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Minutes of the Regular City Council February 9, 2023

In attendance: Mayor Jon Thomson, Council Members: Rickey Frandsen, Randy Benglan, Joyce Bosen.; Hudson Saffell, Code Compliance Officer; Office Staff: Jill Makuaole; Chandra Taylor, Bryan Finney, City Engineer; Gary Cooper, City Attorney; Guests: Officer Trent; Drew Izatt, Lora Gunter and Julie Hill via Zoom; Paul Carew via Zoom

Next meeting is March 9th, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The agenda deadline is March 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Meeting called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION TO MOVE LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE
TO 6:10 PM AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
UPDATE TO 7:20 PM.**

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY RICKEY FRANDSEN. ALL AYE

Law Enforcement Update – Fire and Ice was good. New patrolman coming on.

Earth Day – Lora Gunter

This will be the 3rd annual Earth day celebration. We've teamed up with locals of Lava Hot Springs. We want to create a more attentive event. Slogan is "Invest in Our Planet" will be Saturday 4/22/2023. We need volunteers for cleanup. Focus plastic. Raising funding for recycling. Events: Lava Clean up; Earth Mindful booths; repurposing items contest; trash to art contest. Raffle prizes. We have had great success getting donations for local businesses. Mayor Thomson – If you can get us an itinerary we can put it in the water bills.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 12/8/23 MINUTES

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN. ALL AYE

Chamber of Commerce Report

Brandcraft contract – The updated budget page is printed for you to see. There is also a scope of work agreement.

Gary Cooper, City Attorney – I won't recommend it. The agreement there is no reference to deliverables or to cost, the budget isn't part of the agreement. Mostly the agreement consists of limitations of liability. We went through this last year or the year before and came up with a good agreement. This is a way watered down version of that contract. I don't understand why the change.

MOTION TO SEND UPDATED INFORMATION TO
THE CITY ATTORNEY TO UPDATE THE CONTRACT.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN.

ALL AYE

2022 Summary report from Brandcraft

Paul Carew, Brandcraft, IN 2022 we got 1.3 million hits. Good overall and increase over last year.

Approval and recommendation to hire an event coordinator.

Sherill Tillotson – the Chamber of Commerce committee interviewed Colin Petrun and reviewed their bylaws and can see no conflict. So they are recommend Colin Petrun for the event coordinator job.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION
TO HIRE COLIN PETRUN FOR THE EVENT
COORDINATOR POSTISTION AT \$15/HR.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAND

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN

ALL AYE

Fire and Ice Report

Sherril Tillotson – It was a very successful event even as understaffed as we were. We are looking at restricting how we manage the activities. Possibly fireworks off of both sides of the mountain. We had ski patrol if any issues came up.

Rocky Mountain Power Grant

We have received this grant to “get the city something of value to the residents.” Mayor Thomson – We could get so recycling bins. They would benefit the city. But we would need to find someone to take care of the items to be recycled. Randy Benglan – We could possibly use the money for earth day signage.

Direct Communication – Fiber Optic Proposal internet

MOTION TO APPROVE TO PROCEED WITH FIBER OPTIC.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN.

ALL AYE

Engineering Progress Report – Keller Associates

Bryan Phinney – Rooftop Bar we have worked with Hudson Saffell and got that taken care of. Goldberg- Gary has been working on it. Junto we are working on it. The 4th street has put on hold. We are waiting on products, possibly August. Water status changed yesterday, we are starting on the update. Wastewater study are still on hold for another month or two. We did the the 50% grant from DEQ. When we submit an invoice to the city DEQ will reimburse half to the city. The studies will take 12-24 months. My goal is 8 – 10 months. Lagoon seepage test – waiting on the weather to clear. On the new well we have agreed to be able to do two test sited. We tried for the back of the property so it wasn't so significant an impact. We are hoping for 125 gallons per minute. That is less than we need but it is the reality. We need 250 - 300 gallons per minute.

Old water bills

Accounts 100058-01 deceased; 030077-01; 020021-01 deceased 14 years ago; 060131-01 hooked up- never turned on – deceased.

MOTION TO DISMISS ALL FOUR BILLS.

MOTION BY RICKEY FRANSEN.

SECOND BY RANDY BENGLAN.

ALL AYE

Approval of Bills

MOTION TO PAY BILLS.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAND

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN. **ALL AYE**

Business License

CHISL Inc – Robert Christian

MOTION TO APPROVE CHISL INC. BUSINESS
LICENSE.

MOTION BY RICKEY FRANSEN.

SECOND BY RANDY BENGLAN. **ALL AYE**

Sign permit for eLavation Spa –Riley Sorensen

MOTION TO APPROVE SIGN PERMIT FOR
ELAVATION SPA.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN **ALL AYE**

Development Agreement – Junto Affordable Housing.

Hudson Saffell - This is just south of the firehouse it is 7 acres. They have done projects like this in Livingston, Montana The company is based in Arizona. I sat down and had a long discussion with them. I have started an agreement with zoning and sent it back to Steven Mutsigers, He had concerns about combining commercial zones and R3. They want to put in 18 four plexes. They are in a contract to purchase the property. I told him we just want to be sure it does not turn into nightly rentals.

Gary Cooper – Junto needs to agree before it goes to P&Z.

Hudson Saffell is the point man on getting this to P&Z. They need to add the plans also where the houses and utilities will be. This is not the platting process.

MOTION TO HAVE HUDSON CONTINUE
WORKING ON DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

MOTION BY RICKEY FRANSEN.

SECOND BY RANDY BENGLAN. ALL AYE

DLR Enterprises – 289 E. 1st Alley S – Certificate of Occupancy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF
OCCUPANCY FOR DLR.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN. ALL AYE.

Randy Benglan - Residential Remodel – 274 S. 1st W

MOTION TO APPROVE THIS RESIDENTIAL
REMODEL. BASED ON APPROVAL OF
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY.

MOTION BY RICKEY FRANSEN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN. ALL AYE

Resolution 2023-01 Credit Card Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-01.

MOTION BY RANDY BENGLAN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN. ROLL CALL

VOTE: RICKEY FRANSEN – AYE; RANDY BENGLAN
– AYE; JOYCE BOSEN – AYE. ALL AYE

Legal update – Court Case

Gary Cooper – the case is moving forward with depositions next week. We are moving toward a March hearing date for summary judgement. Depositions will be at city hall.

Discussion –

Julie Hill – Did Junto mention a sales price of the units?

Hudson Saffell – Current market value.

Julie Hill - \$1840-220 per square foot construction costs. We own the property next to the Kofeds. We have been in discussions with Pocatello Neighbor units for low income housing.

We have referred to some grants. We are looking into buildings rentals. Rent at \$800 – 900 a month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MOTION BY RICKEY FRANSEN.

SECOND BY JOYCE BOSEN. ALL AYE

