

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Homedale City Hall  
31 W. Wyoming Street

September 09, 2020

6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Aaron Tines, Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson

Council Absent: Steve Atkins

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Absent

Approve Agenda, Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2020 meeting, Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one of Council.

Mayor Christoffersen closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GRANT ACTIVITIES FOR EXPANDING RIVERSIDE

PARK: Craig Erickson with Great West attended by phone. He spoke about the grant application and wanted public input on the project. He said the maximum we could apply for is \$250,000; to be used to improve our Riverside Park and possibly Bette Uda Park. Mayor asked if anyone had any comments: Pam Gibbens spoke about concerns for who would be using the park and how would parking be handled. She also wanted to know about fencing the park. Mayor Christoffersen said there would be no fencing. Carol Klug also spoke up; she is a neighbor of the park extension and was curious as to fencing and parking. Mayor said the parking would be on the west side and on the top (south side) of the park. He added there would be ADA parking spots. Mayor Christoffersen stated we weren't sure what amount the City would receive; if we qualify; but the restrooms would be of major concern. He added maybe pavilions; sprinkler system; and other park amenities. He also stated he felt there would be less undesirable traffic in the park once it was fixed up. He said he wants a nice place for the citizens to go for family events; birthday parties; etc. Craig added usually property values go up 5% for properties in the area of a park. He spoke about the application process; due September 21<sup>st</sup>; and said if the city could possibly ask for a little less than the maximum; we might have a better chance. He said they like to fund restrooms; updating playground equipment to meet ADA requirement; pools and basketball courts. He said Homedale has numerous needs to update/improvement its parks. He added maybe some upgrades to our Bette Uda Park also. Mayor Christoffersen asked for any further questions; there were none.

Mayor Christoffersen closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

He asked for Motion to Amend the Agenda; Add: Discussion/Action on Proposed Grant for Expanding Riverside Park and Upgrades to Bette Uda Park: Councilman Anderson made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Agenda Amended. Discussion/Action on Proposed Grant for Expanding Riverside Park and Upgrades to Bette Uda Park:

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve Great West to apply for the CBDG Grant for our proposed park expansion project. Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded the motion; motion approved by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Library Report:

Sharla told the Council the Board would like to have the Grand Opening October 3<sup>rd</sup> and from 11:00 to 1:00 was agreed upon. Mayor Christoffersen mentioned she should invite anyone who donated money to the library; and of course the community. He also asked the Council to go look at the building and see if they were satisfied with the building. It was also decided to include the FOOD Spark program people. It was added the City will purchase the burgers; buns, plates, plastic ware and water.

Police Report: Jeff said they took possession of the drug dog from Wilder; and will schedule a training for the officer.

Public Works Report: Bret said they had done about 15 blocks of the chip sealing. He is working on the Owyhee drainage project.

Parks; he is working on getting a filtering system for Sundance Park.

Water Samples will be doing this month; they are due every 3 years.

He added the Idaho Street sewer project should be done this week.

Councilman Aebischer asked Bill McDaniel how the RV Park was going; he said great.

Engineering Report: Andrew mentioned the gas line runs directly over the sewer line on Idaho; and there may be extra costs from the contractor.

He also said the force main would be tied in probably in November due to the high water table being so high.

He said they were going to install two temporary wastewater pumps to aid in pulling samples for the wastewater facility plan.

Attorney Report: no attorney

Mayor and Council Member Report:

Alice mentioned building permits for the last 4 lots in the Santa Fe Sub were pulled. Also there was another builder looking at 2 or 3 homes in another location.

Possible Sale of City Property; location: vacated street of Nevada between N 3rd St W and N 4th St W.: discussion/action: Mayor Christoffersen discussed this property with the Council. He would like to sell the property. The Council agreed to the sale. He asked for a motion for the intent to sell this City Property for no less than \$100,000. Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilman Tines seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen announced there would be a Public Hearing on the sale of the Property at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and then an auction after.

Mayor Christoffersen talked of the storm we had come through the town; he went out to assist with removing a downed tree; on his way he saw Bill and Janet out picking up limbs. He was totally amazed at the amount of citizens that were out picking up limbs and assisting with the downed tree. He said he was very proud to be the Mayor of our City. He added that Homedale is so awesome when we are in need the citizens step up.

The Mayor was asked about a splash park; he said basically it's not in our budget. We have the pool and can't really afford another loosing project.


Councilman Aebischer said thank you to Bill McDaniel; Bill said thanks to Alice and the Police dept. for our assistance. Bill asked for an RV Sign at the front of town to direct people to the park. It was discussed and it was going to be looked into. Bret was worried about what ITD would let us do. Mayor Christoffersen said to get signs.

Approve the Bills/Action;

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bill; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion approved by ½ plus one of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.

  
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Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest:   
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Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk