

August 16, 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 5:30 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on August 16, 2021.

**Roll Call**

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

**Employees**

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee, City Clerk Hollye Lierman, Police Chief Dave Fisher and Treasurer Brenda Aquiso.

**Visitors**

John Gough, Dale Thomas and Linda Cheney.

**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 6:56 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 August 16, 2021. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Pierce.

**Roll Call**

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

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

None.

**Visitors**

Present were John Gough, Chad Thomas, Todd Thomas, Landunn Koyle, Terry Platts, Bryan Phinney, Timothy Paul, Maurine Paul, Spencer Larsen and Tim Pierson.

**Consent Calendar**

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*(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.)*

Nothing on the consent calendar.

### Visitors Business

**Airport Advisory Board:** John Gough stated the Airport Advisory Board spoke to the Mayor about doing upgrades to the pilot's lounge. John presented the list improvements for the Council to consider. The total estimated cost is \$28,700. John also stated the GAFA Fly In has been cancelled due to COVID. John then expressed his concerns regarding bad cracks on the taxiway. He would like to see those filled or fixed in the next 90 days.

Landunn Koyle had questions regarding the airport budget and expenditures. He would like the City to allow the Board to be more involved in the financials of the Airport.

Todd Thomas stated he would like a designated dirt strip between the runways for back country pilots. He feels this would be a great improvement to our Airport.

### Public Input

None.

### Unfinished Business

**Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance:** No update at this time.

**Vacation Rental Ordinance Draft:** Attorney Ash has been working with Attorney Misseldine on the draft.

**City Planning & Zoning Board Vacancy:** Mayor Brekke has reached out to a few citizens but they were not interested.

**O'Reilly Auto Enterprises Sanitary Sewer Connection Agreement:** City Clerk Lierman stated the City has not heard back from O'Reilly's since the last change was suggested.

### New Business

**Gooding School District Request to Waive Meter Installation Fee:** Gooding School District Superintendent Spencer Larsen stated the purchased a modular classroom to be placed behind the high school by the weight room. Mr. Larsen requested the city waive the water meter installation fee. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to waive the \$1,500 meter installation fee for the new modular classroom at the high school. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

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**Fireworks for Senior Night at Football Game on August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to authorize the use of fireworks for touchdowns for the senior night at the football game on August 27<sup>th</sup> waiving all applications and fees, conditional on the fact the School District and Fire District assume all liabilities. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates; Equipment Pre Purchase Agreement:** Bryan Phinney, Keller Associates, presented the Equipment Pre Purchase Agreements from Aqua Aerobic Systems, Huber Technology, Hydro International and Nexom. The agreements are for the prices discussed and they are locked in. Councilman Cram made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Aqua Aerobic Systems, Huber Technology, Hydro International and Nexom Agreements. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried. Attorney Ash stated he has reviewed the Trojan Technologies Agreement and advised the Council he recommends authorizing the Mayors signature. Councilman Pierce made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Trojan Technologies Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning Recommendation for 942 Idaho Street:** Planning & Zoning tabled this item until a survey of the property is completed. Mr. Platts expressed his concerns regarding setback requirements for corner lot properties. To meet the setback requirements they are forced to build a “shot gun” home or two story home unless a variance is granted.

**Approval or Denial for Variance for 942 Idaho Street:** No decision was made at this time.

**Planning & Zoning Recommendation for 1203 Idaho Street:** Terry Platts, P & Z Chairman, stated the Board had a tie. He stated the reasoning for two Board members objecting the approval of the variance for the fence is that it encroaches 17’7” into the city setback and was built without a permit. There were also concerns about parking and narrowing of the roadway on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave W. He stated the reasoning for two Board members approving the variance is due to the precedence the Council set when they approved the fence on Washington Street. They feel that if even if they deny the variance the Council will still overlook the P & Z recommendation and approve the variance for the fence at 1203 Idaho. Mayor Brekke suggested additional photos of the fence. Councilman Pierce suggested moving this item forward so that additional information can be obtained and a work session scheduled with the P & Z to discuss the matter.

**Approval or Denial for Variance at 1203 Idaho Street:** Tabled until the September 7, 2021 meeting.

**Sign Permit Approval for Gooding Senior Center/Timothy Paul:** Councilman Cram made a motion to approve the sign permit for the Gooding Senior Center and to waive the permit fee. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Sign Permit Approval for Amber Vincent:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the sign permit to be placed at 1661 Main Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

**Adopt Tentative Budget for FY2021/22:** Council Arkoosh made a motion to adopt the FY2021/22 tentative budget in the amount of \$26,836,476. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

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**Department Reports**

**City Council:** Nothing to report.

**Police Chief Dave Fisher:** Chief Fisher stated the quote from the cameras was higher than planned. PWD Bybee will be working with the Computer Zen to get a system that fits within the allowed budget.

**Public Works Director Larry Bybee:** Nothing to report.

**Attorney Brendan Ash:** Nothing to report.

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

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

ATTEST:

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Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

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Jeff Brekke - Mayor