

September 8, 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 September 8, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Dean Gooding, Kit John, Randy Quigley, Terry Platts, Lakin Tsetsakis, Rod Thomas, Cindy Bigler, Rick Breshears, Walt Nelson, Landunn Koyle, Dale Thomas, Alexie Thomas, Bryan Phinney, Nate Benson via Zoom, Sam Kuoha, Jeannie Kuoha, Kanike Kuoha and Taylor Rockford.

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

Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to add Washington Federal Bank Sign Permit to new business. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes
2. August 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$126,678.23
4. August Payroll in the amount of \$122,853.64
5. August Building Permits

No.	Date	Name	House	Street	Use	Value	Fee
40-20	8/6/20	Maurilo Lopez	518	Utah	Remodel	\$ 30,342.06	\$ 601.02
41-20	8/10/20	Cristina Legarreta	418	Wyoming	Addition	\$ 5,616.00	\$ 161.82
42-20	8/12/20	Solid Rock Baptist Church	2148	Main	Addition/Steps	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 305.99
43-20	8/13/20	Kathi Dains	2102	Washington	Fence	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 30.00
						\$ 48,258.06	\$ 1,098.83

6. Delinquent Accounts to be sent to Statewide Collections

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

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Visitors Business

Dean Gooding; Parking on Main Street: Dean Gooding, owner of the Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast at 112 Main Street, would like the Council to reconsider parking on Main Street for semi trucks. Dean stated he has lost business this year because truckers were not allowed to park in front of his hotel and didn't have a place to park. Dean suggested adding a time limit to the ordinance rather than not allowing semi parking at all.

Public Input

None.

Unfinished Business

Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs): Chief Fisher asked the Council to review the proposed ordinance. Attorney Hobdey stated Chief Fisher and himself will need to meet to discuss the proposed ordinance.

Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance: Tabled at this time.

Shipping Containers, Railroad Boxcars or Other Containers Used for Freight in City Limits: Tabled at this time.

ARFF Truck Agreement: Mayor Brekke has reached out to the Fire District and has not received a call back.

New Business

Tait Engineering; Discuss Possible Connections to City Water & Sewer Services: PWD Bybee stated Tait Engineering has a client looking at purchasing property outside of city limits but adjacent to city services. Alex from Tait Engineering stated they are proposing constructing an O'Reilly Auto Parts in Gooding. Currently the property is outside city limits and he understands that in order to extend services they would not need to be annexed for sewer services but would need to be annexed for water services. Attorney Hobdey stated that if the city agrees to provide services the property can be annexed at any time. Alex asked the Council and City staff to look into the measurements for sewer and water connections to better address the issue.

Cindy Bigler, Gooding Public Library; Wi-Fi Access: The Library has applied for a grant from Idaho Commissions for Libraries to increase Wi-Fi access. Currently the Wi-Fi access is not 24/7. Approximately 5 years ago the Council chose to limit the access due to inappropriate use of the Wi-Fi and other reasons such as curfew violations. Mayor is not apposed but would like to get better lighting in the parking lot and would like the Wi-Fi to be filtered. Cindy also stated the Library has received \$10,000 from the AARP Community Improvement Grant. They will be using the grant to place garbage cans and picnic tables in the park at City Hall.

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Brent Owen; Discuss Sewer Service: Brent Owen was not present. He will be attending the next council meeting.

Rod Thomas, Thomas Helicopters & Randy Quigley, Gooding Airport Flyers Association:

Discuss Dust in Hangers at Airport: Rod Thomas stated there is a concern for dust accumulating in the hangers at the Airport. The dust is due to the amount of traffic coming to and from the silage pit on the property next to the Airport. Rod stated this began years ago but has gotten worse over the years. He stated the owner of the property causing the dust has applied water numerous times to try to help settle the dust but it is not helping. Rod's concerns are the dust in the engines of the planes, dust on the plastic windows that get scratched and ruining the buildings at the Airport. Rod believes the FAA can claim eminent domain due to the safety of the Airport. Randy Quigley also expressed his concerns regarding the dust in the hangers. He stated pilots spend an hour or more cleaning the hangers and planes before they can fly. This amount of dust reduces the life in the instruments used to fly. GAFA does appreciate the effort from the property owner to water the dust but it is dried out within hours. They would like to see growth at the Airport and if a business, such as a paint shop, comes to the Airport they would quickly see our Airport would not be a suitable location due to the dust. Walt Nelson, Airport Advisory Board Chairman stated Judd and Lisa Astorquia attended the last Airport Advisory Board meeting. They are willing to help however they can. Walt suggested the Council meet with the Astorquia's, GAFA and the hanger owners to come to a viable solution. Mayor Brekke stated he will contact Judd to set up a meeting.

Later in the meeting Dale Thomas stated he has been working with Larry Bybee and T-O Engineers. It has been suggested swapping land with Judd Astorquia. It would be a longer drive for the truck drivers but it would eliminate the dust issue. He has numerous pilots angry that he has sold them a hanger and is now dealing with this dirt issue. Another suggestion is to move the pit to the North. He stated no option will be perfect but something needs to be done and he feels it is in the Council's hands to do something. Dale stated everyone has been able to deal with the dirt when the silage pit was one small pit but now there are three large silage pits. Dale has spoken to the FAA and there is money available for eminent domain and will support the City if the dirt is a safety issue to the Airport.

