

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe - Zoom
Council Members: Kim Westergard, Don West,
Sean Kress, and Jeff Kelley (absent)
Public Work Director: Justin Johnson
Police Chief: Chad Purser
Recreation Director: Mikel Anderson
City Building Inspector/Planner: Jordon Johnson
Attorney: B.J. Driscoll
City Clerk/Treasurer: Lisa Ybarra

Pledge of Allegiance: Justin Johnson
Prayer: Don West

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Don moved; Sean seconded to approve the consent calendar:
Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025
Approval of Finance Report for First Fiscal Quarter Presentation
Building Permits:
Cam Hulse – Accessory Building
Austin Mount – Solar
Derrick Dye – Single Family

A roll call vote was taken: Sean – aye, Don – aye, Kim – aye. Approved
unanimously, one absent.

~~**Brad Buttars, Manager of the Bonneville Jefferson Ground Water District –
Injection Well Information/Education**~~

This item was rescheduled for the next meeting.

Don West – Discuss Water Conservation for Green Space

Don made a presentation of looking options on the conservation and prepare be able to prepare for usage for when water prices go up. Don mentioned that he started to look at options for himself personally at his home because he does have a lot of green space. As a result of this, he was introduced to company out of Southern Utah who have developed a microbes recipe that is designed to conserve water. Don mentioned that he and his brother had several conversations with them and as a result, made the decision to purchase a distributorship to be able to use their product and sell their product. Don mentioned that the University tests they have done for city type grass or lawn type grass has about a 50% reduction in water consumption. Don visited with Justin and get his thoughts on potentially doing something for the city. Don mentioned he wanted total transparency that if there or when there is a vote,

Don will totally recuse himself because he would make a profit, not a large profit, and asks the City Council that because he is on the City Council that the Council has no bearing in any decision that is made. Don mentioned that he would like honest feedback and honest opinions. When Don visited with Justin, it came up that they may be able to take a section of the Dawn Lloyd Park and a section of Pillsbury Park and do a test and make sure it would work and it is a good thing for the city. Don mentioned that it would be \$85 per acre. Kim asked if the fee is a one-time fee per year. Don said it was a one-time fee per year, a one-time application. B.J. asked if this is applied annually. Don said it is in the Spring annually, after the frost threat. Don mentioned that with visiting with Justin, the is not a way for the city to measure the number of gallons that we are using. The timers are set for one hour per zone. Don explained that what we would do is apply it to specific zones and start by reducing the amount of water by 50% and watch and manage it. The way it would be determined that the test is successful is by monitoring the grass and if we can reduce the amount of water on these areas from 50% and also reducing the amount of fertilizer. The information that Don provided was in his opinion impressive enough to purchase a distributorship. Kim asked about the safety/health issues. Don mentioned that there are no safety issues and it is all 100% organic. Kim also asked if there were other cities or areas that have used this through the field tests. Don mentioned that there is a gentleman in Blackfoot that used it on his alfalfa fields that did it for 2-3 years as part of the field testing. He had 3,000 acres of alfalfa he was using. Don did reach out to the gentleman during his research and it was shared with him that he saved \$85,000.00 in electrical cost over the watering season, he reduced his fertilizer down to zero and his pesticide down to zero. The gentleman also shared that in his first year he had a 14% yield increase, his second year was a 23% increase in yield. Kim asked how long has the product been out on the market. Don said that it is just coming out on the market. The last four years has been spent on doing field tests and university studies. Sean asked if the distributorship make it available for residential use as well. Don said it does and it is available for residential, for agricultural. It does not matter what the soil consistency is, the microbe works is once it is sprayed it immediately starts to adhere to the plant and goes inside the plant. The microbe recipe is designed to feed a plant with nutrients that it needs. The microbe provides the nutrients, the plant provides sugar which is that the microbe likes to eat. The microbe is designed to retain water and once it hits its end-of-life cycle and dies, it then releases the water directly to the root. The microbe will also break down the damage that has been created by synthetic fertilizer and pesticides. In the studies it has been found that within 72 hours, its breaking down the residual effect of the synthetic fertilizer and pesticides and after about a week there is no residue of those chemicals. Kim asked if it was sticky and Don said when they were using molasses it was but it not sticky now. Sean asked about how many acres were planned to test at the parks. Don mentioned about 2-3 acres total. Justin mentioned it was up to the Council and also mentioned that this would also help build the Nature trail back up and thicken the grass back up where as now the Nature trail has a lot of rocky soil and the grass is thin. Justin mentioned that we may want to do some test areas in the big park, Pillsbury Park and we may want to do the Nature trail. Sean mentioned that he thinks it would be worth it to see 50% water reduction eventually for some of the parks would be massive. Sean said he was in favor in whatever we can do to conserve water. B.J. mentioned to Don that he

appreciated the disclosure that he gave. Sean motioned, Kim seconded to table this item for the next meeting. All in favor, one absent.

Mikel Anderson – Movie in the Park

Mikel mentioned that he wanted to talk to the Council and get thoughts of the Movies in the Park. He mentioned that Justin normally does all the movies in the park and set up everything. Mikel wanted to see if this year the Council would like to do a Council member and a Department head pick a movie and then going out and doing the movie in the park. Don asked what that entails. Mikel mentioned it would be helping setting up the screen and taking it down. Kim mentioned it was a big thing for Justin to be in charge of every time. Sean asked if it would be every Friday night. Justin mentioned that we usually do about 4-5 movies per year and it is usually one movie in June, two in July and two in August and about every other Thursday. Justin also mentioned that everything is housed in a small enclosed trailer, screen, cords are all labeled, the tables. It would be just getting the trailer to the park and get things set up. Justin also mentioned that in the past, we have reached out to different businesses and see if they would like to be a sponsor which they would get some Gatorades, apple juices, candy bars to hand out and we thank the sponsor before the movie starts. It was also mentioned that because it is a park event, we have to have the movie copy rights which is about \$500 per movie and the City sets up the budget so we are able to purchase the copyrights. Justin mentioned that he usually gets to the park about 8 p.m. to set up. The first couple of movies in the summer, the movie start about 9:30-9:45 because it get darker later and with the set up and take down, picking up any garbage, we usually are done about midnight. Don said that he thinks they should support it and it would be good for them to be out in the community. Sean recommended doing a set up test so everyone is comfortable. Justin mentioned that could be done and also mentioned that Angie (wife) is a big part of it has all the cords color coordinated and makes it easier to know where the cords go. The Mayor goes to most of them and will talk before the movie and we announce what movie is playing and who sponsored it. Justin also mentioned that we have had anywhere from 25 people to 125 people. Sean asked about the purchase of the copyright. Justin mentioned that he works with Swank Productions and buy the copyrights from where it is a park event, we have to purchase the copyrights to the movie. In about March, the form is filled out with the movies we picked out and send the money, Swank Productions will send the copyright. We can either purchase a DVD, rent the DVD, live stream the movie, if we rent the DVD from them, it will arrive about a week before and then after the movie is sent back the next day or the following Monday. We can also purchase the DVD on Amazon but the copyright still has to be purchased and the copyright could be anywhere from \$465-\$515 depends on how old the movie is and which movie it is. The Council agreed with the idea of having one of them with a Department Head help with the Movie in the Park and taking turns. They asked for a schedule to be put together.

New Council Business

Approval of Business License

Don moved, Sean seconded to approve the General Business Licenses. Approved unanimously, one absent.

Approval of Firework License

Don motioned, Sean seconded to approve the Fireworks Business License. Approved unanimously, one absent.

Old Council Business

Public Works Clerk – Consider Part Time Employee for Public Works Department on an hourly pay scale vs a salary employee

Lisa mentioned after talking to PERSI, we would need to change the part time employee from a salary employee as mentioned in the previous meeting to an hourly pay scale. PERSI requires for part time to record hours on a weekly basis and shall not be more than 20 hours per week. Sean motioned, Don seconded to approve the part time clerk to be on an hourly pay scale vs a monthly salary. All in favor, one absent.

Discussion for MOU for the transfer of the 72-acre to the North End Recreation District

Kim mentioned that the MOU would be ready for the following council meeting. Don motioned, Sean seconded to table this item for the next meeting on February 26th. All in favor, one absent.

Department Head Reports

B.J. thanks Sandy for the answer for the question earlier. Also, the MOU draft would be ready for the next meeting.

Lisa mentioned that the DMV annual training will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and in order for both clerks to attend, which is mandatory for the new policies, new regulations etc. that could be changing, the DMV would need to be closed for that day. Lisa mentioned that every year the Council agree and allow DMV to close for that training day and today we needed to ask again for this year's training. All Council members agreed to allow for DMV to close for the day and have the clerks attend the annual training.

Mikel mentioned that they were on their last Saturday for basketball. Mikel said he received feedback from a couple of people that they enjoyed having six weeks of games versus eight weeks of games. Mikel also mentioned that soccer sign ups are going. Mayor's Youth Council did get with the Iona and Ammon groups and they want to do a joint fundraiser to earn money for the AIC Conference and would like to do that sometime in April with Iona hosting and Ammon will host the following year since the Shelley group hosted it last year. B.J. asked Mikel how they decided to divide the money that was accelerated. Mikel said that both Iona and Ammon said that because Shelley hosted, Shelley should keep the money unless either Iona or Ammon needed help with kids going to AIC. Mikel said that last year the Shelley group kept all the money and they sponsored one Iona kid and one Ammon kid for AIC. It was agreed that who ever hosted and did most of the work would get the money and help the other two groups with sponsoring kids to attend AIC if needed.

Jordon said that things were going good and has been working with a couple of developers. Cooper Meadows is getting ready to submit some plans and start division two in our impact area. Jordon said he has been communicating with them and with some different landowners about maybe doing some different

rezones within the city which the Council will be seeing from P & Z after recommendations.

Justin mentioned that his guys have been at the shop doing work. They did have a water service line break Tuesday last week by the bus barn. The school was really great to work with. Sandy has been great, this is her third week and her office is set up in Jordon's office. She has been tackling projects and is doing good. Conley got enrolled in the CDL program with Sage Trucking. He has been with the City for about 7 months and started the program this week and has about 4-5 weeks of training, some of it on his own and some Justin gives him time from work to go his classroom time and his drive time. Justin mentioned that Forsgren will be sending in the publication for the water project to be put in the paper starting the 21st and contractors can pick up the packets. There will be a pre-bid meeting on the 27th and open bid documents on March 11th. Everyone will meet at the City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on March 11th to open the bids. Any contractor that wants to put in a bid on it and show up, it is a closed bid. Dave our engineer will be here and will open the bids. Justin mentioned that by the middle of March, we should have a good idea who's going to be doing the phase one project. Justin also said that at the same time, we will be have the bid docs for the Fir Street project which includes pipe loop line from five to four, lead and cooper removal and also the \$2 million grant we received from ITD for the overlay. Justin said that they have a very busy summer coming up. Justin thanked Don for his research on the water conservation and the conversation, Justin believes it would be a game changer and thinks it will be awesome on the city's end and it will be a big deal for the private individuals. Justin mentioned that they do spend thousands a year on insecticides, herbicides and fertilizer. Justin mentioned that the Council may want to think about purchasing more and try the trail or by the jerky plant. Sean asked that in the last conversation it was talked about reducing the water by 50% but also asked if it would not include fertilizing. Don said it would also reduce the amount of fertilizer and pesticides that would be used. Justin also mentioned that there would be a storm this weekend but he would be out of town. Jason will be running the crew with the help of Jordon. The equipment is ready to go and he has a great crew and all will be in town.

Chad just wanted to report on a meeting he went to with the Department of Homeland Security who are the ICE Agents. The meeting was to clear up information on social media regarding immigration and deportation. There have been questions and feedback that a lot of Chiefs and Sheriffs are being asked from people in their community and people are nervous that Homeland Security is going door to door, churches, schools. The meeting was to clarify that is not what they are doing. They are looking for violent people that are here illegally and getting those people deported. Chad mentioned that they will go to schools and churches if they have to if they have a certain target that they can only get from the school or church but that it not going to be their primary objective. The Homeland Security is asking for help with stops they make, with people that are violent or have other criminal charges to reach out to them. Chad also mentioned that they are limited on bed space, there is only one jail in Utah and Idaho that they can actually have beds before the process of seeing a judge and paperwork.

Council Reports

Mayor said he appreciates everyone.

Sean mentioned that the Parks & Recs, the basketball season was awesome and loves the way it comes together. As a parent, he enjoyed the six weeks as well. The kids, the referees do an amazing job at teaching the kids and allowing everything go early on and start teaching them the rules of where they will be going to be moving to the next season and try to help reinforce that behavior towards the end of the year. Sean mentioned that not all youth sports are built the same and City of Shelley is pretty awesome and thanked Mikel for that.

Don gave thanks to everyone for taking care of the City and appreciates all the efforts and everything that is done to make a good community and a safe community.

Kim wanted to thank everybody also. Kim mentioned this was the first year she got to watch grandkids play and the referees that Mikel had engaged with the kids and the coaches worked so well with each other. Kim said that we do have a great program for recreational sports and there are people who would like more competitive sports but this is a recreational program and believes it is great program.

Before Kim adjourned, Justin mentioned that the hawk light is out of commission again and it has been out for about two weeks. Justin reached out to the company that we got the clock from which has been about last fall. Justin made phone calls and sent emails and is waiting for a response. He did have an electrician out, they trouble shot it, call tech support and determined the clock is gone. Justin said he wants to see what the company says but has also talked to Cory with ITD because they have a lot of these throughout the state of Idaho and he has a different type of program or clock they use and wants to see if they will work with us and come down and program it into ours and see if that helps. Justin said this is either the third or forth clock in the last few years.

Kim also mentioned that Heather at the Hound Haus the new dog grooming over by The Fixxology, The Merc. They would like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and has invited the Council to go. This would be a "meet your groomer." Kim said she would be there.

Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.

APPROVE:



ATTEST:

