

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe

Council Members: Earl Beattie(tele-conferenced), Kim Westergard, Adam French, and Leif Watson
Police Chief: Rod Mohler
Public Wks Dir.: Justin Johnson
Recreation Dir.: Mikel Anderson
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek
City Attorney: BJ Driscoll (absent)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Justin Johnson

PRAYER: Kim Westergard

Mayor Pascoe opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of Council Meeting on October 27, 2020

Building Permits:

Hobbs Middle School	- re-roof
Shannon Albright	- re-roof
MHD Development	- new twin homes
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Darwin Mathews	- new home
NK Carslie Holdings	- new door shipping center

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

Jacqueline Wittwer addressed the Mayor and Council to discuss allowing chickens within the city limits in residential zoning. She said as a citizen she would like chickens because we have expanding growth, we are semi-rural, and we take pride in our 4H programs. She said she understands this would require an animal control officer. Mrs. Wittwer said she is asking the city to consider hiring an animal control officer and allowing chickens in the city; she said she would probably not have chickens but would like it considered. She said maybe she would want chickens herself in the future. Mayor Pascoe said this issue was tabled in 2014 unless the council chooses to bring it back to the table. He said they are new subdivisions in the County that have restrictive covenants against having chickens. Mrs. Wittwer said she does not think this is an issue that is going to go away. Kim said the Council has looked into this matter and the majority doesn't want chickens. Adam said he is in favor of chickens. Kim said if the city hired an animal control officer the property taxes would need to be raised to pay for it. Sandy said the city can raise property taxes 3% annually and that amount will not cover the wages and benefits of another officer. She said the money would need to come out of another use or we would need to cut what is given to the streets fund for street maintenance. Mrs. Wittwer said she intends to come

back to the Mayor and Council on this issue every November. The Mayor and Council thanked her for coming in.

Dave Noel, Forsgren Engineering was present to discuss the water project. He said in regard to the sixteen-inch line, the bids came in higher than expected and what our budget will allow. He said could talk to some other funding agencies to see if there are any funds available, but this would probably push the project past this winter. He said we could stop the project and save the money left in it. He said there are no strings attached to the remaining funds. Mayor Pascoe said everyone is having a hard time getting parts right now. He said the Winders have put their asphalt in on their property, but the easement will not have to go through the asphalt. Dave said he can send a letter to the contractor and state that the city is not going to pursue the project at this time. The Council agreed to have Dave send the letter to the contractor stating such. Dave said the booster station will be needed for growth. However, we need the water to feed it to increase the pressure. There will be time to work on this matter in the future. Adam moved, Kim seconded to decline the bid and close out the water project. Approved unanimously.

Christopher McMullen said his utility bill increased in October, but he was not billed for the increase until November and it showed as past due. He said he thinks this is ridiculous. Mayor Pascoe explained that this increase must be paid to EIRWWA, and this was an error in the city office. He said city workers are human too and sometimes make mistakes. Mr. McMullen said he is upset because it came as past due and it should have been handled differently. He said the worker he talked to did not explain that the increase was going to EIRWWA. Sandy explained that unfortunately the billing system will not allow to charge an extra amount for a past month unless the entire system is changed twice. So, she felt this was the best way to handle the error.

Kim moved, Leif seconded to approve a business license for Rustic Home at 198 S. State Street for 2020. Approved unanimously.

Sandy said BJ had been ill and was unable to complete the proposed ordinance regarding the rezone and the change to the zoning ordinance.

Sandy presented the fourth quarter Treasurer Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020. She said DMV is going very well, and the new employee will be starting on November 16th.

Mikel said Basketball has just over 300 registrations so far. He said the Mayors Youth Council has 22 kids that have joined, and tomorrow is the 2nd official meeting. He said the MYC will help with the lighting ceremony and Santa's visit. Mikel expressed his thanks for being able to attend the Parks and Recreation Conference in Post Falls.

Justin said he met with the Winders last week regarding the water line. He said parts have been ordered for two weeks, and some of the valves are more expensive than thought. He said the project will cost about \$40,000. He said it has been staked out and might possibly be done before bad weather hits, but it may be next spring.

Justin said the flag poles have been refurbished and look really good. He said the crew is getting the equipment ready for the winter.

Justin said he has been working with Kyle from HLE on an L-Tac grant that needs to be turned in by Monday regarding the Hummingbird storm sewer project. Our transportation study was done in 2008 and should be updated. He said there is grant money to update our plan and HLE could put in for it. HLE could try for the storm sewer project again, however we would lose points without a current transportation plan. Justin said he feels we need to update the plan first before applying for the storm sewer project again.

Justin said he met with Bubba Ricker regarding the siren. He said the pole has been installed for several months now. Bubba will start working on the siren and Ed Harlow will be doing the electrical work. Justin said Rocky Mountain Power will use their bucket truck to hang the siren. He said were just waiting on the work to be done.

Rod said he was going to jump on social media to encourage people to get equipment and vehicles off of the streets so plowing can be done.

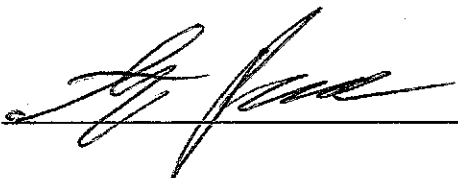
Leif said the Community Pioneer is now available for subscriptions.

Kim said Ross Foster would like to be added to the next agenda to discuss donations for the food bank. She said it will be called Heart to Hand. This will no longer be the Bingham County Food Bank. Kim said Ross will also be talking to the County Commissioners for partial funding.

Adam said Justin is due for his merit raise and he would like to bump him two levels. He said Justin does a great job. The Mayor and Council agreed to bump him two levels and this must be added to the next agenda to ratify.

Mayor Pascoe said there are some surgeries scheduled and some who have already had surgery and asked about cancelling the next meeting. The meeting scheduled for November 24th was cancelled. Sandy will post this information and let people know.

Adjourned: 8:23 p.m.

APPROVE:  ATTEST: 