

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2020
SALMON, IDAHO**

Mayor Marshall opened the regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via GoToMeeting due to the Coronavirus.

Those in attendance were:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Jim Baker**
 Jim Bockelman
 Ken Hill
 Neal James
 Robin Phillips
 Fred Waidely

CITY ATTORNEY: **Fred Snook**

Decisions/Action Items

- 1) Council approved the request to terminate the franchise early between Custer Telephone and the City of Salmon and to relieve them of their franchise requirements after December 31, 2020.
- 2) Request by Salmon Valley Business and Innovation Center for Approval of Capital Expenditure As Per Lease Agreement, Section 4 was tabled until budgeting process.
- 3) Lemhi County Fire Protection District Parking Area will be on next agenda with a map of area.
- 4) Sacajawea Center Haying Contract was approved.
- 5) England Sidewalk Replacement -Request for Additional Funds was approved.
- 6) Terracon Consultants, Inc. Proposal for Wastewater Pond Seepage Testing was approved.

Consent Agenda – Action Item

- a) Meeting Minutes April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b) Bills for approval

Councilor Hill made a motion to approve the April 15, 2020 meeting minutes and bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Waidely...aye, Phillips...aye, James...aye, Baker...aye, and Hill...aye, Bockelman...aye.

Public Comments

None

Custer Telephone Broadband Services – Request to Terminate Franchise Early – Action Item

Dennis Thornock submitted a letter notifying City Council that they will be discontinuing their cable television video service as of December 31, 2020. They currently have a franchise agreement with the City that expires August 6, 2024. Fred Snook reviewed the request to terminate the Franchise Agreement early and noted that a 6-month notice was given. He commented that there was no sense in charging a fee when the service would not exist.

Councilor Phillips made a motion to accept the request to terminate the franchise early between Custer Telephone and the City of Salmon and Councilor Bockelman amended the motion to relieve them of their franchise requirements after December 31, 2020.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Bockelman...aye, Waidely...aye, Phillips...aye, James...aye, Baker...aye, and Hill...aye. Roll call vote on the amended motion: Hill...aye, Baker...aye, James...aye, Phillips...aye, Waidely...aye, and Bockelman...aye.

Request by Salmon Valley Business and Innovation Center for Approval of Capital Expenditure As Per Lease Agreement, Section 4 – Action Item

Tammy Stringham forwarded an estimate for the Business Center roof for the City “budget planning”. The estimate is for a snowbreak system. The current lease agreement states that “lessee will be responsible for all routine maintenance, repairs, staff, and operational expenses of the Salmon Valley Business and Innovation Center. “ “Any repair, maintenance or capital expenditure in excess of \$5,000 must be approved by owner.”

Sue Polk, Economic Development Association Board Director, stated that they believe this is a greater scope than the day to day maintenance of the building that Lemhi County Economic Development Association agreed to. She said they believe that it is appropriate for the City Public Works Department to take control of the project. Councilor Bockelman stated that it has been a concern of his for some time. We own the building; we should at least bring it up to a good quality. Councilor Waidely stated that he feels there are several options to explore and made a motion to table the discussion and bring it up during the budget process. Councilor Baker said it would be wise to put this item on the budget discussions for the upcoming year. Roll call vote: Bockelman...aye, Waidely...aye, Phillips...aye, James...aye, Baker...aye, and Hill...aye.

Matching Funds Request for Grant to Employ Full-Time Economic Development Professional- Action Item

Tammy Stringham is applying for a grant that is appropriated funds to employ full-time Economic Development Professionals. She asked the City to provide \$6,000 in matching funds.

Councilor Phillips stated that she thought we had an economic director. Sue Polk stated that Tammy Stringham is the director. Councilor Phillips asked if the County had been approached. Sue said yes they have. The grant program is to build economic development capacity in rural Idaho. They are contacting other entities to provide matching funds. The county has budgeted \$12,000 toward their matching funds. Tammy Stringham said it comes up every year, “why is your city not contributing?” It puts their grant in jeopardy without support from the City.

Councilor Phillips noted that the City is participating by providing a facility for \$1.00/yr. They are leasing out spaces and keeping the revenue. She feels that should be considered as part of the City’s contribution. She also questioned why the City residents should pay through city and county taxes. In answer to her question she was informed that the request would be annually.

