CITY OF SHELLEY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe

Council Members: Jeff Kelley, Kim Westergard, Adam French, and Leif Watson

Police Chief: Chad Purser
Public Wks Dir.: Justin Johnson
Recreation Dir.: Mikel Anderson
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek
City Attorney: Ben Marsden

City Building Insp/Plann.: Jordon Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jordon Johnson

PRAYER: Jeff Kelley

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

Kim moved, Jeff seconded to approve the following consent agenda:

Approval of the Minutes of Council Meeting on March 14, 2023

Approval of February Expenditures

Approval of February Overall Budget & Treasurer's Rpt.

Building Permits:

Michael Hay - new home
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Roof Rescue - re-roof

A roll call vote was taken: Jeff – aye, Kim – aye, Leif – aye, and Adam – aye. Approved unanimously.

Policing And Crime In The City

Adam discussed a letter that was received at the last council meeting regarding the policing and the crimes in the city. He said it was basically in regards to the recent vehicle thefts. The letter requested a city meeting for public input. Adam said he is grateful the citizens want to have input, and he is hoping that some of the citizens will show up. Adam said he feels the Police Department has done an awesome job. He said he feels the communication with the public has been better in the last year or so. Kim said she feels the letter is a little contradicting. She said she wishes people would come to the source instead of so much on social media. She said if the community has concerns to please come to the city. Leif said he is grateful for all the police department has done; he has seen them patrolling a lot more. He said we are not immune to all of the bad things in the world. Leif said he did some research and feels our department does a great job solving crimes. Jeff said he agrees; crime is on the rise. He said we have coordinate with other departments to help solve some of these crimes. He said we have a great Chief and all of the officers are well trained. Mayor Pascoe said he appreciates the department. He said he has asked them to be in the neighborhoods more, and he has received a lot of good comments. He said they do a great job being visible. Nathan Price said he agreed with most that has been said about the police force. He said he feels Chief Purser has done an amazing job. However he said he would like to see more support from the Council. He

said as a citizen he wants to see more equipment that is up to date provided. Kim said each budget year a wish list is put together and we budget what we can. Mr. Price said there are grants that can be applied for by the Chief, but he said the Council should also apply for grant funding. Mayor Pascoe said we have recently ordered four new cars, we now have two SRO's, however we have not gotten the cars yet due to the production delay. He said the city is trying to support the police department 100%, however the one thing that the city has been unable to provide is dependant health insurance. Mayor Pascoe said this is super expensive but we are looking at options. He said we are trying to do what we can with the funding we have. Nate Price asked as the demand is rising how is the Council going to expand the budget. He said he feels the city should annex and expand the city property to add to the tax base so we have the budget to update the police department.

Adam was excused at 7:54 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit

Farrell Steiner from Searle, Hart and Associates presented the audit for Fiscal Year 21-22. He explained what was reviewed during the audit. He said the city is well run and the finances are in good order. He said there were no findings this year and went over the graphs showing the status of the funds in the Management Report. Farrell discussed the audit report including PERSI, the liabilities, ARPA fund, etc. He said the investment earning are showing negative due to the market; however there will not be a loss if the bonds are held until maturity. He said he has seen a lot of entities that are experiencing this. Farrell discussed our different investments. He discussed the Independent Auditors Report. He said they look for weaknesses and none were found. He said everything looks good and the city is in good financial condition. The Mayor and Council thanked Farrell. Jeff moved, Leif seconded to accept the audit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented. Approved three in favor, Adam absent.

Concessionaire License

Kasen Reno, 170 Meadowlark Drive said his business is Kasen's Cotton Candy and he would like to obtain a Concessionaires License again this year to sell cotton candy at the City Park. Justin said there were no problems with litter, etc. Kim moved, Jeff seconded to approve a Concessionaires License for 2023 for Kasen's Cotton Candy. Approved three in favor, one absent. Kasen will need to fill out the paperwork at City Hall.

Kimberly Pines Subdivision

It was determined that the Kimberly Pines Development Agreement will be considered during the Final Platting Approved. Sandy presented a letter she received from Snake River Valley Irrigation stating there is adequate ditching for surface water irrigation.

Fair Housing Proclamation

Leif moved, Kim seconded to approve the Fair Housing Month Proclamation. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Animal Control

Sandy presented the copies of the animal ordinances she got from the City's of Blackfoot, Rigby, and Idaho Falls for the council to review. Mayor Pascoe said in

his opinion if you have a cat it should be in the house, but if it is outside is fair game; it may be caught in a live trap. He said the City of Idaho Falls requires their cats to be micro chipped. Tammy Rowberry said she feels like it is put on the nonpet owner to call their neighbor when their cats are in her yard or to trap them, etc. She said she has two dogs and they don't bark, they don't destroy the neighbor's property, etc. She said she is not going to pay for a trap and the expense to remove the cat once it is trapped. She said it is a privilege to be a pet owner, not just a right. She said people need to take pride in what they have. Ms. Rowberry said she has fought this battle for two years, and it is not her responsibility to take care of other people. Jeff said any ordinance has to be fashioned so it works and can be enforced. He said we need an animal control officer. Mayor Pascoe said when there is an animal complaint, the police need to be called, and not just posted on social media. Kim said the public needs more education. Dogs need to be licensed. Nate Price said he would volunteer to be the animal control officer. He said he will work with the city and the county and can even help with the language of the ordinance.

Business License

Leif moved, Kim seconded to approve a business license for Blue Line Security at 757 S. Park Ave. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Door to Door Salesman License

Kim moved, Jeff seconded to approve two Door To Door Salesman's License for Nicholas Bowes and Travis Ricks who will be selling for Roof Rescue. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Kim said she has had people complain about solar panel salesman's coming to their homes. They have no lanyard and make excuses when they're asked about their licenses. Sandy said all Door to Door Salesmen must have their lanyard with the city seal on it or they should be turned away and the police department notified.

Liquor by the Drink Ordinance

Kim moved, Leif seconded to table the Liquor by the Drink ordinance draft so we can review catering and Distillery tasting. Also to sell by the bottle at the Distillery. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Parking Ordinance

Kim moved, Jeff seconded to table consideration of the parking ordinance amendment. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Department Head Reports

Sandy said the new telephone system has been installed and seems to be working fine.

Sandy said there will be training for Titles and Registration on April 19, 2023. She requested that the DMV section be closed on that day. The Council gave permission to close the DMV on April 19, 2023.

Mikel said the MYAC Tandem Tour will be on April 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Shelley Fire Station.

Mikel said the Jazz Banquet will be in Salt Lake City on April 8, 2023 that he will be attending.

Jordon said building is starting to pick up. He said the C.O. was issued for the Idaho Central Credit Union building last week. He said the landscaping just needs to be finished. Sandy said the Ribbon Cutting will be May 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Justin said he has found a used backhoe for \$42,000. He said they will begin sweeping the streets in the next week or so.

Chad said all is going well. He said they recovered another stolen vehicle. He said on May 1, 2023 both Officer Jensen's will graduate.

Chad said all the officer in his department love this community and have ties here. He said he appreciates the comments that were receiving for the community because it helps to make us better.

Bingham County will be making a few changes. There will be a new Deputy assigned as our North residency officer. Tyson Gunderson has been assigned to this area and there will also be a second one who is just completing FTO. Bingham County appreciates the good working relationship with the city.

Council Reports

Jeff said people with problems should talk to our Police Chief. He said our doors are always open to the public. He thanked Nate Price for volunteering for animal control.

Kim said the Spring Into Service event will be April 22, 2023 and will last about two hours. She asked if any city people could help with the city park or railroad clean up.

Kim said the Mayoral Scholarship Gala will be held at Fort Hall on April 25, 2023.

Kim said Robyn Longhurst will be doing the flower pots again this year. Kim said she will talk to the new Chairman of the Tree Committee to plan the events this year.

ATTEST: Saud

Adjourned: 9:08 p.m.