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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 February 16, 2021. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brekke.

**Roll Call**

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

**Visitors**

Present were Casey Hobdey, Melissa Barry, Officer Larry Green, Officer Emanuel Delgadillo and Jacquelyn Valadez.

**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. Lease Agreement with John & Pam Gough for Hanger E9 – Unit 3
2. Lease Agreement with Leonard & Tammy Unzicker for Hanger W4
3. Lease Agreement with Michael McHugh & Kelli Gant for Hanger E9 – Unit 1
4. Lease Agreement with Frosty Acres, LLC/Jim Bradley for Hanger E9 – Unit 10
5. Revised Lease Agreement with George Parker/Crop Jet Aviation for Hanger 3-NE
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Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Visitors Business**

**Casey Hobdey – Trailer Parking Ordinance:** Casey Hobdey wanted to know why the trailer ordinance was put into place. Casey stated he received a notice from the Gooding Police Department informing him that he is required to move his camp trailer. The RV is currently parked on his lawn and may not have room to plant a garden. He stated the trailer was parked between the edge of the road and the old irrigation ditch which was not in the way. He understands if it was a safety hazard but he again stated there was enough room to see around his trailer. Mayor Brekke stated he understands but it's the city's goal to get items off the streets. The Mayor stated the Council is willing to work with citizens.

**Melissa Barry – Southern Idaho Tourism Update:** Melissa Barry gave an update to the Council on the overview of how 2020 tourism was in Gooding. She stated COVID-19 did affect tourism but after a

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few months people were getting out and exploring. Tourism was the 5<sup>th</sup> largest industry in our region, lodging was only down 1.6% but Gooding County was up 7.8%. There was zero hospitality businesses lost. Melissa stated Tea Kettle Cave was hit pretty hard and unfortunately there was some graffiti that was done. Since this has happened they have quit marketing the area. They are pushing Little City of Rocks and Dead Horse Cave. They have been promoting Southern Idaho Hair Raising Spots, Get Inn is one of those. One of the biggest events promoted for Gooding was the Gooding Pro Rodeo. Next week they will be promoting Warm Up In The Valley. She stated RV sales have gone through the roof. They will be promoting camping in the area. Southern Idaho Tourism is planning for another big outdoor recreation year.

#### **Public Input**

**Police Chief Dave Fisher:** Chief Fisher congratulated and presented Officer Emanuel Delgadillo with his Basic Peace Officer Certificate for completing POST. Officer Delgadillo has been with the Department for over a year. Chief Fisher stated he has been a great help to the Department and the Sheriff's office. The Council congratulated Officer Delgadillo.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Trailer Coach Parking Ordinance:** Chief Fisher would like to table this item until Attorney Ash has had a chance to review it.

**Library District Agreement:** City Clerk Lierman stated she made the changes requested, notice of termination, at the last meeting to the agreement. Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the Library District Agreement with the requested change. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

**Oath of Office for Brendan Ash:** Mayor Brekke administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Attorney Brendan Ash.

**Urban Renewal Agency New Area Approval:** The Council reviewed the proposed Gooding Urban Renewal area. The URA requested approval from the Council before paying for a survey. City Clerk Lierman mentioned that Joe Herring from Region IV Development stated the survey for the full legal description would cost approximately \$25,000. Councilman Pierce made a motion to approve the URA's proposed area. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Shepherd. Motion carried.

**Gooding County Historical Society Sign Permit Approval:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Sign Permit Approval for Sidetrack Bar:** City Clerk Lierman stated the City Planning & Zoning held their public hearing for a variance for the Sidetrack Bar sign. The City Planning & Zoning approved the variance with the contingency that the sign be 10' above the sidewalk and with the Idaho Transportation Departments approval. Councilman Arkoosh abstained. Councilwoman Shepherd made a motion to approve the Sidetrack Bar sign permit with the contingency of ITD's approval if needed. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried.

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**Special Parking Application & Permit for RV Parking at Bennett Hills:** Chief Fisher stated a fifth wheel RV has been parked behind Bennett Hills. A letter was sent to the Director at Bennett Hills informing them that a permit needs to be acquired at City Hall and must be permitted or moved by February 8<sup>th</sup>. City Clerk Lierman stated Dr. Isaiah Hawkins completed a Special Parking Application and Permit. Dr. Hawkins stated the trailer is being used by traveling nurses and doctors. There is only one occupant at a time in the RV. He stated the RV was placed there to treat COVID-19 patients since Bennett Hills is short staffed. He stated they are normally parked for 185 days but if a patient contracts COVID-19 the 185 days starts over. The RV is not connected to water or sewer. Chief Fisher did let Dr. Hawkins know about the RV parking at North Canyon Medical Center. The Council discussed other possibilities. The Mayor is concerned about what the health department requires.

**Keller Associates Invoice #0210063 for WWTP Project:** Councilman Pierce made a motion to approve the Keller Associates Invoice #0210063 in the amount of \$106,690.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Arkoosh. Motion carried.

**Keller Associates Invoice #0210087 for Amendment 4 Water System Improvements:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to approve the Keller Associates Invoice #0210087 in the amount of \$30.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 269 Public Surplus:** Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 269 relating to surplus personal property; declaring personal property surplus; authorizing and directing the disposal of surplus property; providing for related matters. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing to Rezone 919, 921 and 925 7<sup>th</sup> Ave W from Commercial to Industrial is Scheduled for March 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm followed by a Special Meeting:** City Clerk Lierman stated the City Planning & Zoning has held their public hearing for the rezone. The City Council public hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2021 followed by a special meeting.

**Department Reports**

**City Council:** Nothing to report.

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

**Public Works Director Larry Bybee:** PWD Bybee stated he has talked to Region IV Development regarding a grant for the BMX Park. He has hired Sweet's to reline the damaged pipe on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E for \$16,000.

**Attorney Brendan Ash:** Nothing to report.

**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 for the public agency to discuss the Gooding

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Municipal Airport at 8:14 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Cram. Upon roll call, Councilpersons Arkoosh, Cram, Pierce and Shepherd voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business Councilman Arkoosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Hollye Lierman – City Clerk

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Jeff Brekke - Mayor