

CITY OF SHELLEY  
COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 25, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe (teleconferenced)

Council Members: Jeff Kelley, Kim Westergard (absent), 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: Adam French

The meeting was opened at 7:36: p.m.

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

Approval of the Minutes of Council Meeting on July 11, 2023

Building Permits:

Slade Roofing	- reroof
Karla Cecilia	- addition
Pat Kelly	- accessory building

A roll call vote was taken: Jeff – aye, Leif – aye, and Adam – aye. Approved three in favor, one absent.

**Becca Chapple – Building on the Former Mallard Plat**

Becca Chapple said they are interested in purchasing the land at the end of the easement formerly known as Mallard Avenue. She said if they purchase it she wants to make sure they can access the property. Sandy said quite a few years ago Blake Johnson owned the land and his daughter intended to move a home on the property with the idea that the land would be used as nothing else. Mallard Avenue was vacated by the city to allow one home to be located on the land and the regulations of the subdivision would not be required. The property owners were given the property on each side and egress/ingress easements were supposed to be drawn up. Ms. Chapple said they have talked to Sharon Jones who owns the west 25 feet of the easement. She does not have any problem with them accessing the property. The city regulations state a private driveway must be 30 feet and it must be owned by the property owner. It must also be finished from the street to the garage. Ms. Chapple said they would talk to Jon Cox and see if they could buy some property from him. Also, they need to check with the fire department to see what regulations will need to be followed for a turn around. Ms. Chapple said she will come back to the Council after talking to Mr. Cox. Justin said both the water and the sewer line will need to be accessed from West Oak Street.

**Del Kohtz – Acquisition of Water Rights**

Jeff said the city formerly approved the purchase of water rights from Mr. Kohtz but the details for the purchase need to be ironed out. Jeff said the agreement

to purchase was reviewed and the city is concerned about the amount of earnest money that is listed. Mr. Kohtz said he has been doing this type of work for forty years and doesn't expect this sale to fail. He said doing these deals are not cheap anymore. He said the application fee and the engineer's fee need to be covered but he is willing to cut it in half making the sale for 50 acres instead of 100 acres. Jeff said he doesn't have any heartburn but we need to have an editable contract so our attorney can propose some changes. The city will obtain the word file from Rob Harris who is Mr. Kohtz's attorney or we can convert the PDF.

### **City Picnic**

The city picnic will be held on August 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pillsbury Park.

### **Rural Development Grant**

This grant is in the amount of \$20,000 with a \$10,000 match by the city. It will be used to form a coalition to further seek a technology hub grant. Leif moved, Jeff seconded to accept the grant from Rural Development once awarded. Approved three in favor, one absent.

### **Cost Share of Fence at Bleak Park**

Justin said Josh Isaacs at 296 N. Byron would like to install a white privacy vinyl fence between his property and the Bleak Park. He said there is about 280 feet of fence and the cost is \$9000, and he would like the city to pay half. Jeff moved, Leif seconded to approve the expense up to \$4500 for a white vinyl privacy fence along the north side of Bleak Park. Approved three in favor, one absent.

### **Senior Citizen Parking Lot**

Justin said the crew has found some of the valves in the alley for water but they are still looking for two of them. He said once we find the valves we should talk to our engineers since there may be a hydrant needed. Justin said if we can hold off on paving it for a bit, it will give us room to move the equipment around. Also there is supposed to be a parking strip along the east side of Kiwanis Park that is 19 feet wide. The Council determined to have our surveyor get it marked and cut it out with the loader. It will be paved when the remaining portion of the alley is paved.

### **Water Development Project and Public Finance**

The Council discussed moving towards obtaining grants and a bond attorney for a water development project. This would encompass replacing the lead goose necks as needed and installation of water meters city wide. Leif moved, Jeff seconded to hold a Community Information Meeting on August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Department Head Reports**

Sandy said the Idaho Central Credit Union Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be July 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Sandy asked if a work meeting could be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 2023 to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. The Council agreed.

Mikel said the pool is running well. The Inspector came to inspect it and there were no problems found. He said the registration for Flag Football is beginning.

Jordon said EIRSD is looking at giving out more ERU's than originally thought. He said they will remain only giving a commit to serve letter which means no building permit can be issued until the upgrade at the plant has been done.

Justin said the crew has been painting stripes on the streets throughout the city. He said he is still waiting on the parts to repair the hawk light. Justin said the Fir Street Project is done except for the striping. This project was done with the grant from LRIP.

Justin said lead and copper samples were pulled last week as required every three years.

Mikel said the Jazz Player will be at the High School on August 2, 2023 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Chad said there will be EVOC training at the High School which is mandatory. He said he is still waiting on the new cars.

**Council Reports**

Jeff discussed the speeding problem on South Park. Chad said he can move the speed limit control sign from Center Street to South Park. He said he will try and get another sign during the next grant cycle.

Leif said at the Planning and Zoning meeting they discussed variances and the vision that the P&Z have for the city. Sandy was instructed to begin setting up meetings to update the Comprehensive Plan for the city.

Mayor Pascoe said EIRSD and the City of Shelley will be expending funds for a fence around the pond on the walking path. He obtained two bids with the lowest being \$12000, however the contract is out four to six weeks. The fence will be installed around the pond at that time.

Adam thanked everyone for their hard work.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

APPROVE:  ATTEST: 