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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 July 20, 2020.

Roll Call

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

Employees

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

Visitors

None.

Purpose

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the increases and decreases anticipated in revenue and expenses for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 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 July 20, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Smith.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Terry Platts, Desiree DeGiorgio, Brylee Drury, Noah Drury Jr., Bruce McGhee, Samantha Knittle Leija, Walt Nelson and Greg Summers.

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

None.

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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 Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

Brylee Drury; BMX Park & Stop Signs: Brylee stated there are intersections in the City that she feels need stop signs such as 6th and Colorado, 6th and California, 6th and Montana, 7th and Montana. She stated there are a few more that need looked at such as 4th and 5th Ave East since the kids use those streets to go to the swimming pool. Mayor Brekke stated the City is already looking at all of the safety signs in town.

Brylee requested the City change 9th Ave East to a one way street. Since the North Valley buses park on that street it blocks most of the road to cars that need through. She stated there have been some close calls and accidents at that intersection.

Brylee stated she seen a Police Officer that had two girls that were wearing tank tops doing jumping jacks. She felt it was inappropriate. Her nephew was later pulled over and the Officer said he could do 100 sit-ups and the Officer would shred the ticket. Brylee asked Chief Fisher if this was really going on. Chief Fisher stated they usually do it through the school to minimize the effect on the parents. Rather than parents getting hit with a higher insurance premium the kids can pay by doing jumping jacks, sit ups or running, etc. Brylee stated she understands why they are doing it but feels it can be approached differently. She feels the parents should be notified and if girls are not dressed appropriately they should not be required to do the request. Chief Fisher stated the youth have up to two weeks to complete the request and is usually done at the school. It is an option for the youth not a requirement. He will look into the incident she is speaking about.

Brylee stated she pays \$10.00 each year for a dog tag for her mini yorkie. She doesn't feel there is a benefit to purchasing a dog tag. Her dog is continually getting out due to her kids or that when he is outside he can fit through a small hole in the fence. She would like to see a benefit to the law abiding citizens that purchase a tag such as a discount on impound fees.

Brylee stated she has limited parking at her house for her camp trailer. She had an Officer approach her with a pamphlet regarding trailer coach parking. She is required to keep the mailbox cleared for the mail lady. If she doesn't she won't get her mail. They own a couple of vehicles and have a babysitter there daily. She stated she doesn't have room in her backyard and if she parks her camp trailer in her yard it upsets her neighbor. She doesn't feel her trailer is blocking any views. She is limited on where she can park since she is not on a corner property. She stated it is money out of her pocket to pay for storage for her trailer. She is asking the Council to look at the ordinance and consider citizens with little room. Mayor Brekke stated there are too many trailers on the roadways that

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impede people's visibility, encroach on sidewalks and right of ways and if the Council makes an exception for one then everyone would want one.

Brylee stated she was here two years ago trying to get bikes and scooters approved in the skate park because they had nowhere to ride. At that time she was declined because a pump track was in the plans to be built. She is frustrated because not only are bikes and scooters still using the skate park but the pump track still hasn't been built. She feels the City has such an amazing thing that is not being used to its fullest potential. She would like the Council to revisit allowing bikes and scooters. Mayor Brekke stated the City has began on the pump track by acquiring the land from the School District. Now the plans are being worked on. Brylee stated she is aware of a few people that would be willing to come teach lessons on formalities to make the skate park safe for all users. Mayor Brekke stated the Council will look into this more.

Public Input

Bruce McGhee; Trailer Parking & Dogs: Bruce stated he lives in the middle of the block with his trailer parked in front of his house. His trailer is not obstructing any view except his own. His trailer is registered and licensed and is not an eye sore. He wanted to know why he would need to move his trailer since it is licensed. Mayor Brekke stated multiple citizens have complained about eye sore and trailers parked in the roadways. Bruce stated there isn't anyone on his block that has complained. He stated that he understands if the trailers aren't registered and are broken down but his trailer is 3 feet off the road and is not in the way. Mayor Brekke stated the trailer parking ordinance has been in place since 1970 but has not fully been enforced. Bruce also stated that he has looked into storage but isn't comfortable leaving his trailer due to the number of break-ins that happen at storage units.

Councilman Smith stated the safety part of this ordinance is to make sure the trailers are not being occupied and keeps the community safer.

