

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall were Council Members Jeff Parnett, Kaytlyn Gilliam, and Mayor Julie Good. Council Member Shiloh Ryker was present via Zoom. Council Member Darla Weber was absent.

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner and Angie Mettie. Dana Kautz and Dick Stubbs were present via Zoom.

Public present at City Hall were Kirk Kundrick, Daniel Hendley, and Jon Kheener. Pierce Ramsay was present via Zoom.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. and Jeff Parnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentation

Daniel Hendley presented his idea for a Veterans Memorial project. He would like to begin with the bulb out at the corner of Virginia and South Commercial. He presented a drawing of the bulb out with the gravel being replaced by engraved pavers. Community members could purchase the pavers and have the names of Veterans engraved on them. A light post would also be added to the bulb out. Daniel will look into the cost of various light posts and will contact additional businesses for costs on pavers and engraving.

Reports

Meet Backup Water/Sewer Operator Kirk Kundrick

Kirk Kundrick attended to meet the Council. Kundrick is currently the Meadow Creek water/sewer operator. He will meet with Public Works Director Wallace every six months to review the system and also is available to cover Wallace when needed.

Staff Reports

Staff reports were reviewed from Gardner, Wallace, and Mettie. Wallace stated in her report that vandalism occurred in the park restrooms. Mayor Good stated that there is a Tic Toc challenge to vandalize public restrooms. Council Member Gilliam suggested a new challenge for students to do something helpful in their communities. She will talk with the school.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good stated that Mr. Kellogg will allow the city to store snow near the Subway restaurant this winter. The Personnel Policy is ready for review and will be sent to Council Members for review at the December meeting.

Discussion Items

Cat Population – Jon Keehner

Jon Keehner shared his knowledge with the Council regarding feral cat populations. He provided five mitigation methods and links to research studies on the issue. He stated that there is disease risk to humans from cat populations and stated that as long as the cats have food and shelter, they will remain in the area. However, if food becomes non-existent, the cats can spread to an even larger area.

The Council discussed ideas to lower the stray/feral cat population including registering cats, chipping cats, placing collars on cats, and educating the public on the consequences of feeding the cats. Council Member Gilliam suggested the students might do a community impact project to identify the regions and populations of the cats. Council Member Parnett would like to review the Animal Control Ordinance and see how cats might fit in. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Local Option Tax

No information was available on the Local Option Tax, and it will be added to a future agenda.

City Hall Network Issues

Mayor Good stated that the NAS, which holds all of the city's documents is slowly going out and a new solid state drive has been ordered, which will have more stability.

Sewer Rates

Mayor Good reviewed the sewer rates and noted that wages are lower and that payout for vacation last year caused inflated totals. Therefore, she would like to suggest the sewer rate be increased by \$1.50 instead of the \$3 the Council was considering. This item will be added to the December 13th agenda.

Action Items

Displacement RV Permit Application – 510 S Commercial

Pierce Ramsay submitted an application for an RV Displacement permit. Mayor Good stated that she looked at the property and the RV has skirting around it and has a parking space. Ramsay stated that the RV sits on a 4" gravel pad and is currently not licensed. It is hooked up to separate water and sewer.

Mayor Good asked the Council to consider removing the license requirement from the application, as it was preventing applicants from receiving approval. Also, the RVs will be used as housing and will not be traveling on the road. City Attorney Stubbs stated that there was no legal reason that the City must require registration. Mayor Good stated that the displacement permit would be good for 180 days, and then could be extended 180 days if necessary. She stated that a reminder would be sent to applicants.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the Displacement RV Permit application for 510 S Commercial; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

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HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

Displacement RV Permit Application – 501 S Heigho

The Council reviewed two applications for 501 S Heigho. Mayor Good stated that this property was previously set up for RVs and has separate water/sewer hookups. Both RVs are registered, are in residential zones, and comply with setbacks.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the Displacement RV Permit applications for 501 S Heigho; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Displacement RV Permit Application – 509 S Miller

Mayor Good stated that the property owner created a hookup for an RV and purchased an RV specifically to be used as housing. The RV is not registered.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Displacement RV Permit application for 509 S Miller; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Good stated that the RV Use ordinance might be revised to remove the registration requirement and add more detail regarding enforcement.

F/Y 21-22 Prosecuting Attorney Contract

Mayor Good stated that Prosecuting Attorney Chris Boyd had previously stated that an increase in cost was not necessary. The contract had no changes from the previous year.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Fiscal Year 21/22 Prosecuting Attorney's Contract; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

The contract will be sent to the county for approval and signatures.

F/Y 21-22 Law Enforcement Agreement

No changes were made to the Law Enforcement Agreement.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Fiscal Year 21/22 Law Enforcement Contract; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

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Snow Removal Contract

Mayor Good presented a contract between the City and David Kellogg for snow storage in the area behind Subway.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the snow removal contract with David Kellogg of Granite View LLC; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

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Idaho Power Recommendations

The Council reviewed the energy audit completed by Idaho Power. It was determined that the priority should be heating at City Hall, and lighting and windows should be secondary. Mayor Good asked City Clerk Gardner to have local electricians provide bids to install an energy efficient heating system. After bids are received, Mayor Good will talk with Idaho Power regarding available rebates.

Park Restroom Closures

Mayor Good asked that the park restrooms remain closed until repairs can be made due to vandalism and until a working security system can be put in place.

Consent Agenda

The Council reviewed the Consent Agenda which included October 25, 2021, City Council meeting minutes, paid and pending claims, and October 2021 Payroll.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

Future meeting topics included the cat population, personnel policy review, local option tax, election results, water project update, and a budget from Daniel Hendley.

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk