

August 30, 2021

Gooding City Council Minutes

Public Hearing

PURSUANT TO Idaho Code 50-1002 a public hearing was held at 308 5th Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on August 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke.

Roll Call

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

Employees

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee, City Clerk Hollye Lierman, Police Chief Dave Fisher and Attorney Brendan Ash.

Visitors

Present were Linda Cheney, John Gough, Walt Nelson, Jeff Klamm, Dawn Bolish and Coletti Barratt.

Purpose

Mayor Brekke opened the public hearing to consider public comment regarding the proposed budget for FY 2021-22 appropriating the necessary funds to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of Gooding for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022. The proposed expenditures and revenues of \$26,851,476.00 have been tentatively approved.

Linda Cheney expressed her concerns regarding the cost of the annual audit and has suggested the City look into other agencies to prepare the annual audit. Her next concern was that the City pays for a full time Ordinance Enforcement Officer from multiple departments but she doesn't feel that full enforcement is being done within the city. Her final concern was adding an additional \$40,000 to the Road Maintenance Plan.

Walt Nelson expressed his concerns regarding the Road Maintenance Plan. He stated the city roads don't look good and he is concerned about the lack of maintenance. Walt asked for clarification as to why the amounts were budgeted in the airport maintenance line, the automotive purchase in the police department and the golf course maintenance in the parks department.

John Gough discussed the entitlement money that is issued to the Airport and how he would like to see it split. It was explained that the entitlement money does not come directly to the City and is used on FAA projects. John expressed his concern regarding the lack of weed maintenance at the Airport and has suggested delegating an employee to do weed maintenance a couple times per week.

There being no further comments or business, the public hearing adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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Special Meeting

The special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gooding, Idaho was called to order at 6:56 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5th Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on August 30, 2021.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Jeff Klamm, Dawn Bolish and Coletti Barratt.

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

Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to add North Valley Academy Request for 9/11 Event to the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Upon roll call motion was carried.

New Business

Ordinance No. 720; Annual Appropriations Ordinance for FY2021-22: Ordinance No. 720 was read in full by Mayor Brekke. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to suspend the rules to waive the second and third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 720. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 273; Raising Sanitation Fees: Councilman Pierce made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 273 to raise sanitation fees 3%. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried by roll call vote.

North Valley Academy Request for 9/11 Event: Principal Jeff Klamm stated North Valley Academy has been chosen among Idaho schools to represent the state and fly the Freedom Flag for the 20th anniversary of 9/11. NVA will be hosting a ceremony honoring the memory of 9/11 as they raise the Freedom Flag over their school grounds. The ceremony will be September 10th at 12:00 pm at NVA. The ceremony will include a color guard from the local Civil Air Patrol, local speakers, and a luncheon to follow. Mr. Klamm has requested assistance from the City and City Police Department to close down Main Street for 3 hours. Detective Becker is assisting Mr. Klamm with the permit from ITD. Mayor Brekke stated the City will do what it can to assist in the event.

There being no further business Councilman Cram made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor