

City Council Minutes

Regular Council

August 11, 2020
6:30 PM

Location: City Hall 6042 W. Maine St. Spirit Lake Idaho, 83869

Mayor Eastman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.; roll call was taken with Councilors Gary Ventress, Jeremy Cowperthwaite, Becki Gaddum, and Angel Vanderwilt present.

Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Discussions and Updates:

Councilor (President of the Council) Gary Ventress made a speech about the last Council meeting and how it was chaotic. Councilor Ventress said he is going to reel the Council back in. Council will need to be acknowledged by the Mayor before they speak and there will be no cutting anyone off-same with the audience. As head of the Council he is putting his foot down and we are going to go by the rules.

Discussion regarding the Dumping Station at B&J RV Park - Mayor Eastman explained that the RV Park has a dumping station and one of the PW employees saw someone dumping 350 gallons of waste into it. A house is 165 gallons. The waste came from down by the lake. Councilor Gaddum asked if we could put a lock on it. The Public Works Director, Tim Wilkerson, said it could be locked with a padlock. Councilor Cowperthwaite asked if it would be limited to 8-5 for dumping hours. Mayor Eastman shared the volume is affecting the ponds and turning the algae to brown. Councilor Ventress said it is due to the chemicals. Mayor Eastman said we need to address it and discuss it. Councilor Cowperthwaite pointed out it is not a money issue, but a volume issue. Further discussion needed.

Teri and Ivan update on drive-thru restaurant on Rhode Island. Presented a 3D model of the project.

Mayor Eastman made a clarification about the PD facelift and the new awning, windows, and door. At the previous meeting, the Council was accused of taking money to make the PD look good versus buying safety vests for the officers and that is not the case. The Mayor explained how the PD came to Council and asked permission to go to Urban Renewal for the money to do the upgrade. The money pretty much came from URD and not the PD budget. To further clarify, during the budget PD is allotted so much for wages and a spending budget. Last year PD received \$92,000. Unlike the rest of departments in the City, the police department is kind of on their own and it is up to the chief and whomever he takes under his wing to spend that amount of money. The City watches and ask if the spending gets out of control or if there are purchases that are questioned. Ultimately, the chief has the power to dictate which direction his budget is being spent.

Mayor Eastman clarified that we do not talk about wages in the departments. For some reason the audience knew how much the last Public Works employee hired made without pulling an information request. The Mayor made a further clarification about Public Works and how she has been told they are "glorified lawn mowers". The Water Department by law has to have licensing- two licenses. The Sewer Treatment Plant has three licenses. 2 year to get Class I Sewer License and another 2 years to get a Class II. When it was compared, and people were trying to pit the PD against

Public Works, it is not even apples to apples. We are talking two different departments and two different skills. Sewer has to have three licenses and water has to have two and we cannot run without a backup. The gentleman in question and who was questioned why he was brought in at \$20 an hour had already worked for the City for 8 years. He was our backup operator to keep us compliant with DEQ and the state. To say they are gloried lawnmowers is not acceptable. It is not fair to pit departments against each other when we need everyone of them to make the City go round.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Minutes for July 09, 2020 Budget Workshop
- b. Minutes for July 14, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting
- c. Minutes for the July 21, 2020 Council Training Workshop
- d. Financial Statement July 2020
- e. Accounts Payable

The Consent Calendar was approved in a motion by Councilor Vanderwilt second by Councilor Gaddum, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Cowperthwaite, Gaddum, and Vanderwilt all voting aye - motion passed.

New Business:

- a. Proposed Ordinance #613 VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; PRESERVING EASEMENTS: Councilor Vanderwilt motioned to approve proposed Ordinance #613 VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; PRESERVING EASEMENTS; under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title, second by Councilor Ventress, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Cowperthwaite, Gaddum, and Vanderwilt all voting aye - motion passed.

