

September 28, 2020

**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 6:05 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on September 28, 2020.

**Roll Call**

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

**Employees**

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee and Treasurer Brenda Aquiso.

**Visitors**

Betty Fredericksen and Joe Herring via Zoom.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the work session was for the Council to review the requirements of declaring a new Urban Renewal area as deteriorated presented by Joe Herring in a Zoom meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on September 28, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke.

**Roll Call**

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

**Visitors**

Present were Betty Fredericksen, Pat Baker, Don Gill and Brent Owen.

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

None.

**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.)*

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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**

None.

**Public Input**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

**Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs):** Tabled at this time.

**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:** Tabled at this time.

**New Business**

**Tait & Associates; Discuss Sewer System Connection Condition Proposal:** Nate Benson with Tait & Associates provided the Council with a site utility plan map of the proposed sewer connections for O'Reilly's . Mayor Brekke stated that the Council has decided any further connections outside City limits would require annexation for that property. Mayor Brekke said with direction from the Public Works Director and City Attorney all utilities would need to be extended out to the property within the 300 feet at the expense of the business and allowing the City to look at offsetting some of the cost. Councilman Arkoosh stated if someone else was to look at hooking up to the city sewer line within a reasonable amount of time that the City would reimburse partial cost to the developer. Another option brought up by Mr. Benson was to install a septic until such time that sewer connection came within proximity to the property line, they would then tie into the sewer line. Attorney Hobdey said that option would be permitted under city code. Mr. Benson said the main concern was the cost of extending the sewer line 300 feet to the property line and that they would like to move forward with the standard tie into the water system with the option to install a septic tank system. Councilman Cram made a motion to allow standard tie into the city's water system with a septic tank allowed to be installed and then allow sewer services to be extended to the property line at a future date, at which time the business would tie into the sewer pursuant to annexation of the property. Motion seconded by Councilwomen Shepherd. Motion carried.

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**Pat Baker; ICRMP Insurance Review & Renewal:** Pat Baker presented to the Council a review of the City's Insurance Policy. Pat pointed out that there have not been many changes other than the number of claims they have been receiving in our area for Employment Practices Liability. ICRMP is increasing the deductibles to \$5,000 because of a rise in claims for those types of problems but they are also offering to waive the deduction if we were to follow the risk management guidelines. ICRMP is also asking to participate in the KnowBe4 trainings they offer to reduce cyber liability claims. Pat mentioned that the City's premium did go up \$6,377 from what it was last year. Our total premium for this year is \$56,985.00. Mayor Brekke requested to remove the fire trucks and extrication equipment because of the separation between the Gooding Rural Fire District and the City. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the ICRMP Insurance Renewal proposal with noted exceptions of removing the fire trucks and extrication equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Brent Owen; Discuss Sewer Services:** Brent Owen has requested the City Council to allow him to connect to the sewer main but waive the sewer connection fees for the new homes he is building in the Mountain View Subdivision. Councilman Arkoosh asked to recuse himself. Due to a lack of quorum no motion was made. Item was tabled until next meeting.

**City Council Vacancy:** Diane Houser and Jerry Pierce are the two individuals interested in filling the vacant position for City Council. Upon vote from City Council, Jerry Pierce was selected by a unanimous vote. Jerry will be sworn in at the next City Council meeting.

**Gooding County Prosecuting Attorney Agreement:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Gooding County Prosecuting Attorney Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilwomen Shepherd. Motion carried.

**Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt a resolution of the City of Gooding declaring support and adoption of the Gooding County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Idaho Materials & Construction Pay Request #2 for Airport Runway Extension Project Phase 2:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Idaho Materials & Construction Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$90,895.68. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Remove Charge for Courtesy Car and Promote the Partnership with Local Businesses to Support the O & M:** Councilman Arkoosh made motion to change the agreement to remove the \$5.00 charge for courtesy car. Motion seconded by Councilwomen Shepherd. Motion carried.

**Authorize Mayor to Sign Grant from Department of Health & Welfare for West Park Bathroom Lighting:** Mayor Brekke stated he has already signed the Grant from the Department of Health & Welfare and has authorized PWD Bybee to move forward with the Grant procedures.

**Determination of Deteriorated Along Main Street for Creation of the New URA Area:** After discussion the Council would like to push this item forward a year with more information provided.

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**Draft Comprehensive Plan Approval:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the Draft Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Tree & Brush Yard Operations:** PWD Bybee requested this item be tabled. He would like to sit down and have more discussion with staff about costs and operations.

**Keller Associates Invoice #30 for WWTP Project:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #30 in the amount of \$16,400.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #3 for 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Booster Station:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #3 in the amount of \$1,100.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Sign Permit Approval for Gooding County Fair Office:** Councilwoman Shepherd made a motion to approve the Sign Permit for Gooding County Fair Office and waive the permit fee. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Department Reports**

**City Council:** None.

**Police Chief Dave Fisher:** Chief Fisher stated they had a busy couple weeks with the Fair & Rodeo. The stands were not quite as full as they have been in the past. They had about 30 traffic stops but no DUI's.

Officer Becker gave her resignation which will then leave the Detective position open. Her last day will be October 9<sup>th</sup>.

They are still waiting for patrol cars to arrive.

**Public Works Director Larry Bybee:**

- Airport – Work has been delayed about 3 weeks or so due to inclement weather and discrepancy found in sub-grade elevations for 200' section of the Taxi Way.
- Parks – The City has received a grant up to \$5,500.00 to install new lighting in the West Park bathrooms.
- Sanitation –With cross training efforts the department now has 4 employees capable of completing the sanitation route.
- Sewer – Larry and a couple staff visited the City of Middleton and toured their WWTP.
- Water – The 4<sup>th</sup> Ave well has been pulled, rebuilt and re-installed. A camera inspection was done while the pump was removed to document the current condition of the well casing and supporting geology. A level transducer was installed in the well which will be connected to SCADA system to trend the depth of the water in real time.  
A company was hired to install a hot tap and two isolation valves on the line that runs through the old Bean building.
- Streets – They are working on a solution to minimize the dust while grinding to eliminate concerns from a neighbor.

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**Attorney Craig Hobdey:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer Brenda Aquiso:** Nothing to report.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Arkoosh moved to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 Section (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student at 8:20 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, and Shepherd voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 8:33 pm.

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Shepherd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

ATTEST:

/s/ Brenda Aquiso  
Brenda Aquiso – Treasurer

/s/ Jeff Brekke  
Jeff Brekke - Mayor