

February 18, 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 18, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Cram.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were David Tuthill, Connie Stopher and Ervina Covcic.

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 Arkoosh. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

Connie Stopher & Alexa Wilhelm; SIED Update: Connie Stopher, Executive Director for Southern Idaho Economic Development, stated Ervina Covcic has taken Alexa Wilhelm's position as the REDS Coordinator. Ms. Stopher updated the Council on where the \$4,800 annual fee goes that the City pays. Ms. Stopher stated 16% goes to Operation Facelift and the remaining goes towards marketing, PR, advertising, trade shows, site visits and tours. Ms. Covcic stated the last two weeks have been productive. She has visited two businesses in Gooding. She was able to connect Sliman and Butler with workforce training through CSI and a Veteran Resource Agent to get resources for veterans that are already there or that will be hired. She has also helped Ballard Cheese with marketing training, QuickBooks training and a 5-10 year plan for their business. Ms. Stopher assured the Council that all projects that Ms. Wilhelm was overseeing will continue to be overseen by Ms. Covcic. They are trying to coordinate training with the Chamber of Commerce to help business owners with marketing and will let the Council know when it is set up.

Public Input

None.

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Unfinished Business

Recharge Development Corp. Update: David Tuthill started by giving the Council the background of the project. He stated the 2017 two applications were submitted. One was to apply for a temporary permit to recharge through the City's recharge canal and the other was for a long term water right the temporary permit was issued. They recharged later in 2017 and early 2018 which was successful. The second temporary application was denied because the department said they had advertised the long-term application with protests. They wanted those protests resolved before moving forward. Since that time in 2018, they've been working to resolve the protests that were filed. They have had several meetings with the Department of Fish and Game the other protestants. They were able to develop some proposed conditions of approval for the permit. There was a hearing in September; the last protest was resolved on 27th of January. The BLM has chosen to go one step further before they can recharge, any water they will need to obtain a right-of-way approved by the BLM. March 2019 they applied to add additional water so they could recharge up to 300 cubic feet per second. The BLM is exercising some additional authorities that they haven't in the past. Recharge Development Corp. agreed to the conditions of approval set by the BLM. Larry attended a phone conference with Mr. Tuthill with the local BLM in Shoshone. They were helpful and guided them through the earlier application that shown some drop structures in the channel. The BLM said to approve the proposal that they would have to go through major environmental analysis. A response to the meeting that they had with the Shoshone BLM office they have prepared a replacement application. In this application presented to the Council, Recharge Development Corp's concept is a three-phase plan. The first step in the plan will begin in 2020. They have proposed to work with the BLM to see if they can enhance the diversions to, to divert not just when there's flood protection but at other times when they can achieve those bypass flows that have been specified by the Fish and Game, and also if there's extra water to put in for recharge. They have done it before and there is no impact. It provides credit for the water users and little resource for them or the City. The application presented to the Council is two pages of actual application and then there's a diagram of the location conditions of approval that have been agreed to for this permit. These conditions are standard. We would get this up and running and operational and will share the profits for the first 20 years. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the application presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Front Counter Window Replacement Quote: City Clerk Lierman stated she received a quote from Starr Corp. in the amount of \$12,935.00 for bullet resistant glass. Starr Corp. stated that even though the glass would be bullet resistant or bullet proof, below the window is not bullet resistant or bullet proof. They feel that if the City is replacing the window they would suggest replacing below the window also. Mayor Brekke stated he would contact Ron Reed Welding to obtain a quote for below the window.

Ordinance No. 713, Flood Damage Prevention Adoption: Attorney Hobdey stated Ordinance No. 713 has been read in its entirety. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 713. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

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

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Runaway or Incurability Ordinance, 2nd Reading: Attorney Hobdey read the second reading, by title, of the proposed Runaway or Incurability Ordinance.

Windy Acres Land Swap: Attorney Hobdey stated he has not heard back from Gillette's attorney. PWD Bybee stated he is still working on quotes for the appraisal.

AARF Truck: Mayor Brekke tabled this item.

Waterline to Old Radio Station: Councilman Arkoosh recused himself. Discussion was held regarding why the line was still being used. PWD Bybee and his crew did find the valve that controls the water to that line. The Council agreed to give the property owners two years to secure their own water. Attorney Hobdey and PWD Bybee will draft a letter to present at the next meeting.

New Business

Keller Associates Invoice #24 for WWTP Project: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #24 in the amount of \$12,290.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

River Wall Discussion Update: PWD Bybee forwarded the redacted scope of work from the Corp of Engineers. Additional information is being requested for clarification. The Council discussed the walls, restriction caused by the bridges and bridge replacement. Item is tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher: Not present.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee: PWD Bybee stated a public meeting will be held at the Airport to discuss the Master Plan. He encouraged the Council to attend.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Attorney Hobdey stated Gooding County Planning & Zoning will be having a public hearing next Monday for a proposal from John and Debbie Infanger to install 5 additional mobile homes. He stated in June 2018 the Council signed a letter informing the Infanger's they had 18 months from the date of that letter to complete all requirements included the installation of the mobile homes.

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 contract terms and 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 8:00 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, Shepherd and Smith voted aye. Motion carried.

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Meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm.

There being no further business Councilman Cram made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman - City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor