

March 1, 2021

Gooding City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gooding, Idaho was called to order at 7:00 pm March 1, 2021. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Cram.

Roll Call

Present were Mayor Brekke, Councilpersons Cram, Pierce and Shepherd. Councilman Arkoosh was not present.

Visitors

Present were Duane Burg Sr., Phyllis Kochert, Austin Turner and by phone were David Tuthill and Ken Neely.

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.

1. February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$279,989.32
3. February Payroll in the amount of \$134,871.00
4. February Building Permits

No.	Date	Name	House	Street	Use	Value	Fee
02-21	2/18/21	Pro Active Behavioral	215	University E	Alteration	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 368.36
03-21	2/18/21	NTCH - Idaho LLC	775	Agri Lane	Addition	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 895.54
						\$ 53,000.00	\$ 1,263.90

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

None.

Public Input

Duane Burg Sr.: Duane received a pink tag on his garbage can at 113 11th Ave West. The tag asked that he only use the can for household garbage. Duane stated his wife had been cleaning up the property and had put yard waste in the can which they have done every year but this was the first time his can had been tagged. Public Works Director Bybee stated he will look into why the can was tagged and will get back to Duane.

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Unfinished Business

Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance: Tabled at this time.

Gooding Historical Society Sign Permit Approval: Phyllis Kochert has reached out to PWD Bybee regarding street signage on Highway 26 and Highway 46 for the museum. She would like them placed at both entrances. After discussion it was decided it would be best to purchase four signs. The signage would have Museum with an arrow and would be approximately 9" x 30". Mayor Brekke offered to personally pay for half of the cost for the signs if the Board agrees to move forward. Phyllis will be in contact with PWD Bybee regarding the board's decision. Councilman Pierce made a motion to approve the sign request for the Gooding Historical Society under the guidance of PWD Bybee and in compliance with Idaho Transportation Department. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

Special Parking Application & Permit for RV Parking at Bennett Hills: Councilman Pierce made a motion to approve the parking of the RV at Bennett Hills pending approval from the Health Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Shipping Containers, Railroad Boxcars or Other Containers Used for Storage in City Limits: Mayor requested this item be moved forward. Austin Turner asked what the requirements will be. The Mayor stated the Council would like to have the containers meet set back requirements, be painted, no water or sewer hookup and must obtain a permit.

New Business

Recharge Development Management Recharge Plan: Ken Neely stated DEQ is looking for an update to the Management Plan. DEQ has made changes to the format of the plans. The update shows everything is working well and there are no concerns. Ken submitted the updated Management Plan to DEQ this week. Councilman Cram made a motion to approve Recharge Development Corporation to take control of the Recharge Plan and submissions to DEQ. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

RDC/DEQ Water Quality Monitoring Plan Revision: This item was taken care of in the last item that was approved.

Authorization to Request Additional Cares Grant Support for the Airport: Councilman Pierce made a motion for PWD Bybee to apply for an additional \$13,000 through the Cares Grant Support for the Airport. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Authorize Mayor to Sign Grant Application Amending Request Letter: Councilman Cram made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grant Application Amending Request letter for the Runway 7 Extension – Phase 1. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

Gooding County Flood Risk Review Meeting Update: PWD Bybee stated Councilwoman Shepherd and P & Z Chairman Platts were in attendance for the virtual meeting. The meeting was held to update

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the communities on the progress of the mapping update within the Big Wood Watershed and Gooding County. PWD Bybee stated the meeting went well and they listened to all of the questions and concerns that were brought up. They recognize the City would like to see the maps updated as soon as possible. It was suggested a FEMA initiated Letter of Map Revision may be used to expedite the process. Councilman Cram made a motion for the agencies to move forward to expedite the flood risk map update. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

Tree & Brush Yard Operations Update: PWD Bybee stated after reviewing the procedure to charge non city residents at the tree yard the idea became a larger task than the City could handle. He stated the yard would be open on Saturday's but the office wouldn't be so non-city residents wouldn't be able to pay which would cause retaliation at the gate and the Clerks in the office would need to take on an additional task by measuring loads and collecting money before a citizen could use the yard. There were just multiple conflicts that were a cause for concern. PWD Bybee stated he would like the Council's approval to open the yard on April 1st, Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am till 6:00 pm and only accept tree limbs and brush no greater than 12" in diameter, lawn clippings and leaves. All other waste such as pallets, boards, trees, etc. can be taken to the Wendell Transfer Station. Councilwoman Shepherd made the motion to approve the change. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Schedule Special Meeting with Gooding Library District Board to Discuss Agreement: The Mayor asked City Clerk Lierman to contact the Library District Board to choose three dates for which they can meet and the Council will choose one of those three dates.

Department Reports

City Council: Nothing to report.

Police Chief Dave Fisher: Chief Fisher stated there was a post on Facebook regarding the amount of cats in town. The City doesn't currently have an ordinance for cats. Discussion was held on cat control such as spay or neuter. Chief Fisher stated he has not found a replacement for the Detective position.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee: PWD stated he is working with Region IV for money for the BMX Park. He would like to have an open house to discuss different designs. He would like to phase the project. The Mayor suggested taking the grass layer off of the track for riders to use. He stated following the cyber-attack in Florida his crew will be reviewing safety protocols. PWD Bybee reported FEMA has received the Executive Summary for the bridge design work.

Attorney Brendan Ash: Nothing to report.

City Clerk Hollye Lierman: City Clerk Lierman reminded the Council the Public Hearing will be this Thursday.

There being no further business Councilman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor