

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 10/11/2022

Mayor Sean Simmons
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff: Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Clerk Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Building Official-Todd Perry, Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin, Fire Chief-Bart Jones and Police Chief-Vince Frazier

Absent: None

Guests: Tina Lauria, LJ Reece, Loretta Stout, Mary Montambo and Janet Montambo – Previous City Clerk

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written on October 8, 2022. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the regular bills plus the additional bills and the payroll dated October 8, 2022. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

NUISANCE VIOLATION

Request for hearing – Roger & Mary Montambo 1290 Michigan – Mary Montambo was inquiring from the council more time to mitigate the nuisance violation.

Photographs of the condition of the property was presented to the council in their agenda packets and on the monitors for viewing. Councilmember Dunaway stated that she feels like we definitely need to follow the ordinance. She believes that this nuisance has been ongoing. She understands where they are coming from with health issues. Many of us have been affected by that. She knows

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that our community is pretty great and is certain that if you need help there are people around the county that will help out with that. Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION and Swayne seconded that this property is a nuisance and need to follow the procedures from there. After council's consideration and staff's information council agreed to give Montambo's another 30 days ending November 10, 2022 to mitigate the nuisance.

Camper/RV Violation – Building Official Perry had reported that there are two zoning violations regarding the RV on the Montambo property as well. First, someone is living in the RV on the property and second, the RV does not meet the setback requirements per the ordinance which is 20 feet from the property line. According to Mary Montambo, the people lost their house in a fire and were supposed to be there only a month, but they have not left. Council discussed that according to the ordinance, they are allowed 14 days to stay in the RV. Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to have the RV vacated in 14 days and 30 days to move the RV to the proper setbacks of 20 feet. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Simmons made a recommendation to appoint Donna Wilson as Clerk Treasurer. Councilmember Donner made a MOTION to approve Mayor Simmons recommendation. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Proclamation – A copy of the Family Court Awareness Proclamation for the Month of November was submitted to the council for information only.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator-Administrator Smathers reported that he met with Hans and Kayla from JUB Engineering. They had some challenges with the plans at the airport. They all went down and walked through and came up with a plan to move forward. Every time he meets with them he learns more about the Airport. He had a Blue Cross update. We are down to about \$10,000 of the grant remaining. He has heard from several parents and grandparents that our park is lacking play structures and items for toddlers aged two to five year old. The reason the step is so steep on the big playground is because they don't want those toddler aged kids to be on there for safety. He contacted the same company that the City purchased the Partnership Park playground equipment from and gave them a rough budget amount for an age appropriate play structure for the City Park. Due to limited attendance at the Blue Cross meeting, they requested and email vote for the structure to be approved or denied. That structure will go in the main City Park and hoping to get rid of the City of Orofino Regular Council Meeting held 10/11/2022

big yellow dome or move to another park somewhere. Then with the remaining money they had some ideas for benches or another bicycle repair station or something that will finish out the grant funds. December of 2022 is the timeline to use the rest of the funds.

Treasurer-Treasurer Wilson reported she has been busy working on additional September month end and fiscal year end items.

Building Official-Building Official Perry reported business as usual in the Building department. He has done a few inspections of Tractor Supply building and that is moving along pretty well. They are also going to have a pet washing station inside the store.

Public Works-Public Works Supervisor Miller reported Russell Excavating was working on the Upper Fords Creek culvert job. Stated that Councilmember Schrader drove by and had a very nice compliment for him, "It was nice to hear." Legacy paving was coming to patch up the repair which was part of the bid. So that will be completely finished.

Police-Police Chief Frazier reported the retirement party for Chief Wilson went very well. A number of people showed up. It was pretty heartfelt to see him leave. Pretty nice to be sworn in the same day that he left. A tree had fallen on Officer Deitrick house on Kalaspo along with his patrol vehicle. They were able to get the tree cut out and took the patrol vehicle to the Orofino Body Shop for an estimate of the damage. He stated that Deitrick's personal vehicle was around \$10,000 in damage, so he is venturing to guess that by just looking at the patrol vehicle it is probably going to be more. Chief Frazier stated that he sent a letter promoting Officer Mike Deitrick to Sergeant. Sergeant Deitrick is enthusiastic and has taken over without any discussion and directions. It seemed the right direction for the department. He also hired Sarah Walker to the department. She is on light duty and tasked with helping Lahni in the evidence room. As she progresses in physical therapy they have an expectation to be at the elementary and high schools. As soon as physical therapy gives her the go ahead, she will start her normal duties. He has some additional applications to go through, but hasn't had a chance to go through them yet.

Water/Wastewater - Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported that other than business as normal they have Russell Construction coming to put in the vault for the UV (Ultra Violet) for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Once that is installed, they can move forward putting the equipment in there. He was contacted by numerous people in regards to the gentleman that had been dumping at the RV dump station. He had a conversation with him and the gentleman told him that he dumped 15 times very large totes. Martin told him he is not putting the blame on him for the facility bugs dying off, but what we've seen that could really be a contributor and told him he can no longer dump in that fashion. They have monitored the cameras and have not seen him back. The plant is turning around and coming back and smelling better.

Fire-Fire Chief Jones reported the department had one call since October, four rescue calls and no extrication. On the 22nd they have extrication training to run from approximately 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. They have four vehicles out in the city yard right now for training. They have brought on two new personnel and one is a cadet. Chief Jones commented it is a super program to get these
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kids encouraged to belong to the Fire Department and to build their confidence. It's a door to other career environments as well. They were doing some engine training. Engine ops, going through engines pumping water, refilling, hydrants and other items, just to get firefighters more comfortable and more competent in their routines. With the change in seasons we're coming in to burn season, which opens October 20th. Always ask people to use caution when burning anything. Councilmember Dunaway stated that Chief Jones is doing a great job on keeping up on training and the cadet program going. She has heard nothing but great things since he has become the Fire Chief. Councilmember Swayne commented that we should send a letter of congratulation to Chief Travis Myklebust of Lewiston on his retirement. He was a great asset for help and information when needed, so a letter of Thanks should be sent to him.

PUBLIC COMMENT


Janet Montambo stated that she will miss us all when she retires.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ATTEST:


Donna M Wilson, City Clerk Treasurer


Sean Simmons, Mayor