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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 6:00 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5th Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on June 15, 2020.

Roll Call

Present were Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, Shepherd and Smith. Mayor Jeff Brekke was not present.

Employees

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

Visitors

Present were Walt Nelson and Sharon Couch with Starley Leavitt.

Purpose

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the increases and decreases anticipated in revenue and expenses for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The Council reviewed the proposed Airport budget. Sharon Couch presented the Council with other options of health Insurance packages and rates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 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 5th Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on June 15, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Aquiso.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Walt Nelson, Terry Platts, and Ervina Covcic.

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

None.

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.)

Council President Arkoosh 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 Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

Ervina Covcic; SIED & REDS Update: REDS Coordinator, Ervina Covcic came to give an update to the Council. She presented them with a win's list of what they have done in the last year. Some of the things on the win's list in the Gooding area included, helping the Gooding Urban Renewal get started and referred them to Joe Herring who used to be the Region IV Development President, to come and attend meetings. With the help of Joe things got going on really good start. Also on the win's list there was an Asset Mapping Project that was done prior to Alexa Wilhelm's departure, which had been done through Southern Idaho Tourism. They also did a "Spend A Day Campaign" which was a campaign to encourage folks to come to Gooding and spend a day and spend money locally. According to their online statistics it's been seen with over 4,500 impressions. When Ervina started in February there had been several projects submitted on behalf of the Gooding City. She has been helping with expansion of Ballard Cheese, such as online marketing and social media. They have also been working with Sliman & Butler Irrigation with hiring. They have connected them with CSI Workforce as well as a Veteran Specialist that can help them get Veteran Certified. When things got a bit difficult such as everyone shutting their doors due to the pandemic they started a "Shout Out Rural Campaign" for each rural community through social media to help spread the word for businesses that are having sales or giving discounts to customers. For the Gooding area they received over a hundred likes, almost a hundred shares and over 6,000 impressions from this campaign. Ervina mentioned that in the future when things get better she will continue with her business visits as well as a monthly marketing training series which would entail going to each central community area to do trainings on website development and social media training to help out with advertisement. She also mentioned that they produce SIED/RED money for Operation Facelift, whatever the City puts into the SIED's or RED's program the City would receive a portion of the money back. The City will be getting a 17% discount from both programs this next year due to the pandemic. The Council thanked Ervina for her time.

Public Input

Tom Woodland; City of Gooding Sign: Mr. Woodland asked the Council via phone for permission to put up something on the City of Gooding sign that would read, "Thank you Gooding Police Department", or something similar. The Council all thought it would be a great idea.

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Walt Nelson: Mr. Nelson with the Airport Advisory Board stated he attended the previous Council meeting and brought to the Council's attention the vacancy on the Advisory Board and what their plan was as far as filling the position. He said there are three individuals interested. Those interested are Landon Koyle, Mickey Cockerham and Tyler Hatfield. The Council asked for this to be added to the next agenda on July 6th to be discussed.

Unfinished Business

Brent Owen; Sewer Connection Outside City Limits: Councilman Cram made a motion to allow Brent Owen to tie into the existing sewer line outside city limits. Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. All ayes, motion carried.

Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs): Chief Fisher went over Dog Ordinance No. 637, which talked about the types of animals that are allowed within city limits. This ordinance talks about a Kennel Permit as well as having proof of rabies to license a dog in accordance with Ordinance No. 559, (or this ordinance) but did not have any wording stating the dog had to be licensed. Ordinance No. 666, Chief Fisher suggested to remove the "habitually" verbiage. He mention adding the time spent on a chain to this area of the ordinance and change "any time" not to be a set number of hours but a number of hours within a certain number of hours, such as 12 hours in a 24 hour period of time. He recommends when receiving an adoption fee to also include a dog license along with the adoption fee. He asks that the Council review the changes that they would like to see be made and bring their concerns forward if any.

Windy Acres Land Swap: Tabled.

AARF Truck: Councilman Arkoosh stated they are waiting to hear back from the Gooding Fire District regarding the agreement for approval.

New Business

Terry Platts; Impact Area Revision: Chairman of the Gooding Planning & Zoning Commission, Mr. Platts, read his letter to the Council. It states that the P&Z Commission is concerned about the City's lack of control with the development that happens in the City's Area of Impact. Speaking for the P&Z Commission, they believe it is an appropriate time to renegotiate with Gooding County, in regards to the Gooding Area of City Impact and the controlling regulations. The Commission recommends moving the impact area boundary one half of a mile west from existing at 1800 East to 1750 East on the west side of the City. Development has increased in the area of where Clover Creek Subdivision is being developed.

Mr. Platts gave the Council an update on the Comprehensive Plan. He brought to their attention that the Commission should be compensated for all their hard work they've put into the Comp Plan. The Council thanked Mr. Platts.

TNT Fireworks Application Approval: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the TNT Fireworks Application. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. All ayes, motion carried.

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Outlet Fireworks Application Approval: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Outlet Fireworks Application. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. All ayes, motion carried.

Phantom Fireworks Application: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Phantom Fireworks Application. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. All ayes, motion carried.

Authorization for Mayor to Sign FAA 3-16-0014-015-2020 Grant Agreement: Councilman Cram made a motion to allow authorization for the Mayor to sign FAA 3-16-0014-015-2020 Airport Grant Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. All ayes, motion carried.

Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance (City Code 5-9-10(b)): Chief Fisher gave the Council a rough draft to review of what he's found in other cities ordinances pertaining to oversized vehicles, storage of vehicles, motorhomes and trailers on public streets.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher:

- One of the new police cars has arrived. They are Hybrid, battery powered and quiet. They have received lots of good comments about them.
- Ordinance Officer Mike Kelley will be out for 5 weeks or so due to a kidney transplant.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee:

- They have been cutting down trees at the West Park and on Main Street. People have asked about taking the wood from the trees but it's part of the tree company's agreement that they get to keep the wood.
- PWD Bybee completed his 3 day online Flood Plain Awareness Conference.
- They are hoping to have the wood chipper put back together and running by next week.
- Budget discussions will need to be discussed for the funding of services such as the Tree Yard as a possibility.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Nothing

Treasurer Brenda Aquiso: Nothing.

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:

/s/ Brenda Aquiso
Brenda Aquiso - Treasurer

/s/ Mitch Arkoosh
Mitch Arkoosh – Council President