

May 18, 2020

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 in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5th Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on May 18, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Cram.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Susan Bolton, Officer Jessica Ramos & family, Officer Zach Walter & family and Officer Emanuel Delgadillo Nieves.

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 Arkoosh. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

None.

Public Input

Mayor Brekke stated Councilman Cram has suggested the Council participate in the parade to congratulate the graduating Seniors on May 21st at 5:30 pm.

Unfinished Business

Front Counter Window Replacement Quote: Mayor Brekke contacted Pacific Iron and Steel and Hatfield Manufacturing. Pacific Iron and Steel's quote is in the amount of \$956.00 for $\frac{3}{4}$ in. 4x8 mild steel plate. Hatfield Manufacturing's quote is in the amount of \$816.00 for a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. 4x8 AR rated hardened steel plate. The Mayor suggested moving forward with Hatfield Manufacturing. Quotes for the window replacement will be reviewed again at the next council meeting.

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Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs): A work session is scheduled for Wednesday May 20th at 5:30 pm.

Windy Acres Land Swap: Tabled.

AARF Truck: The Mayor stated he has changes to the ARFF truck agreement before presenting it to the Fire Commissioners. Rather than transferring ownership of the dually owned building at 422 Idaho St., 422 Idaho St. shall be deeded to the City of Gooding. 420 Idaho St. is wholly owned by the City. Councilman Arkoosh authorized the change to the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Utility Rates for Hangers at Airport: Tabled.

Proposed Ordinance for Poultry in City Limits: Councilman Smith expressed his concerns regarding chickens in city limits. He stated noise in a compact neighborhood would be an issue. He did some research and it is recommended that chickens need a housed coop with 10 to 12 sq. ft. per bird. He stated not everyone would think of the space that is suggested per bird or the cleanup it would take. In his research chickens carry diseases if not vaccinated properly. These diseases can be transmitted to humans. He stated the City already has an animal control issue and the City is unable to staff additional help. Enforcement would be an issue. Chickens would provide food for stray dogs causing additional work for the Ordinance Officer. Councilman Smith believes that property values would drop due to chickens and this would hurt the City. Most citizens wanting chickens are not the homeowner and the homeowner wouldn't have a say in their value going down. Councilman Smith stated the proper procedures for the special use permit was not followed. The permit issued did not have the proper signatures and authorization was given without the permit being completed. He stated the Council needs to be cautious in all decisions made. He doesn't feel there is a need to change the ordinance to allow chickens.

New Business

Rural Economic Development Services (REDS) Commitment Match & Southern Idaho

Economic Development (SIED) Membership: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the commitment match of \$1,500 to REDS for FY21 and the FY21 membership to SEID in the amount of \$3,300. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried. Mayor Brekke requested a representative come and update the Council on the productivity the City receives.

Graduation Ceremony: Councilman Arkoosh stated he was approached by School Board Director Jim Brockman regarding the graduation ceremony. Due to COVID-19, the School District is discussing what they can do to have a graduation ceremony and wanted to know if the City would allow the ceremony. The School Board will be meeting May 19th to discuss the details of the ceremony. At this time they are discussing holding the ceremony on the football field and abiding with the social distancing requirements. The Council has chosen not authorize or deny the ceremony since it is being held on the School Districts property.

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Amendment to Health Reimbursement Account to include CARES ACT changes: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to accept the amendment to the health reimbursement account to include the CARES ACT changes. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Amendment to Flexible Spending Account to include CARES ACT changes: Councilman Cram made a motion to accept the amendment to the flexible spending account to include the CARES ACT changes. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher:

- Chief Fisher presented certifications to Officer Zach Walter and Jessica Ramos for completing POST.
- Chief Fisher stated he placed a post on Facebook regarding parking of RV's on streets. Some citizens have moved their RV's. He suggested changing the ordinance to change the hours an RV can be parked on the street for loading and unloading purposes.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee:

- The parks reopened on May 16th. Signs will be placed to remind citizens to continue to practice social distancing.
- The tree grinder is overheating and we are not making much progress on the pile. The approximate cost to fix the grinder is \$20,000.
- The City is receiving a \$30,000 grant to replace street signs. He will work with the engineers to plan what signs need to be replaced and begin to order what is needed.
- Spring Clean Up has begun. The crew will be out next week to pick up the piles.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Attorney Hobdey is working on a memorandum of agreement between the City and American Falls Reservoir District #2 regarding incorrect water certificates the City has been being billed for.

City Clerk Hollye Lierman: Nothing.

Councilman Cram: Councilman Cram would like to find a way to remind citizens that their responsibility for weeds is to the middle of the street and to the middle of the alley.

There being no further business Councilman Cram made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman - City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor