

CITY OF SHELLEY
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

MARCH 07, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe

Council Members: Jeff Kelley, Kim

Westergard (teleconferenced), Leif Watson, and Adam French

Public Wks Dir.: Justin Johnson

City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek

Building Inspector: Jordon Johnson

City Attorney: BJ Driscoll

This meeting was opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to consider adopting a policy regarding the suspension of purchasing connections and other fees once a public hearing is called for to consider such and a decision is made at the hearing or thirty days whichever comes first.

Dave Noel gave a few options for other polices such as the redemption time being six months after purchasing a connection and then a monthly fee will begin being charged, or once the connection fee is paid monthly charges shall occur. Dave said this would stand even on a prepurchase of connections. He said the City of Island Park created this policy a while back. He said a policy could also be created to buy back the prepaid connections if they do not want to being paying a monthly fee. Once a connection fee is bought, the purchaser has invested in the system so therefore it would be fair for the purchaser to help maintain the system. The Mayor and Council discussed the various options Dave suggested, but since the item on the agenda referred to the suspension of purchase that is what is being considered. Jeff said he is concerned about some of the Developers that have pre-purchased but other Developers have not done so. Jeff expressed some concerns about why the engineers have not suggested an increase in the connection fees in the past. Sandy and Justin said the engineers have said that the city needs to increase their fees many times. Dave said this is also a recommendation in the water study. The Council is concerned about the residents funding future infrastructure when they've already paid into the system, new growth should invest into the system as well.

Leif moved, Adam seconded to adopt a policy that will suspend the issuance and sale of connection fees, permits, etc. from the time a hearing is declared to consider a fee increase on such items until the time of the hearing which a decision is made or thirty days whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

Sandy was asked to place the matter to consider a policy requiring the purchaser of any connections to begin paying monthly user fees beginning the next month after purchase. This would eliminate the concern over new homes to begin using water without setting up an account. This policy would also include those pre-purchasing connections.

Adjourned: 10:07 a.m.

APPROVE: _____

ATTEST: _____