

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, Council President Mike Aebischer,

Council Present: Aaron Tines, Steve Atkins, Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Jeff Eidemiller, Bret Smith, Bill McDaniels

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Paul Fitzer

Approve Agenda, Action: Councilman Aebischer asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion approved by full Council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021: Discussion/Action: Councilman Aebischer asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Just Serve: Community Service: Linda Adams spoke to the Mayor and Council about the Just Serve.org website. (See attached info) It's a website for community volunteers looking for projects. She is hoping to education people on the web site; people can post projects they need and people can go on the web site and volunteer for the projects

Vineyard Cottages: Update and Water/Sewer hookup information. Discussion/Action: Greg Urrutia with New Beginnings updated the Mayor and Council on the project; he commented about the high construction costs and added they hoped to get started around the first of June. He was hoping to get a break on the connection water and sewer fees. It was determined the City could not discount the fees and he would need to have a connection fee for each unit. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Library Report: Councilman Aebischer said the library had a very successful book sale and netted around \$800. He added the programs were moving right along and the staff was doing a good job.

Police Report:

Discussion/Action: Surplus retiree equipment – We didn't need this on the agenda Jeff reported the first ISP car is here. He asked for Justin Herman to come forward: He presented him with a letter from Post stating he has successfully completed his Intermediate Police Officer's Certification. Jeff added this was a career level certification. He said Justin has also become a fire arms instructor.

Jeff stated Karl Kingston and Brady are retiring effective May 31st.

Jeff also mentioned he has started a contest for kids to earn swim passes by completing community service projects.

Public Works Report: Bret stated they were continuing to spray alleys and roadways.

He said he was working on changing the stop sign pattern at Railroad and Wyoming. He would like to start notifying people when this will take place. He added he had a request to alter the stop sign pattern at West 2nd and W. Montana, from the north/south sides to the east/ west sides. Jeff agreed the east / west pattern seemed better.

It was decided to put this pattern change on the next agenda for public comment.

Bret said the new mower was working great; he was looking at surplus one of the older machines.

DEQ was out on Monday to conduct the sanitary survey they do every 5 years. She noted 4 items; he has one of the 4 remaining to complete.

He added they were working on irrigation blockages.

Bill spoke to the Mayor and Council about adding one more space; Councilman Aebischer said he had looked at the area and he believed it was a good spot. Mayor Christoffersen agreed and there was a space for 3 additional ones. The Mayor and Council agreed with Bill to add one space now and get the costs for the additional spaces.

Councilman Aebischer asked about the basketball court; Bret said he was hoping to have it done by the end of the month; after the restroom for Peterson Park.

Engineer Report: Andrew said the restrooms for the Peterson Park are tentatively scheduled to be delivered the week of June 7th.

Wastewater Project Update:

He said he will be holding a public hearing on the wastewater project on May 20th from 3 to 5. He added the judicial confirmation will be May 27th on the wastewater project.

Andrew stressed the importance of getting the following completed/approved. The State has said there is a "chance" there will be no match this year. He said that would save the City 7.5% of the fee for that planning project.

Airport; Discussion/Action

- The four certifications: These need to be signed tonight (see attached)
- The grant application: This also needs to be signed and forwarded onto FAA
- Great West's scope of work and fee estimate (master plan update, ALP update, cultural work and environmental) This needs to have the Council approval for the mayor to sign after FAA approves the scope of work and fee estimate
- Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) process:
Council President asked for a motion to allow the Mayor or Council President to sign the scope of work and fee estimate and acceptance of the fee process; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report: No report

Attorney Report: No report.

Archie Escujuri: Discussion/Action: Island Easement Agreement: (see attached)

Archie Escujuri spoke to the Mayor and Council wanting an easement on the property referred to as Peterson Park. He wants to be able to move heavy equipment to the island using that as an access point. The Mayor and Council had a Park Access License Agreement; but he wants a written easement. Per the attorney; that was not a good idea as we shouldn't give an easement for property that belongs to the citizens of Homedale.

Councilman Aebischer told Archie the City had already given him access back and forth to the island and he didn't understand what else he wanted. Archie was worried about the dirt being on the property; Mayor Christoffersen said the dirt was going away and Bret said they were not going to change the elevation of the property. Archie said he will check on a prescriptive easement definition; he said the property was used for a hundred years and he has letters from other people; he added no one ever said he had permission from the city to use that property. The Council told him he had permission to use the property to move heavy equipment; per a license agreement. (see attached).

Mayor and Council Member Report

Kirby Cook (Owyhee County Engineer) asked the Council if they could adjust the hookup fees for the County RV Park. He suggested we charge them for one hookup fee and then wait for one year; measure the flow for one year and then assess the usage at that time. He said the RV Park was a not for profit establishment; just to be used by the fair participants; Sam's club and others that may come in.

Since this was not on the agenda; Alice was asked to put this on the next agenda.

Discussion/Action: Reschedule June meeting from 9th to 7th at 5 or 5:30?

The FY22 Budget meeting is scheduled for June 7th.

Councilman Aebischer asked for a motion to change the June 9th meeting to June 7th at 5:00 p.m.; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.


Approve the Bills Discussion/Action: Councilman Aebischer asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; motion approved by full council.

Council President adjourned the meeting.



Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor

Council President, Mike Aebischer

Attest: 

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk