

March 15, 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 15, 2021. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Pierce.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Todd Bunn, Susan Bolton, Sara Schwarz, Thomas Gould, Pam Villarreal and Bryan Phinney.

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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Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

Todd Bunn – Property Clean Up: Todd Bunn requested property clean up at 942 Idaho Street. He stated this is not about the fire or demolition, it's about what has been accumulating at the property for years. There are very unhappy neighbors that feel the same way. He feels this sets a bad example for the rest of the community and it's next to a City park. Todd also stated the owners have partially parked their trailer back onto the Cities right of way. Mayor Brekke stated the City will notify the owners by letter. Todd stated anything the City can do would be appreciated by the community and offered his services if needed.

Public Input

Thomas Gould, 820 Michigan St: Thomas Gould stated he worked for the Census taking surveys. He would help complete surveys by going house to house. He stated while doing this he noticed a lot of variations to how citizens decorate their homes. He stated he came across homes that were below code or below certain standards. Thomas asked the Council to take a tour to see the homes in the community.

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Unfinished Business

Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance: Chief Fisher stated he is working with Attorney Ash and Attorney Misseldine with the ordinance.

Shipping Containers, Railroad Boxcars or Other Containers Used for Storage in City Limits:
The Mayor stated he is still working on the ordinance.

New Business

Sara Schwarz – Special Use Permit for Chickens Update: Sara stated since obtaining the temporary special use permit for four hens everything has went well. There have not been any complains. Mayor Brekke will schedule a time with Sara to inspect her set up and will discuss moving forward with the Council at the next meeting.

Keller Associates Invoice #0210342 for WWTP Project: Councilman Pierce made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #0210342 in the amount of \$58,560.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

Keller Associates Update on 4th Ave Booster Station: Bryan Phinney, Keller Associates, stated 90% of the design for the 4th Ave Booster Pump Station has been completed. A planning design was held with PWD Bybee and Water Supervisor Noel Edwards. This design is to replace the 500 GPM booster, replacement of the tank fill valve that has not been operational for years and the replacement of the 1,000 GPM booster. They are working toward the final design with the integration of comments from City staff. This will then go to DEQ. This will be funded by the remaining grant funds from USDA-RD. PWD Bybee stated staff has chosen to use the grant funds for the 500 GPM booster and short lived asset funds will be used to purchase the tank fill valve. He will then budget to purchase the 1,000 GPM booster.

Keller Associates Update for the Waste Water Facility Planning Study: Pam Villarreal, Keller Associates, stated the amendment for the Waste Water Facility Planning Study was completed and submitted to USDA-RD and DEQ for review. The amendment was approved on March 11, 2021. The Environmental Report was also completed and submitted to USDA-RD and DEQ. The Environmental Report has been granted Conditional Approval pending a Preliminary Floodplain Notice and 14 day public comment period. If no substantial comments are received USDA-RD will issue a Final Floodplain Notice and grant final approval once the public comment period ends on March 31, 2021. The Preliminary Engineering Report is undergoing final review now. It will be submitted to USDA-RD and DEQ upon completion.

Gooding High School Class of 2021 Donation Request: Mayor Brekke will be personally donating \$100.00 to the GHS Class of 2021.

2021 Fair Housing Proclamation: Mayor Brekke read the 2021 Fair Housing Proclamation. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt the 2021 Fair Housing Proclamation. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

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Resolution No. 271 Destruction of Records: Mayor Brekke read Resolution No. 271 for destruction of records. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 271. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

Tiny Homes Within City Limits: City Clerk Lierman stated a customer has asked to put a tiny home in her back yard. We currently don't have a code for tiny homes. Clerk Lierman has checked with surrounding cities and at this time the other cities do not have a code relating to tiny homes. The Mayor suggested the Council review the information from the Idaho Division of Building Safety. Todd Bunn stated some things to consider are splitting parcels, water and sewer connections and easements if they are allowed.

Department Reports

City Council: Nothing to report.

Police Chief Dave Fisher: Chief Fisher stated he has been watching the property at 942 Idaho Street. 601 Oregon has been cleaned. Chief Fisher came across a vacant property ordinance. He stated 402 4th Ave E is a mess and is vacant. Discussion was held on appliances in the alley.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee: PWD Bybee stated the Tree & Brush Yard will be opening on April 1st.

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 Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor