

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

September 14, 2022

6:00p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Steve Atkins, Kim Murray, Mike Aebischer

Absent: Councilman Tines

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Jeff Eidemiller; Scott Jacops, Sharla Jensen,

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Paul Fitzer

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

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup>; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 24<sup>th</sup>; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Pastor Moore; Requesting use of Park for 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show; Discussion/Action: Pastoor Moore discussed the car show; the only comments were for him to check with the high school to see if their parking lot could be used for any overflow of cars. He said he would check with them. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the car show at Bette Uda Park; Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.  
Mayor Christoffersen mentioned to Scott and Curtis about the juniper at Bette Uda Park that really needs to come down.

Library Report: Councilman Aebischer said the Owyhee County Commissioners had approved the city library going on the November ballet to become a district.

Police Report: Jeff said they lost the radar trailer; someone ran over the trailer. He mentioned AGem Supply will be coming in next week to look at putting cameras at the Peterson Park restroom area and the Homedale Community Center. Jeff said Officer Cart just received his Certification for the National School Resource Officer. The Council thanked him for his service to the kids and the school.

Public Works Report: Scott Jacops mentioned a couple of leaks they have fixed. He added they would be working on the weeds. Council said they appreciated all that Curtis had done for the last two months and they welcomed Scott to the team.

Engineer Report:

Discussion/Action: Gem Grant – Andrew discussed with the new Terry Reilly building going in; we could possibly rec. a grant to assist with the road upgrade. Grant amount is \$30,000 to \$50,000. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve them going after the grant; Councilman Atkins made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion approved by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Discussion/Action: Idaho Parks and Recreation Grant – Andrew said there is a possibility of getting a parks and recreation grant to assist in covering the costs for some additional upgrades to the new Peterson park; i.e.; pavilions; maybe upgrades to the RV park.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve them going after the grant; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion approved by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Andrew also explained they should not do any additional work on the park or sewer at the RV Park if they want it covered by a grant.

Andrew mentioned the Dept. of Commerce said they would add the cost of cameras at the restrooms. Jeff will be getting the costs.

Discussion: Increase in Wastewater Rates to Cover Loan Debt. Andrew said USDA was fine with not raising our rates yet; but Zions wants the rates raised now. We will have a public hearing at the Oct. meeting. He said it's possible we should raise the rates \$45 on the first leg and then when the project is complete we could raise it the final amount in order to cover the loan costs. They requested we have the public hearing at 5:30 on the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report:

Alice reported they had sold out of the 400 dog tags and the 2023 were on order; but not recd.yet.

Attorney Report: Nothing to report

Mayor and Council Member Report

Employee Certifications: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen requested this be tabled until Councilman Tines will be in attendance. Motion to table was made by Councilman Atkins and seconded by Councilwoman Murray; Motion approved by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Discussion/Action: Nevada Avenue between North 3<sup>rd</sup> St West and N 4<sup>th</sup> Street West (Currently County Road) (See attached map)

The county has agreed to give this to the City; who has maintained it for years. Jeff said he felt the corner should be squared off; and he agreed a one way would be best. 3<sup>rd</sup> would not be a one way. It was also discussed on limited street parking. Kelly Aberasturi said the County was in agreement to give the property to the City. He would like an agreement the County could work on their fence when needed. He was also good with a one way; he thought the street was approx.. 30 to 35 feet wide.

The City will need to annex the property and the County will do a quit claim deed.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to accept upon annexation the County's proposal for Nevada Street 30 feet from the City limits (property line) to the north. Councilwoman Murray

made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion passed by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen mentioned he had a text from a contractor that wanted to do a joint venture to tile the ditch that runs through the City's property behind the Nevada property. They would like for the City to buy the property and they would pay the labor. He added this was just for discussion. Andrew said it would solve several problems for the city as far as easy access to the property. Mayor Christoffersen asked Scott to get a guestimate on the cost of the pipe.

Approve the Bills Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to go into exec. Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b); Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Murray yes  
Councilman Aebischer yes  
Councilman Atkins yes


Motion Carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Executive Session; in Accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b): To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

Mayor reopened the meeting;

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.

  
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Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest:   
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Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk