

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 5/24/2022

Mayor Sean Simmons  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Amendment to Agenda  
 MOU-LHTAC/City of Orofino  
 Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program Applications – Forest and Johnson Bridge  
 Resolution No. 22-514

## Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Mike Gladhart, Mark Swayne, Jennifer Dunaway, Shannon Schrader and Doug Donner

Absent: Josh Tilley was absent during regular council meeting. Arrived before Executive Session.

Staff: Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Building Official-Todd Perry, Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin and Police Chief-Jeff Wilson

Absent: Assistant Fire Chief-Bart Jones

Guests: Jerry Johnson, Alysa Johnson, Helen Clark, Shelly Donner, Loretta Stout, Tina Lauria, Anabella Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Zachary Taylor, Alan Schumacher and Clair Schumacher

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

## MINUTES

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written on May 10, 2022. Councilmember Gladhart seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

A copy of the Regular Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2022 meeting was submitted to Council for information and review.

## BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the regular bills plus the additional bills and the payroll dated May 21, 2022. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

## APPOINTMENT

Mayor Simmons made a recommendation to appoint Zachary Taylor as the next Fire Chief.

Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to accept Mayor Simmons recommendation and appoint Zachary Taylor as Fire Chief. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

## SUBSCRIBE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW FIRE CHIEF

Oath of Office-City Clerk Montambo subscribed the oath of office to the newly appointed Fire Chief - Zachary Taylor. Clerk Montambo, Mayor, Councilmembers, City Staff welcomed Fire Chief Zachary Taylor.

## PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Sanitation Rates Discussion-Robert Simmons-Mr. Simmons was not in attendance of the meeting.

Child Pedestrian Safety Project Application 2<sup>nd</sup> Round-Administrator Smathers reported this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funds that are available. It is for the same project for Child Pedestrian Safety Program for State Highway 7, Michigan Avenue and Dunlap Pedestrian crossing improvements. The City was denied on the first application, so hoping this time we will be successful.

Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to move forward with the Child Pedestrian Safety Project Application. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Show and Shine request Johnson Avenue Street Closure-Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to allow Show and Shine to close Johnson Avenue down for the Car Show on July 16, 2022. Councilmember Gladhart seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Increase hourly rate from \$12.00 to \$15.00/hr. for Firefighters-Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to increase the hourly rate from \$12.00 to \$15.00 for Fire Fighters. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Treasurer Wilson reported this increase will go into effect October 1, 2022 during FY 2022-2023 Budget. Administrator Smathers commented this is in line what CPTPA pays for seasonal firefighters.

Memorandum of Understanding – Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program-Councilmember Swayne made a MOTION to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with LHTAC for Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program (LILB) Application for Forest Street Bridge-Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to accept the Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program Application for Forest Street Bridge. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program (LILB) Application for Johnson Avenue Bridge-Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to accept the Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program Application for Johnson Avenue Bridge. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

Administrator Smathers reported there is more funding for local transportation in Idaho. The LILB Program will focus on local bridges in poor condition or posted with load restrictions. Eligible bridges are identified by LHTAC using bridge inspection reports. The Forest Street Bridge was built in the 1920's and most likely qualify; Johnson Avenue Bridge was last updated in 1978 and not as old but serves as the primary access route for Fire and EMS to reach residents on Upper and Lower Fords Creek. The city was advised to submit applications for both bridges now because funding may not be available again for awhile.

## RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION NO. 22-514 Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program

A Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Orofino, Idaho to enter into the Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program Memorandum of Understanding with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to accept Resolution No. 22-514. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

## WORKSESSION

Mayor Simmons reported there was no Work Session.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-Administrator Smathers reported he would like to revisit the Feral Cat problem through out the city. On Main Street, one of the resident's have eighteen (18) cats and a litter of kittens. This is just one of three areas throughout town where there is an overabundance of feral cats. One resident has taken upon herself to do what she can and has captured nine cats recently to be neutered or spayed and released back into the neighborhood. The cost to do so is expensive  
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and she has paid for the service out of her pocket. It is frustrating because there are so many more that need to be taken care of. Smathers would like permission to help look for Grant money to help with the overpopulated feral cats. Folks who may wish to help her in this mission may make a donation to the Orofino Animal Arc account at Dr. Wolverton's veterinary clinic on Hwy 12.

In other news, Smathers commented he appreciates the city departments who are willing to step in and help where needed. Michael Martin, Jim Thornton, Justin Beard and Todd Perry with two inmates was able to finish installing the playground equipment at Partnership Park on 115<sup>th</sup> Street next to the First Lutheran Church.

Smathers referred the rest of his report to the Executive Session.

Treasurer-Treasurer Wilson submitted the Revenue vs. Expenditure Report ending November 2021 for Council review. Wilson reported she has been busy the past couple of days with Zoom and Webinar Meetings.

Building Official-Building Official Perry reported Planning and Zoning held a public hearing regarding the general regulations for the Camping Ordinance. Planning and Zoning voted to recommend the amendment. The amendment will be forwarded to the Council for approval on June 14, 2022. In other news, Partnership Park is almost completed. Cedar Chips and border will make it complete. Water/Wastewater Crew will pick up the cedar chips in Kamiah.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported the leak is fixed on the Splash Pad. Miller will turn the water on at the Splash Pad in early June. Right now the water table and Clearwater River is high and there is nowhere for the water to drain. During the last rain storm the ditches that they had worked on blew out again with silt and drained all over the road on Upper Fords Creek Road and Wells Bench Road. Culverts were plugged again. Public Works crew is busy trying to get them cleaned out again. Miller hopes to be caught up in the next couple of weeks. Miller wanted to thank the other departments that stepped up and help with erecting and installing the playground equipment for the Partnership Park. In other news, Miller will meet with Herco to measure some of the streets to prepare for a bid to pave this summer. Administrator Smathers and the Mayor met with Shane regarding some of the streets that were on the list to be done. Miller will put a list together and submit to the Council for review. Councilmember Donner inquired about the basketball court at the Orofino Elementary. Miller commented the basketball court will be seven (7) feet wider than before, once completed and the fence put back up it will be a nice upgrade. It was noted J Russell Contractor will be working on a quote to change out the culvert on Upper Fords Creek Road. The bottom of the culvert rotted out and has undermined the road.

Police-Police Chief Wilson also wanted to thank staff who work well together. Michael Martin and crew, Shane Miller and his crew at Public Works and Todd help each other out whenever it is needed and has stepped in to help.

In other news, Wilson reported on a incident which occurred recently in which an Orofino police officer deployed his Taser for the first time in his 13 years of experience in law enforcement. City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 5/24/2022

Wilson commented that in times when there is so much criticism of excessive use of force by law enforcement, it goes to show that Officer Matt Russell does a good job at communicating with people.

Wilson reported they trained today and demo a robot for the police department. The capabilities and ease at maneuvering it was a surprise. The robot is equipped with a camera and a thermal image zoom capabilities. Wilson reported that this was purchased through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds. This robot will keep people out of harm's way. Instead of sending a police officer in when called out in a hostile situation he would rather send in the robot, it has a two way communication system built in the robot. Wilson will bring the robot in and give the Council a chance to see all of the capabilities that it can do.

Water/Wastewater-Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported it was a great team effort working together installing the park equipment. Martin commented the new water dispenser is up and running and being used.

Fire-No report. Assistant Fire Chief Bart Jones was not in attendance of the meeting.

#### COUNCIL COMMENT

Administrator Smathers announced on Monday, June 6, 2022 City Council will have a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. where they will meet with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). The Director of IDFG will be here from Boise to meet with City Council regarding the Dworshak Dam fish count.

Councilmember Schrader wanted to thank city staff for erecting the playground equipment at the new Partnership Park. All Councilmembers voiced their appreciation to City Staff.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Schumacher inquired from Police Chief Wilson if the robot can go upstairs? Chief Wilson responded that the robot can push through doors open when ajar. Wilson commented that there was an arm that can be attached to the robot for a price tag of \$69,000 more where it can actually clamp on a gun and would not let go until commanded to. But the robot is more for allowing a police officer to glimpse at a situation before actually entering into a hostile area. The robot is for not only saving his personnel but other innocent bystanders.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 subsection 1 (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general. The motion included a request to have a City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 5/24/2022

roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schrader. The motion passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



Sean Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk