

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9/1/2020
Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Council Members: Jennifer Dunaway, Mark Swayne, Jon Isabelle, Shannon Schrader, and Josh Tilley

Absent: Doug Donner

Staff: City Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson

Media: Elizabeth Morgan

Guest: Chris St. Germaine, CCED and Jessica Epley, Ziplly via phone

Ziplly Fiber Broadband Construction Contract

Chris St. Germaine, CCED reported the City applied for Idaho Broadband Grant and was awarded the grant in the amount of \$1,178,760.00. The funds are provided through the CARES Act funding. The Idaho Broadband Grant can be used for telecommunication infrastructure investment by private sector provider (s) to deliver at a minimum service 25/3 Mbps connectivity. The Idaho Broadband Grant will provide the City funds to reimburse the Provider upon completion of the telecommunications network. St. Germaine reported she followed the State's guidelines and all the necessary documents were in order including a Sole Source Procurement Legal Notice that was advertised in the local newspaper regarding procurement. The work must be completed by December 15, 2020. Chris introduced Jessica Epley, Ziplly internal affairs representative.

Councilmember Isabelle inquired from Jessica Epley, Ziplly, how can a resident customer hook up to the Ziplly Fiber and what is the cost to the home owner. The fiber optic cable is installed overhead in the right-of-way. A service drop will be installed to the living unit on the side of the home. The customer will use a network interface provider device to hook up from Ziplly or use a Wi-fi router. There is three different packages the customer can choose from. For 30/30 Mbps service the cost is \$20 a month, 100/100 Mbps service it will cost \$40.00 a month and 1/1 Gbps the cost to the customer is \$60.00 a month. Councilmember Dunaway inquired what would it take for an existing customer with Ziplly to hook up to the faster speed internet. Jessica Epley, replied an existing customer will be treated as new customer as fiber and make the request through the website. <https://get.zipllyfiber.com/fiber-construction>.

After no further comments or questions, Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to approve Ziplly Fiber Broadband Construction Contract. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:18 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


ATTEST: Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk


Sean Simmons, Mayor