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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 March 16, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Shepherd.

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

Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to add COVID-19 Procedure for City Hall to the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Roll Call

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

Visitors

Present were Susan Bolton and Claire Bryant.

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 Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Visitors Business

None.

Public Input

Susan Bolton: Ms. Bolton stated she is running for County Commissioner again. She does have one opponent. She asked the Mayor and Attorney Hobdey if she could include a statement in her flyer stating she has strengthened the relationship and communication between the County and City. Attorney Hobdey will look into her request and get back to her.

Claire Bryant: Mr. Bryant asked what percentage of people use the Airport on a daily basis. He is concerned the upkeep will be passed to citizens when the grant money is gone. The Council

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reassured Mr. Bryant that the cost will not be passed onto public. PWD Bybee will be informing Mr. Bryant when the next Airport Master Plan meeting will be.

Unfinished Business

Front Counter Window Replacement Quote: Mayor Brekke stated he has tried to contact Ron Reed but he has not responded.

Dog Ordinance Review & Agreement to House Foreign Dogs (Outside City Limit Dogs): Attorney Hobdey asked the Council to review the proposed ordinance for the next meeting and he will meet with Chief Fisher to discuss some changes.

Windy Acres Land Swap: Attorney Hobdey stated he has not heard back from Gillette's attorney.

AARF Truck: Council will review a draft of the Lease with Option to Purchase that was provided.

Waterline to Old Radio Station: Councilman Arkoosh abstained. The Council reviewed a draft letter that will be sent to the three customers remaining on the old line. Councilman Cram made a motion to accept the letter. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

River Wall Discussion: Samantha Marshall has been working with the Corp of Engineers with concerns the Council has.

New Business

2020 Arbor Day Proclamation: Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2020 Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Authorization for Clerk Lierman & Treasurer Aquiso to attend the 2020 AIC Spring District Workshop in Burley on April 29th: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to authorize Clerk Lierman and Treasurer Aquiso to attend the 2020 AIC Spring District Workshop in Burley. Motion seconded by Cram. Motion carried.

Authorization for Clerk Lierman, Treasurer Aquiso and PWD Bybee to attend the 2020 AIC Spring Conference in Boise on June 10th – 12th: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to authorize Clerk Lierman, Treasurer Aquiso and PWD Bybee to attend the 2020 AIC Spring Conference. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

Schedule FY20/21 Budget Hearing: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to schedule the FY20/21 Budget Hearing for August 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

T-O Engineers Request for Reimbursement #5 for the Airport Runway Extension Project: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve T-O Engineers Request for Reimbursement #5 in the amount of \$17,798.45. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

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Keller Associates Invoice #8 for the Transportation Plan: Councilman Cram made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #8 in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Keller Associates Invoice #25 for the WWTP Project: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #25 in the amount of \$8,060.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

Keller Associates Invoice #54 for the Water Project: Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #54 in the amount of \$1,753.02. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Procedure for City Hall: Discussion was held regarding what other Cities and Gooding County are doing regarding COVID-19 procedures. The Mayor authorized a closed door policy at City Hall. Payments will be taken by phone, mail or payments placed in the drop box. If needed Clerks can bring children to work or allowed to do split shifts. Public Works employees are on call and will be responding to necessary or emergency calls only.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dave Fisher: Chief Fisher stated the new vehicles are in Utah. He also stated with COVID-19 he has asked his officers to minimize contact if possible. Chief Fisher requested an executive session for personnel issues.

Public Works Director Larry Bybee: Nothing to report.

Attorney Craig Hobdey: Nothing to report

City Clerk Hollye Lierman: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Councilman Smith 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 7:54 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, Shepherd and Smith voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm.

There being no further business Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Hollye Lierman - City Clerk

Jeff Brekke - Mayor