

February 3, 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 February 3, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Todd Bunn, Vern France and Julia Toner.

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. January 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes
2. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$626,062.02
3. January Payroll in the amount of \$127,459.00
4. January Building Permits

No.	Date	Name	House	Street	Use	Value	Fee
01-20	1/13/20	Chris MacFee	829	Nebraska	Shed	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 146.41
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5. Delinquent Accounts to be sent to Statewide Collections in the amount of \$1,460.13

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

Visitors Business

None.

Public Input

None.

Unfinished Business

Front Counter Window Replacement Quote: Tabled.

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Flood Plain Ordinance: Attorney Hobdey suggested City Clerk Lierman and himself read the 36 page ordinance into the record after department reports. The ordinance can then be adopted at the next council meeting.

Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs): Chief Fisher stated he is still working on taking all of the dog ordinances to create an animal control ordinance.

Review Juvenile Ordinances Regarding Runaways and Incurability: Mayor Brekke read the first reading of the Juvenile Runaway and Incurability Ordinance in its entirety.

Windy Acres Land Swap: Discussion was held regarding the cost of the appraisal needed for the FAA. Mayor Brekke suggested PWD Bybee obtain three appraisal quotes. Attorney Hobdey has contacted Gillette's attorney and is awaiting his response.

AARF Truck: The Council has reservations regarding item #6 on the proposed agreement. The Council doesn't agree that if the truck or any part thereof is sold that the proceeds are split between the City and the Fire District. Mayor Brekke stated the Idaho Department of Lands and Department of Defense will not allow the truck to be sold. The truck must be donated. The items and equipment on the truck can be sold. Mayor Brekke stated since the Fire District is absorbing the maintenance and housing cost of the truck he felt it was fair to split the proceeds. The truck will remain as an airport asset. Todd Bunn stated at the time the truck was received by the City this was not the intent. He doesn't believe that one department should have ownership of the truck when another department funded the upgrades. Mr. Bunn suggested the Fire District reimburse the City \$30,000 to put back into the airport fund since the truck is now being used for Gooding County. Councilman Smith stated the situation is frustrating but at the time this happened the Fire Department was a city department. Councilman Smith stated if it's in the possession of the Fire District at least it will be providing service to the City and he would rather see it that way than go to court or donate the truck and not have it at all. Vern France requested someone from the Council look into the Idaho Department of Lands and Department of Defense rules and regulations to verify if the City can or cannot sell or surplus the truck. Mayor Brekke mentioned the agreement at the time stated all equipment will remain in the Fire Districts possession. Attorney Hobdey, Councilman Arkoosh, Vern France and Todd Bunn do not recall that agreement going before the Council. Councilman Arkoosh requested City Clerk Lierman review the meeting minutes to verify that the agreement did get approved by the Council.

Waterline to Old Radio Station: Discussion was held regarding the decision by the Council in 2002 that the property owners along Highway 46 and 1875 East would need to find another source of water due to the City abandoning the waterline no later than June 1, 2004. To date there are still three customers connected to the waterline that has not been abandoned. The Council requested PWD Bybee and his crew to look into where the line is being fed from.

New Business

Gooding Community Newsletter Renewal: Councilman Smith stated the annual renewal for the community newsletter is due. The annual fee is \$80.00. Mayor Brekke donated \$80.00 of his personal

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money to renew the community newsletter. The Council agrees the newsletter is a great asset and Councilman Smith is doing a great job.

Basque Center Sign Permit: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the Basque Center sign permit. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Homefront Enterprises, LLC Sign Permit: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the Homefront Enterprises, LLC sign permit. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Coalition of Cities: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion for the City of Gooding to participate in the Coalition of Cities and Buckeye Farms permit process. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

River Wall: PWD Bybee reported the current cost estimate for the river wall project exceeds the congressionally authorized budget limit. The Corps have proposed removing the bridge replacements from the project and tying the pre cast concrete walls into the existing bridge abutments. This option would be a solution that would provide savings required to enable the Corps to proceed. Without the City removing the bridges the project would not be able to move forward. The Council requested PWD Bybee set up a meeting with the Corp to discuss options.

Keller Associates Invoice #7 for Transportation Plan: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #7 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Recharge Development Corp. Update: Tabled until next meeting.

SCADA Update: PWD Bybee stated the tentative completion date is February 21st. The contractor has chosen another outside contractor to complete the project.

Keller Associates Invoice #53 for Water Project: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #53 in the amount of \$6,745.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

T-O Engineers Request for Reimbursement #4 for Phase II Earthwork & Phase III Design: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve T-O Engineers RFR #4 in the amount of \$21,586.66. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Mayor Signature on the FAA Application for Runway Extension: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the FAA Request for Federal Assistance for the Airport Runway Extension Project Phase II. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Airport Hanger Development Fee Structure: PWD Bybee stated the Airport currently has a domestic well. At this time it is not being tested or metered. There are approximately 7-10 hangers at the Airport that are connected to water and have septic systems. The Council instructed PWD Bybee to begin testing the well and to install meters. Fees will need to be assessed to the hangers with water connections and charges will need to be assessed .06¢ per square foot for the septic system.

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Reschedule February 17th Meeting Date for President's Day: The meeting date has been moved to February 18th.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher:

- The School District has chosen to discontinue the School Resource Officer position in the Elementary/Middle School. Since Officer Green is out on work comp the school will not be issuing funds for the time he is out. He will be moving Officer Green to the High School. Officer Becker will be moved to the detective position. The new officers are working out well. There are some cases that will be handled by his officers with more experience but reports for the year are already higher than last year.
- The new police cars may not be here until April.
- Chief Fisher discussed properties that have abandoned houses. He would like to see some changes to get those properties cleaned up.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee:

- PWD Bybee stated the Senior Well is offline. Staff requested keeping the well house for storage but he suggested removing the building to create additional parking for the Senior Center. He will bring plans and costs before the Council at a later time.
- Runway Extension Project Phase II for the Airport will go out for advertisement this week.
- The parks vehicle has been replaced. The old vehicle and two additional vehicles will be surplus.
- The homeowner on Bitterbrush Ct. has installed the flood vent required by Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Nothing to report.

City Clerk Hollye Lierman: Nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting following the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance No. 713, Flood Damage Prevention. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Flood Plain Ordinance: Attorney Hobdey and City Clerk Lierman read the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance No. 713, Flood Damage Prevention, in its entirety.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman - City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor