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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions meetings are being held electronically according to the Governor's Executive Order #20-16. This meeting was held In-Person and via Zoom.*

**Council Present In-Person & Zoom:** Mayor Lloyd Valentine,

**Council Present In-Person:** Councilors Mike Wagner, Troy Donohue, Jessica Ritchie

**Council Present via Zoom:** Councilor Mark Orr

**Council Absent:** none

**Employees Present:** City Recorder Micki Valentine in-person & Zoom, Richard Berkey and Brenda Harris in-person

**Public Present:** no public present

**Opened w/pledge:** @ 6:33 pm by Mayor Lloyd Valentine

**Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias:** None declared

**Presentations:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes July 28, 2020 and bills paid July 29 – August 18, 2020. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve minutes and bills paid – Councilor Donohue seconds – motion carried with all in favor – none opposed.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Sheriff's Report:** Mayor Valentine reviews the sheriff's report.

- **No Camping Ordinance** – Councilor Wagner has concerns about storing the property and the homeless case in Boise. He suggests aligning with county. Councilor Ritchie reported someone living in car near library. SCTC has hotspot at library intended use for students. Council recommends removing the SCTC hotspot from library and have it placed at the school. Discussed 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Ordinance tabled

*Councilor Mark Orr joins the meeting, via Zoom.*

### New Business

- Sick Time - policy is presented for inclusion to the Employee Handbook. Because the City only has six employees, we are not required to pay sick time, however the policy and tracking of hours is required. Hours will be tracked with payroll and provided on the paystub. *Councilor Ritchie motions to update the employee handbook with the Sick Leave*

*policy and Sick Leave Benefit policy updated – Councilor Donohue seconds – all in favor – none opposed.*

- The city engineer, Jim Schutte, has fully retired and will no longer provide his services to the city. We will need to search for a new one.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Leash Law – In reviewing the city ordinances, it does appear that the city does have an ordinance. However, the term used is “physical control device”. Sgt Klein suggested the city adopt the state statute. Councilors were agreeable to preparing an ordinance to adopt state code – bring to next meeting.

**Librarian Report** – Brenda provided her report.

### **City Recorder Report**

- Public Works
  - City property on 7<sup>th</sup> Street – the scotch broom will be sprayed, cost is \$200.
  - Keeping up with mowing and weedeating
- Cemetery
  - The driveway approach has been paved. There is still a cone sitting there but the project does appear to be completed.
- Parks
  - Richard & Darrell are working on the kiosks for posting signs at the parks.
  - The Welcome Sign was put on hold so now the scout needs to resubmit his plans
- Library
  - Women’s toilet leaking in two spots. It was replaced. Floor saturated with water.
  - Computer problems due to a power bump. Brenda updated saying that two of the computers are working properly.
- Streets
  - Waiting for ODOT to provide letter of support and estimate.
  - More stuff removed from the 18<sup>th</sup> Street property. Several inquiries from potential buyers. Councilor Wagner reported that there is an RV on the roadway.
- Office
  - 1 building permits for a shop. No mechanical/plumbing permits
  - We had 7 residents sign-up for the City-wide garage sale
  - Flag Pole Project – Our project was not selected for the Veteran’s Memorial Grant. Council would like to see the project move forward. Council would prefer that the POW flag be added. Council directs to bring project information to the next meeting for review. Plaque for sponsors. Bring sponsorship letter to next meeting.
  - Charter – the ballot title was placed in the newspaper for the challenge period, which has passed and there were no challenges made to the city. It is ready to be submitted to the county elections office.
  - The election flyer was reviewed. Council would like one sentence highlighted with bold text – then ok to distribute.
  - Election Reminder – reviewed that the ballot will state “Vote for Two” because we have two positions up for election. It is not position specific. The top two vote getters win the seats.
  - The complaints were reviewed – Birch Street, Goldenleaf Court - Councilor Wagner reported that a neighbor reported to him that the drywell has been

covered – Richard will look into it. (*time 1.05.00*); Quest Property – still not mowed.

Financial report and bank reports: Have paid the Sheriff's contract. No change in LGIP interest rate.

### **Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments**

- Cemetery: Mayor Valentine reports that they put gravel down on the old driveway, trees trimmed, bushes cut back. Councilor Ritchie says it looks really good. Mayor is working with Freres' to take rocks to Freres for disposal.
- Streets: Councilor Donohue requests placing boulders in the area near the swing set to prevent cars from driving on top of the berm. Councilor Ritchie says there is a pretty significant deep in the driveway. Discussed also placing boulders in the driveway, as well.
- Councilor Orr asked about the BLM people in Mehama. Councilor Ritchie stated there was a group of individuals there but were non-threatening.

### Requests for Future Agenda

- Councilor Ritchie requests the flagpole project for next month. Would like to see a sponsorship letter, which could be emailed to them prior to the meeting.

**Next Meeting** – The next city council meeting scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Councilor Orr is not able to attend. No request to change meeting.

Adjourned @ 7:53 pm

Transcribed by Micki Valentine  
*MV*