Keller Associates WWTP Design Options: Bryan Phinney, Keller Associates, requested authorization from the Council to seek additional funding through USDA-RD to replace funding already received from DEQ. Bryan stated interest rates have decreased and grant availability have increased making USDA-RD very attractive. Bryan presented the comparison table between DEQ and USDA-RD.

Comparison Table:

	<u>DEQ</u>	<u>USDA- RD</u>
Funds Authorized	May 2018	Anticipate 12/2020
Loan Amount	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
Grant Amount	\$0	\$3,000,000
Interest Rate	1.75%	1.125%/1.5%
Term (years)	30	40
Approximate Annual Loan Payment	\$386,000	\$280,000/\$300,000
Total Interest Paid over Life of Loan	\$2,510,000	\$2,140,000/\$2,910,000

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Davis Bacon Wages Required	Yes	No/Yes if DEQ funds included
American Iron and Steel Required	Yes	Yes
Interim Financing Required	No	Yes
CDBG Grant (secured)	\$500,000	\$500,000
Army Corps of Engineers (to be applied for)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Possible Total Project.	\$10,500,000	\$13,500,000

Bryan stated it is possible to flip funding and is under the current contract for Keller to do so with Council authorization. PWD Bybee stated the City worked with RCAC on a sewer rate study and stated the Council is not interested in increasing rates again. Bryan stated this will be a point of discussion with USDA-RD. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to allow Keller Associates to pursue USDA-RD funds. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Keller Associates Invoice #2 for 4th Ave Booster Station: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #2 in the amount of \$11,200. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

DEQ Outlay Request Form #18 for WWTP: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the DEQ Outlay Request Form #18 in the amount of \$16,120.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Terry Platts, Planning & Zoning; Comprehensive Plan Draft: Terry Platts presented a draft of the Comprehensive Plan to the Council. He stated Joe Herring along with Planning & Zoning have worked hard on preparing the plan and he suggested the Council and Attorney Hobdey take time to fully read the plan.

Terry has requested the Council meet with the County Commissioners to discuss expanding the City Impact Area.

Terry also expressed his concerns regarding the proposed O’Rielly Auto Parts store being connected to city services without being annexed.

City Council Vacancy: Mayor Brekke stated Councilman Colin Smith has submitted his resignation. His family has moved out of the area. It is with great regret that he accepts Councilman Smith’s resignation letter. Councilman Cram made a motion to accept Councilman Smith’s resignation. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried. Mayor Brekke stated there have been three citizens interested in completing Councilman Smith’s term, Diane Houser, Jerry Pierce and Terry Platts. Terry stated he throws all of his support to Diane Houser and thanked the Mayor.

Community Forestry Advisor Agreement: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion for the Mayor to sign the Community Forestry Advisor Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Idaho Materials & Construction Pay Request #1 for Runway Extension Project Phase II: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Idaho Materials & Construction Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$108,064.93. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

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Land & Soil Conservation Inspection Reports for East Park and Skate Park: PWD Bybee submitted the Land and Water Conservation Fund compliance inspections of the East Park and the Skate Park. PWD Bybee stated he is satisfied with the inspection report.

Tree & Brush Yard Gate Options: Although the Council has already decided to man the Tree & Brush Yard PWD Bybee looked into an automated system. PWD Bybee has received two estimates from Freedom Electric for an automated gate system at the Tree & Brush Yard. The first estimate is to provide and install one entry gate and one exit gate with a standalone reader system in the amount of \$18,118. The second estimate is to provide and install one entry gate and one exit gate with PC controlled card reader system in the amount of \$20,004. The cards would approximately be \$6.00 each. City residents would be free. The cards would provide 24/7 access. He stated after talking with staff this may be something to implement later on. PWD Bybee would like to staff the Tree & Brush Yard for the remainder of the year, approximately 45 days, to see how this already approved system will work. Councilwoman Shepherd asked how the recycling will work in the winter when the Yard is closed. PWD Bybee stated he would like to install a turn style gate for recycling. Customers wouldn't be charges unless the items to be recycled do not fit in the gate. Councilwoman Shepherd suggested making a walkway that needs to be cleared off in the winter if it snows to make it safer for citizens.

Washington Federal Bank Sign Permit: Councilman Cram made a motion to approve the Washington Federal Bank Sign Permit. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher: Chief Fisher introduced Alexie Thomas and Lakin Tsetsakis. Rupert Detective Sam Kuoha, Alexie's father, swore in Alexie Thomas and Chief Fisher swore in Lakin Tsetsakis.

Councilman Arkoosh asked Chief Fisher if he was in agreement to lift the restriction of the Library Wi-Fi. Chief Fisher stated in the past it brought illegal dealings to City Hall after hours and curfew violations.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee:

- Airport – Work has been delayed by a week or so due to inclement weather and a discrepancy found in subgrade elevations for 200' section of the Taxi Way only.
- Parks – PWD Bybee spoke with a BMX Park designer and invited him to participate in a public input meeting this winter. He has provided a couple of design ideas based on the amount of space and desired audience.
- Streets – PWD Bybee is still working with ITD on changing locations of the ADA ramp replacements.
- Sewer – They are collecting temperature data from the river and the WWTP to use the new WW permit. The preliminary results are promising.
- Clover Creek Subdivision – The punch list is due to be completed by the end of September.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Nothing to report.

City Council: Nothing to report.

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City Clerk Hollye Lierman: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Councilman Arkoosh moved to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 Section (f) to communicate with legal counsel to discuss the ARFF Truck Agreement at 9:28 pm. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, and Shepherd voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor