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**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 6:11 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on December 21, 2020.

**Roll Call**

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

**Employees**

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee and City Clerk Hollye Lierman.

**Visitors**

None.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the work session was to discuss an ordinance allowing shipping containers, railroad boxcars or other containers to be used for storage in City Limits.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

**Public Hearing**

PURSUANT TO Idaho Code 50-1002 a public hearing was held at 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on December 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm to hear comments from the public concerning the adoption of an updated Comprehensive Plan for the City of Gooding.

**Roll Call**

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

**Employees**

Present were Public Works Director Larry Bybee, City Clerk Hollye Lierman and Attorney Craig Hobdey.

**Visitors**

None.

**Purpose**

Mayor Brekke opened the public hearing to consider public comment regarding the adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

### Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gooding, Idaho was called to order at 6:43 pm in the Gooding Municipal Building, 308 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Gooding, Idaho on December 21, 2020. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke

### Roll Call

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

### Visitors

Present were Smokey Legarreta, John McLaughlin, Susan Bolton and Douglas Waterman.

### 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

None.

### Unfinished Business

**Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance:** Mayor Brekke asked the Council to review the proposed ordinance and they will discuss it at the next meeting.

**ARFF Truck Agreement:** Mayor Brekke stated he met with Fire Chief Brandon Covey and Fire Commissioner David Hults regarding the agreement. The Fire District's Attorney made some

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suggestions. Mayor Brekke stated he will make the changes to the proposed agreement and send it to the Council for their review.

**New Business – Mayor Brekke waited until 7:00 pm to begin new business**

**Request for Proposals for City Attorney:** Mayor Brekke stated nine proposals were submitted. Councilman Arkoosh recused himself from the decision due to conflict of interest. Proposals were from Holinka Law, P.C from Boise, Brown Law Office from Gooding, Castleton Law from Boise, Koeckeritz Law from Boise, Worst, Stover, Gadd and Spiker from Twin Falls, White Peterson from Nampa, Hamilton, Michaelson & Hilty from Nampa, James Law Office from Gooding and Peter Hatch from Twin Falls. The Council agreed that they would like to hire a local Attorney. Councilman Pierce made a motion for the Mayor to contact Brown Law Office, James Law Office and Peter Hatch to obtain a retainer schedule for the Council to review. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 716; Vacating Alley Way of Block 2 of University Place:** Attorney Hobdey read the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance No. 716. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 716. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 717; Regulating Dogs Within the City of Gooding:** Attorney Hobdey read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of proposed Ordinance No. 717.

**Resolution No. 267; Adoption of Revised Comprehensive Plan:** Mayor Brekke read Resolution No. 267. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 267 for the adoption of the revised Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #6 for Amendment 4 Water System Improvements:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve Keller Associates Invoice #6 in the amount of \$60.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

**Library District Agreement:** Agreement tabled until approved by the Gooding Library District Board.

**2020 Levy Inspection Report:** PWD Bybee stated the levy has been reported as acceptable by the Corp of Engineers. There is one issue that will need attention and that is the concrete structure on the Little Wood side. The concrete is beginning to show signs of deterioration. PWD Bybee will create an evaluation to bring before the Council. Attorney Hobdey recommended PWD Bybee review the agreement with Recharge Development/David Tuthill before moving forward.

**City and Rec. District Responsibilities for Public Swimming Pool:** John McLaughlin thanked the City for all they have done. He stated in 2003 the community got the pool running again. He would like to continue to make things work as they have been. The Rec. District has a lack of expertise with the maintenance and equipment needed to take care of the pool. Smokey Legarretta stated he has been with the Rec. District since 2011 and was told this is how the pool is operated. He stated he believed it was a verbal agreement between the Rec. District and the City. Smokey stated he is the only full time person with the Rec. District and the only qualified person to do the maintenance on the pool, gym and fields. He is sure he can learn how to do the maintenance

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at the pool but he is concerned regarding the intertwined lines for the pool and park sprinklers. He would like to see things continue as they are but if the City is unable to do so he is willing to learn. Mayor Brekke stated the Rec. District is their own taxing district. Putting the City's money into another taxing district has been brought to the Mayors attention and it upsets citizens. He realizes the pool is a great asset to the community but allowing the City to continue to do the maintenance puts a strain on the parks budget. Mayor Brekke suggested the City continue to keep doing as they are but Smoke must be trained during that time. The City is willing to provide a pump and if there are any unforeseen incidents or emergencies the City will help. He also stated the City will continue to maintain the intertwined lines. Mayor Brekke and Councilwoman Shepherd stated they would be willing to volunteer their time to help with maintenance. Both the City and Rec. District agree they would like to be part of a positive change.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class River Wall Safety Ideas:** PWD Bybee stated the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Gooding Elementary School has put together ideas and drawings for the river wall ideas. He stated it would be fun to choose some of the ideas to incorporate into the river wall upgrades.

**Request to Purchase Police Vehicle from General Funds:** City Clerk Lierman stated Chief Fisher is looking into purchasing a detective vehicle. This vehicle will need to be traded every few years. Chief Fisher has found a used vehicle that he would like to purchase out right. The funds would come from the shared revenue line in the General Fund. After some discussion Mayor Brekke stated he would like to reach out to Con Paulos in Jerome and asked to table this item.

**Department Reports**

**City Council:** Mayor Brekke stated he would like to see the City pass a resolution declaring the City of Gooding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary City. He will draft a resolution for the next meeting.

**Police Chief Dave Fisher:** Nothing to report.

**Public Works Director Larry Bybee:**

- Suggested having the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July for the car show. He received substantial amount of feedback concerning fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.
- He spoke with the Chamber of Commerce about storing their Christmas decorations at the old fire station so they could save on storage unit cost. By allowing them to do so they agreed that the expenses saved would be used to upgrade or repair the Christmas lights.
- The Sanitation department is currently working with the Hospital Auxiliary regarding the placement of their garbage can. The owner of NAPA Auto Parts has placed cargo containers on their property. The City has had to rearrange cans and is working on a solution.
- Flows at the sewer plant have been 2 – 3 times the normal amount. The crew is currently working on tracking down the cause.
- He has chosen the same vendor for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks that the City used last year.

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

**City Clerk Hollye Lierman:** Nothing to report.

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There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:

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Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

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Jeff Brekke – Mayor