Mayor Eastman read aloud the title paragraph of proposed Ordinance #613:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPIRIT LAKE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; PRESERVING EASEMENTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING THAT REMAINING SECTIONS OF SPIRIT LAKE CITY CODE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

- b. Proposed Ordinance #615 Authorizing for the Issuance of its wastewater revenue bond, in the principal amount of \$1,763,880.00 for the purpose of financing or refinancing the design, acquisition, and construction of improvements to the wastewater treatment system: Attorney , Danielle Quade, from Hawley Troxell appeared by phone and talked about #615 and now we are here to close. High points: Section 2, describes the project and the improvements made, Section 3 the bond close out amount of \$1,763,880.00 at an interest rate of 1.5%, which is a tremendous rate, Section 3, agree to abide the letter of loan approval and the loan resolution, Section 7, can pre-pay any time, Section 9 pledge of the revenues, Section 17, the general covenants - keep it in good repair, preserve the system, collect revenues, and pay insurance, Section 18, tax covenants.

Councilor Gaddum motioned to approve proposed Ordinance #615 AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ITS WASTEWATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2020, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,763,880.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title, second by Councilor Vanderwilt, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Cowperthwaite, Gaddum, and Vanderwilt all voting aye - motion passed.

Mayor Eastman read aloud the title paragraph of proposed Ordinance #615:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPIRIT LAKE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ITS WASTEWATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2020, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,763,880.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND FACILITIES OF THE CITY (THE "SYSTEM"); DESCRIBING THE BOND AND TERMS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BOND TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE; RATIFYING ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SYSTEM SERVICE AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF NET REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; ESTABLISHING FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATING TO THE BOND; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPIRIT LAKE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO,

- c. Loan Resolution Security Agreement RUS Bulletin 1780-28- approved in a motion by Councilor Ventress, second by Councilor Cowperthwaite, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Cowperthwaite, Gaddum, and Vanderwilt all voting aye - motion passed.
- d. Approval to Purchase Scanner approved in a motion by Councilor Cowperthwaite second by Councilor Ventress, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Cowperthwaite, Gaddum, and Vanderwilt all voting aye - motion passed.
- e. Approval for Fence on 17th Street - Discussion about the fence line on 17th St. at Madison and Jefferson - audience members voiced opposition and concern with the looks of a fence. The property owner, Sandbanks, stated he spent 6 weeks on the process- started here and was sent to Kootenai. Went to Kootenai and then was sent back to the City. Stated- that the City told him to do what Kootenai County tells him to do, so he got all the emails and did exactly what Kootenai County told them to do and spent \$30,000 and then was blocked. The other property owner from Jefferson spoke up and said his issue with the fence is if they have a fire, he has no egress out the back end. He said a fence makes it hazardous and difficult for him and his sick wife. The Peloquin fence was discussed. Councilor Ventress stated the problem is about complaints from people in Spirit Lake about people from Spirit Lake East. Mayor Eastman stated that our ordinance states that we do not give egresses out of Spirit Lake City limits. Mr. Sandbanks stated he has a letter from Kootenai County stating he could build the road. Further discussion about denying three people access by putting up a fence. A Spirit Lake resident was concerned about looking at a fence. Motion to table until next month by Councilor Ventress,

second by Councilor Cowperthwaite, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Cowperthwaite, Gaddum, and Vanderwilt all voting aye - motion passed.

Old Business: None

Request to Speak to Council:

- a. Justin Kerr and Drew Dittman- Site/Building plan discussion for approval of new convenience store/gas station on corner of Highway 41 and Highway 54 - Not Present (received email to cancel)- No Action taken
- b. Bob Billings - Ordinance #592 and Municipal Code 8-4-5(A) - Not Present- No Action taken
- c. Ryan Van Cleave - Nash Road Property - Directed to start with P&Z

Department Reports:

- a. Police Department - Chief Sanchez discussed the July Council Meeting and how the Chief is 100% accountable for every dollar. If the public has questions. Comment, or concerns about the Police Department, please see the Chief.
Synopsis- calls are continuing to increase.
Calls for Service: April calls for Service 409 and July calls for service 859
ITD Mobilization Grants: \$2,000
New Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Reames, doing a great job.
Officers just completed firearms qualifications.
Donations from Kootenai County Sheriff's Office: \$4,500 tasers, batteries, chargers, holsters, and cartridges.
Thankful the public support.
- b. Public Works Department - Public Works Director, Tim Wilkerson presented the department report.
- c. Park and Rec - No Report Received

Announcements and Acknowledgements:

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Ventress, second by Councilor Vanderwilt- all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.


Renee Eastman, Mayor

Attest:


Michelle Wharton, City Clerk