Amy Fealko reminded Council that this is a hard financial year for the City as well and Council just asked all city departments to cut back. She asked council to take that into consideration when making this decision.

A motion was made to consider the request for funds during the budget process and to submit a letter of support pending future budget requirements. Roll call vote: Bockelman...no, Waidely...aye, Phillips...no, James...aye, Baker...aye, and Hill...aye.

Lemhi County Fire Protection District Parking Area – Action Item

The Fire Protection District would like some assurance that there is available parking for the firemen in emergency situations. With the addition of new businesses in Fred Snook’s building they are afraid that the parking area will not be readily available. They would like the parking area dedicated for LCFPD use only. Councilor Bockelman made a motion to table the discussion until documentation of said parking lot is provided. All voted aye.

Sacajawea Center Haying Contract – Action Item

Susy Avey stated that she received 1 bid for the three-year hay contract (2020-2022) in the amount of \$1,500/year from Thomas Whitson. She asked Council to accept the bid and approve the contract. A motion was made by Councilor Hill to approve the Sacajawea Center Haying Contract and passed with the following roll call vote:

Bockelman...aye, Waidely...aye, Phillips...aye, James...aye, Baker...aye, and Hill...aye.

Water Facility Planning Study Review – Informational

Matthew Hill and Jim Mullen were in attendance via telephone. They are approaching the end of the study. They have identified problem areas. The draft study was submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality. They gave it a technical review and did not submit any comments. They are ready to finish up. The biggest part is to develop a Capital Improvement Plan which can be completed by the end of May. Priority 1, 2 & 3 were review with a possible start date of 2020 and a completion date of 2040.

The Development Company Funding Option Recommendations for Water Facility Study – Rick Miller- Informational Item

Rick stated that if the City is looking forward to system improvements he could discuss funding mechanisms. All the funding agencies have indicated to him that they are not certain of whether or not they are getting any money. The City could apply for a block grant, funding from DEQ requires getting on a priority list, USDA has funding. The City's income with USDA puts the City on a high grant rate scenario, up to even 50% if city rates were around \$50/month range. To be competitive rates would have to be higher. If rates are not raised grant funding would probably not be available from any of the agencies. Army Corp of Engineers is also a funding source.

England Sidewalk Replacement -Request for Additional Funds - Action Item

Herbek Construction completed the sidewalk by Esther England's property on Church Street. He stated that poor soils were encountered causing extra expense. Total project cost was \$8,925.00 instead of \$5,200. Instead of the City portion due being \$2,600 he is asking the city to cover an additional \$1,675. A motion was made to grant funds in the amount of \$4,275 for sidewalk improvements with Esther England/Mountain West. Roll call vote carried: Bockelman...aye, Waidely...aye, Phillips...no, James...no, Baker...aye, and Hill...aye.

Terracon Consultants, Inc. Proposal for Wastewater Pond Seepage Testing- Action Item

Emery Penner asked Council to approve the proposal for wastewater pond seepage testing from Terracon Consultants, Inc. Projected cost would be \$11,725. Councilor James made a motion to accept Terracon Consultant's proposal. Roll call vote: Hill...aye, Baker...aye, James...aye, Phillips...aye, Waidely...aye and Bockelman...aye.

Informal Discussion/Round Table

- 1) Councilor Waidely stated that he will get with the Ad-Hoc Committee.
- 2) Councilor Bockelman passed on a thank you from a resident for street sweeping. He also commented on damage to city property on Fulton/Courthouse.
- 3) Councilor Phillips complimented Fred Waidely on his leadership with the Ad-Hoc Committee. She also commented that the closure of the swimming pool seemed to create a lot of hysteria on social media. Maybe it is time for a group to set up an association and let them run the pool.
- 4) Councilor James asked to “have a real meeting” for the next meeting. He does not care for the telephone meetings. Also, there is a new drop box in back of City Hall. Thank you to Charles Cockrell and Mary Benton for getting it done.

Committee Meetings / Public Information

- a) Public Works Team – TBD
- b) Parks and Recreation Team – TBD
- c) Finance Team – TBD
- d) Public Safety Team – TBD

Public Comments

None

Future Council Meeting Agenda Items Future Action Items

Executive Session Per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) & 1(f) - Request by Councilor Bockelman

Adjournment – Action Item

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor, Leo Marshall

Mary Benton, City Clerk