specifically they plan to do for the City of Gooding for \$3,300. The Council would like specific numbers for the City of Gooding. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to request a representative from SIED to attend a council meeting to discuss the expenditures that go directly towards the City of Gooding and Gooding County. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Mayor Brekke will draft a letter for the request.

**City Planning & Zoning Recommendation for Ace Hardware Property Rezone Request:** Planning & Zoning Chairman Terry Platts sent an email stating the City Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommends approval of this zoning change.

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**Ace Hardware Property Rezone Request:** After review of the rezone application Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the rezone request for Township South, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian Section 6 to be rezoned from Commercial to Industrial. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Airport Grant Application Approval:** PWD Bybee stated ITD has contacted the City in regards to grant money available for work listed on our AIP. After discussing this with T-O Engineers and Airport Manager Dale Thomas it was identified that there is some fencing that could be covered by this grant. The grant amount is \$111,500. Councilman Cram made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Request for State Airport Aid application. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #0211446 for Amendment 4 Water System Improvements:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #0211446 in the amount of \$60.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #0211448 for WWTP Project:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #0211448 in the amount of \$149,960.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Public Use of City Shooting Range:** Chief Fisher stated he was contacted by Sjun Bunderson regarding using the City shooting range for classes. Sjun has become a NRA certified instructor and has been assisting in teaching enhanced concealed weapons training as well as defensive handgun shooting. He would like to use the range on occasion to teach local classes. City Clerk Lierman has contacted ICRMP and their suggestion was to have the instructor provide their own insurance. PWD Bybee is concerned about the time it will take to remove the weeds and time it will take to get the range in operational use. Chief Fisher stated long range rifles should be prohibited based on past experiences. The Mayor asked Chief Fisher and PWD Bybee to create a list of what they would like to see allowed and not allowed on the property.

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Relief Funding:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to authorize the City Treasurer to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Relief Funding (ARPA). Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

**Department Reports**

**City Council:** Nothing to report.

**Police Chief Dave Fisher:** Chief Fisher stated Sabrina Becker will be returning the week before fair. He will be working on getting additional funding for the School Resource Program from ISDB and North Valley Academy.

The Mayor thanked Chief Fisher and his department for stepping up by issuing tickets.

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**Public Works Director Larry Bybee:**

**Attorney Brendan Ash:** Attorney Ash requested an executive session to discuss legal matters.

**City Clerk Hollye Lierman:** Nothing to report.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Arkoosh moved to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 Section (f) to communicate with legal counsel at 7:32 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Pierce, Cram and Shepherd voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

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Jeff Brekke - Mayor