

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe (ZOOM)

Council Members: Jeff Kelley(ZOOM/Arrived in person at 7:59 p.m.), 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:	BJ Driscoll
City Building Insp/Plann.:	Jordon Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chad Purser

PRAYER: BJ Driscoll

The meeting was opened at 7:31 p.m.

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

Approval of the Minutes of Council Meeting on February 28, 2023

Approval of the Minutes of Special Meeting on February 21, 2023

Building Permits:

Andrew Christensen – Addition/Storage Building

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

Presentation of Recording Awarding the Tony Elfering Scholarship

At the IRWA Conference last week, Connor Johnson was awarded the Tony Elfering Scholarship. Connor is the son of the Public Works Director, Justin Johnson and he read his essay titled "What Effect Water Has On My Life" that was presented in his application to IRWA. Justin said Tony Elfering was a circuit rider that passed away a few years ago in a motorcycle accident. He said there were two \$2000 scholarships awarded and Connor received one of them. The Mayor and Council congratulated Connor and commended him for a good job.

Don Rhondeau – Complaint Regarding the Cats in the City

Don Rhondeau, 257 S. Park Avenue said there are problems in the city with cats urinating in their bushes and in and around their vehicles. He said on their block they have numerous cats, and the neighbors next to them have the same problem with cats getting into their flower beds. Mr. Rhondeau said a cat attacked his wife which caused an infection. She had Dr. bills, pain, etc. He said there is a lady down the street that has nine cats and another one that has 14. Mr. Rhondeau said he is concerned about their property value and he wants pet owners including cat owners to be responsible for their animals. He said there needs to be an ordinance for cats. Kim said she agrees that there needs to be an ordinance. She said there also needs to be a spay and neuter program. Mr. Rhondeau said he can trap the cats but then he has to take time off work, spend his gas, etc. to take the cats to the pound in Bingham County. He said the number of dogs someone can have is limited, so why not limit cats. Sandy said this has

been a problem for many years. She said it is hard to prove who the owner is. Leif said the City of Idaho Falls has a cat ordinance that requires micro-chipping, spaying and neutering, however they also have an animal control officer. Leif said there has got to be something we can do. He suggested that if Mr. Rhondeau knows who owns the cats, that he trap them, and try and take them back to their owner. Kim said the city has an animal hoarding problem. Chad said he could look at some other cities ordinances and take them to the city prosecutor and see what could be done. Sand said she can get copies of ordinance from other cities as well. Mayor Pascoe said if we can get an ordinance in place, it will require people to take care of their cats or not have them.

Jeff arrived at 7:59 p.m.

Proclamation

Leif moved, Kim seconded to proclaim the week of April 1-7 as Young Child's Week. Approved three in favor, Jeff opposed.

Kimberly Pines Development Agreement

BJ reviewed and amended the Kimberly Pine Development Agreement and discussed the requirement for a pressurized irrigation system. Justin and Jordon had not reviewed the proposed Development Agreement at this time. Leif moved, Jeff seconded to table this matter until the next meeting.

Business License

Kim moved, Leif seconded to approve a business license for Cruz Therapy Service at 186 W. Pine Street. Approved unanimously.

Proposed Regulations for Liquor by the Drink Licensing

Sandy presented the City of Blackfoot's and the City of Idaho Falls' ordinances regarding liquor by the drink for review. BJ will present a draft at the next meeting.

Parking Regulations on Street

The Council discussed trying to control the parking on the streets. Inoperable vehicles should not be on the street as well as trailers and unlicensed vehicles. Chad said he will talk to some other agencies to see how they handle it. Chad said the Department will do a better job getting the vehicles off the street as well. He said amending the ordinance to prohibit inoperable vehicles might help. The Council may look at prohibiting seasonal on street parking as well.

City Hall Reports

Sandy said Lorin Croft has requested that a sign be put up on the lot he donated to the city in the Sunset Vista Subdivision stating "Future Home of Croft Twilight Park". The council discussed this and would like more time to think about it. BJ advised the counsel not to put up that sign unless and until they have decided on a final name.

Sandy said the owner of Mr. Pizza came in, and said the Director at the Sr. Center had approached her about the high school students using the alley that runs next to the Sr. Center. They are driving too fast. Mrs. Albright asked if the city could put up some slow signs or possibly a speed bump to slow the kids down. The council felt a sign could be put up and also a 5-mph speed limit sign as well. Justin said

since this is a gravel alley, he did not think a speed bump would hold up very well. The Council felt signs should be put up and the SRO should let the students know they need to slow down. The council discussed making the alley a one way in the future. Chad said he will check the code about the regulations for speed limits.

Recreation Depart. Reports

Mikel said he attended a conference in McCall and got a lot of good information on different programs. He said soccer registration is under way.

He said there is a new instructor that can certify the lifeguards so it will be less costly this year.

Mikel said the MYAC group will be cleaning the bleachers at the Hobbs Middle School this week.

Building Dept. Reports

Jordon said he appreciated being able to attend the IRWA Conference this year.

Public Works Dept. Reports

Justin said the IRWA Conference was great this year. He said they were able to attend a couple of tours and to network with other. He said it was also great to see Connor get the award.

Justin said the Hawk light has been repaired and it working.

Justin said Spring Clen Up will be April 24th through the 28th this year.

Justin said new sampling is required from EPA called PFAS testing. He said this is being required nationwide and EPA is paying for it.

Justin said when water was taken out to the Bingham County Park last summer 80,650 gallons was hauled, 1600 gallons at a time.

Justin said Austin Szerszen gave notice of termination. He said the main reason was low pay. Justin said he will be hiring to replace him. Justin said Kyson VanOrden will be leaving May 1, 2023 to join the military.

Police Dept. Reports

Chad said the police department will be getting some new equipment from grants. He said they will be excited to use the new equipment.

Chad said April 22, 2023 they will be participating in DEQ Drug Kickback where drugs can be brought in and disposed of.

Chad said over the past three weeks there have been three cars stolen. He said all three had the keys left in the car. He said a suspect has been arrested as they have worked with other agencies on this. Two of the vehicles have been recovered.

Chad said both Officer Jensen's have six weeks left at training. Officer Ballesteros will be a certified instructor.

Chad said the County is rolling out a Fentanyl Education Program. He said they will have a team to help with the program.

Council Reports

Jeff said the corner of Anderson and Park Avenue has failed. Justin said he knows it needs to be repaired. He said he was waiting for the water to recede to be able to temporarily fix it until the weather allows to fix it permanently.

Jeff said he wants to recognize people who donate their time to the community. He said Make a Wish Foundation will be donating equipment to the school for a young lady's wish.

Mayor Pascoe said he appreciates everyone.

Adam said there was a letter received in the drop box discussing the police department and the theft of cars lately. He said he appreciates citizens becoming involved, but the letter was not signed. He said the citizen indicated that they would like to discuss this at a public meeting. The Council feels the letter has a lot of discrepancies that should be addressed. Adam said he is behind the police force and thinks they're doing a great job. The council asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for public comments at the next council meeting.

Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

APPROVE:  ATTEST: 