Bruce also stated that his significant other has been bitten 3 times in the last 2 years walking. He stated her poodle has also been attacked while she was walking. The last time she was bitten the dog owner was taken to court, was fined and she was required to pay for the pants her dog destroyed. He stated nothing has happened. Mayor Brekke stated the Council is currently working on the dog ordinance. The new ordinance will have more enforcement and higher fines.

Terry Platts; Dogs: Terry Platts stated he has lived here for a long time and the dog problem was severe until the dog pound was built. He stated the work the Police and Mike Kelley have done has been phenomenal.

Unfinished Business

Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs): A work session is scheduled for July 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Chief Fisher did present the Council with a draft ordinance. Councilman Smith stated he agrees with Bruce McGhee and knows there is a dog problem and understands.

Windy Acres Land Swap: Attorney Hobdey does not expect to hear anything until harvest is over.

AARF Truck: Mayor Brekke stated the Fire District has submitted the agreement to their attorney to review.

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Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance: A work session is scheduled for July 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Airport Advisory Board Vacancy: Mayor Brekke stated he has not found anyone interested in being on the Airport Advisory Board. Mickey Cockerham informed Mayor Brekke he was too busy at this time to be on the board. PWD Bybee stated it was decided to move Landunn Koyle into the 2 year position leaving the 1 year term available. He also stated Klyn Cheney is an alternate. Mayor Brekke will contact Klyn.

Create RFP for Local Businesses to do Property Clean Up: Attorney Hobdey stated PWD Bybee and himself will look into creating a Request for Qualifications rather than Request for Proposals.

New Business

Terry Platts, Planning & Zoning; Variance Permit for 2221 Main Street: Mr. DeHart has submitted a variance permit for 2221 Main Street. He is asking for a 3 foot variance to add a mobile home in his mobile home park. Terry stated Planning & Zoning has reviewed the variance and was approved but it was their recommendation since Mr. DeHart is removing 3 large trees to place the mobile home and then plant a 6 foot organic screening to block the view of the mobile home. Mr. DeHart was planning on planting lilac bushes but Terry feels it would be best for him to plant evergreen trees since lilac bushes would lose their leaves in the winter. PWD Bybee stated he would like to know what is actually going into place before approval of the permit. After review of the variance permit the Mayor suggested tabling this item until Mr. DeHart or his property manager can attend the meeting to answer questions.

Gooding County Special Use Permit: PWD Bybee stated this item can be tabled at this time.

Fence Permit for 1041 Wyoming Street: The owner was not present. PWD Bybee asked for this item to be removed until the owner can present the plans for the proposed fence plans.

Notice to Proceed for the Paving for the Runway Extension at Airport: Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice to Proceed. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

FAA Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Program Project #3-16-0014-2020: The Mayor and Attorney have previously signed the FAA Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Program Project #3-16-0014-2020. No action taken.

Shipping Containers, Railroad Boxcars or Other Containers Used for Freight in City Limits: City Clerk Lierman stated shipping containers are becoming more popular to use as storage containers. PWD Bybee stated a discussion needs to be held whether they are permitted or not. Greg Summers stated he has a shipping container. He was under the impression that because it was less than 240 sq. ft. it does not require a permit or approval. Greg uses his container for storing tires and other items. City Clerk Lierman stated that most of the containers do not meet set back requirements. Mayor Brekke asked to add this item to the next agenda.

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Request to Change Budget Public Hearing from August 3rd to August 17th: City Clerk Lierman asked the Council to change the budget public hearing from August 3rd to August 17th to allow more time to complete the budget. Councilman Cram made a motion to change the budget public hearing from August 3rd to August 17th. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried. County Clerk Gill will be notified.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher: Chief Fisher stated he has been working on ordinance changes. Officer Walter is no longer a full time officer for the City, he will stay with the City as a Reserve Officer. Chief Fisher has received applications for the CSO position and the officer position. He hopes soon they will do interviews. One of the officers was taking a juvenile to Twin Falls when his car started smoking. The City mechanic believes it is due to a blown head gasket.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee: The Council discussed the pump track with PWD Bybee and what materials and equipment would be needed for the project. PWD Bybee stated the water line will need to be relocated first.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Nothing to report.

City Clerk Hollye Lierman: City Clerk Lierman presented the South Central Public Health District Resolution 2020-1, establishing standards for face coverings for individuals when they are in public places.

There being no further business Councilman Cram made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor