

This regular meeting of the Jerome City Council was called to order by Mayor Davis at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor David M. Davis, , Councilman Brent “Oop” Johnson and Councilman Jason Peterson. Councilman Robert Culver joined by teleconference and Councilman Chris Barber was excused.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Gomes, City Attorney J.B. Lothspeich, City Administrator Mike Williams, Information Services Director Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Building Official Dave Richey, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, City Engineer Rick Wuori, Human Resources Director Ida Clark, City Planner Esmeralda Chavez, Library Director Linda Mecham, Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Harrison, and Police Chief Dan Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Davis led the audience in recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Police Chaplin Baldwin Camin.

PUBLIC HEARING:

This being the time published to consider a request for approval on a final plat for the Stoney Ridge Subdivision Phase 3, located in a portion of N2 SE4, Section 7, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Jerome County, Idaho, Mayor Davis reviewed the rules of public hearing, and called the public hearing open at 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Gerald Marten, 11 E 500 S, Jerome, came before council requesting approval of a final plat for another phase of the Stoney Ridge Subdivision. He stated this extension of Stoney Ridge will be on 21st Avenue E and 22nd Avenue E to the west of Tiger Drive. The sixteen lots will be identical in size and character of the existing lots. They will accommodate the demand in residential lots in that portion of town. He stated he has worked with staff and believes he has met all requirements.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Marten stated the next phase will move north of the existing lots and head west from Tiger Drive. Regarding the pump to the north of Stoney Ridge, it will eventually be filled in. The pump installed initially was designed to accommodate properties in existence, and future additions may require either a larger pump or an additional one; the developer will be responsible for those costs. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Marten stated this particular phase cannot go further west as there would be loss of grade on the sewer. There may be a pedestrian walkway in the subdivision as they move north.

Ms. Chavez stated the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to review the preliminary plat on January 9th; there were no comments received in favor, neutral nor in opposition to the plat at the hearing. The Commission approved the preliminary plat as it met all requirements per Idaho Code.

There was no testimony in favor, neutral, nor in opposition to the information presented. There being no further testimony to be heard, the Chair closed the hearing at 5:39 p.m.

APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR STONEY RIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3:

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the final plat for the Stoney Ridge Subdivision Phase 3. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Culver, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 regular meeting

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Culver, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

JEROME 20/20 QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Jerome 20/20, Inc. Executive Director Larry Hall presented the quarterly update. One of the important activities with Jerome 20/20 is marketing. The focus for 2017 were aspects of the dairy industry including cheese and milk processing, refrigerated and dry storage and agriculture chemical manufacturing. The focus for 2018 will move towards packaging cardboard and plastic and research entities in addition to the previously mentioned dairy categories.

Refrigeration and dry storage continue to be topics of discussion. WOW Logistics has been in operation for several years and at capacity for the past eighteen months, and local plant expansions will require additional storage in the future. Mr. Hall stated he visited with thirty cities in twelve counties throughout Southern and Central California in what he called the “Shotgun Marketing Approach” to see what markets could be interested in this region. For 2018 he plans to take a “Rifle Marketing Approach” to concentrate marketing efforts on more specific areas. Projects for the group include:

- Project Squeeze – Expansion in milk processing, soon to be announced
- Project Horizon - Commercial Creamery expansion
- Projects Fraction and Husker – Ag feed research and marketing – dairy and beef cattle – manufacturing facility
- Projects Chilly and Frigid – Cold and dry storage facility
- Project Med – Expansion of current medical facility
- Main Street Parking and Beautification Committee

Projects within Jerome County but outside of city limits include:

- Project Bed – Potential Hotel Facility (could also be a city investment)
- Project Exit – Mr. Gas/Lynch Oil Truck Stop – expected to open April 1st
- Project Wings – Airport Fixed Based Operation
- University of Idaho Dairy Research Facility and Dairy – UI Café

Mr. Hall stated UI has not made an official announcement regarding their decision to come to Jerome but that Jerome 20/20 has been actively involved in discussions regarding this project. \$35 million has been raised by the university for this project so far.

Mr. Williams stated the list of projects, both commercial and residential, continues to grow. He expects a good year in growth and investment.

PROCLAMATION ENGINEERS WEEK:

The clerk read the following proclamation in full:

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK
FEBRUARY 18-24, 2018**

WHEREAS, Engineers use their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society’s needs; and

WHEREAS, Engineers face the major technological challenges of our time – from rebuilding towns devastated by natural disaster, cleaning up the environment, and assuring safe, clean and efficient sources of energy, to designing information systems that will speed our country into the future; and,

WHEREAS, Engineers are encouraging our young math and science students to realize the practical power of their knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, citizens and government officials look to engineers, now more than ever, for their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David M. Davis, Mayor of the City of Jerome, Idaho do hereby proclaim February 18-24, 2018, as

ENGINEERS WEEK

In the City of Jerome, State of Idaho
Adopted this 6th day of February, 2018.

By:
/s/ David M. Davis
David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Bernadette Gomes
Bernadette Gomes, City Clerk

The council signified unanimous support with all “ayes.”

NORTH PARK UPGRADES:

Ryan Glodowski with the North Park Project Committee, along with Scott Lebsack and Gary Warr, presented designs for North Park improvements and upgrades. The committee hopes to have the designs approved by council to move forward with fundraising efforts. Their hope is to revitalize downtown Jerome and increase use of the park. Mr. Lebsack showed the initial site inventory currently at the park and stated the committee discussed what they wanted to see in the

park and what constraints it had. The annual car show and winter events were kept in mind when discussing potential improvements. Concept designs shown to council include an amphitheater for performances, theater productions, etc. at the southeast corner of the park; covered picnic tables and shelter would be moved to the northeast side. Sun exposure and the preservation of surrounding trees were some factors in choosing this location.

Another feature of the design was a splash pad. Similar to the Grove Plaza in Boise, the water feature could run but also be disabled for other events in the park. A small playground was also incorporated into the design although it would not be the main focus of the park since nearby Sheppard's Park has playground equipment and swings. Raised benches and picnic areas would surround the splash pad. Smaller components to the existing Skate Park would be a complete skate bowl and a flat concrete area for beginners. The Jerome Recreation District owns a bicycle pump track, and this feature was also added to the design for North Park. He concluded by stating that the concept could be refined to fit budget constraints.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis regarding power and space in the amphitheater to accommodate summer movie events, Mr. Lebsack stated that, depending on the number of attendees, the movie events could very well be held in the amphitheater; he also reiterated the concern of removing existing trees. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Lebsack stated calculations can be made to determine the number of people who can be accommodated in the proposed amphitheater. He also stated once the fundraising phase is complete the construction phase would begin and crowd calculations can be made. An electrical building may also be an option if power is needed in another area of the park.

Mr. Williams stated line of sight is an important factor to consider, and that with good acoustics people can still see the activities even if they're not seated in the amphitheater area. Mr. Lebsack stated a band shell-style amphitheater with a raised stage might also be an option to allow for more room.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Culver, Mr. Warr briefly discussed the issue of recaptured and reused water. The volume of water to be used will be evident in the engineering phase of the project. In a fresh water system, water comes from a city potable water source; once it drains it goes to the sewer system or is recaptured for irrigation purposes through a natural area for drainage or a pond. Underground vaults can also capture water but are cost prohibitive and not ideal due to the location of the park. A recirculated system recycles water continuously, and the cost would also be determined during the engineering phase of the project; general operational costs can be estimated. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, water quality in a recirculated system would need to be tested and recorded multiple times per day. This type of system would also require a chemical delivery system, ultra violet filters, and a transition area between grass and mud; they tend to get back into the splash pad area and plug up the jets. Part of the concept design includes a tiled surface near the playground area and an open transition area so that ground material, grass and mud cannot be tracked back into the splash pad. Depending on the engineering phase which will determine the volume of water and considering the design of the splash pad to be 2,900 square feet, Mr. Warr believes the fresh water system would be ideal. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, water flow can be controlled with timers to control water usage.

Mr. Warr stated cost estimates for construction are at approximately \$1 million. However, conceptual designs can be refined in order to reduce costs but still make it worthwhile. Once council approves the design, the fundraising phase can begin. The project will most likely be completed in phases based on priorities to be determined by council and the committee.

Councilman Culver stated he would like to have water recaptured if possible, and Mr. Warr stated he does not see a high volume of water at the splash pad; there may need to be a back-up water supply for irrigating. Mr. Glowdowski stated there has been interest from potential donors to support the project.

Mr. Warr stated if council approves of the design, cost estimates will be obtained. Councilman Johnson is in favor of the design but is concerned about the number of people that can be accommodated in the amphitheater; Mr. Warr explained the location and position of the amphitheater were designed to control noise from surrounding homes and to provide shade for events. Councilman Peterson is in favor of constructing the amphitheater before the splash pad in terms of project phasing. Mr. Williams stated local businesses might have preference over what they support for the design, and support of the council will determine the next step. Mayor Davis stated council appears to be in support of the design and directed the committee to provide cost estimates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MINI PUMPER BID:

Chief Presnell presented information regarding the fire department going out to bid for a mini-pumper. In looking for more cost-effective ways to providing services, the department is considering a smaller version of fire engines. The majority of core volume calls are for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and a mini-pumper on a smaller chassis would be available for EMS calls. It will be fully capable of initiating a fire attack while waiting for larger apparatus, and overall operating costs will be reduced (i.e. better fuel mileage, lower maintenance costs, etc.). Life expectancy of the mini-pumper is 10-15 years and, unlike other recent purchases, it will fit in all fire department facilities. Chief Presnell would like to begin the bidding process with publication of the notice to bid on February 15th.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Chief Presnell stated the mini-pumper would be the first-out apparatus on calls. Additionally, the pumper can be moved onto new chassis should there be mechanical issues with the truck. Fire Lieutenant Lane Sickles stated chassis are built with a standard dimension and could be easily changed out in the future if needed. This would be more cost-effective than purchasing an entirely new apparatus, and Chief Presnell further stated the chassis can be repaired locally. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, the mini-pumper will carry 400 gallons of water. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Lieutenant Sickles stated the pump and engine have 10-year life expectancy and should wear out evenly. The department will generally designate a truck as second-due out after approximately ten years of continuous use.

Chief Presnell stated the mini-pumper can be used in small areas throughout the city although, unlike a brush truck, it cannot pump water and drive at the same time; a small auxiliary pump may be a future addition. Councilman Johnson asked if the department considered a tanker truck since 400 gallons was not a large amount of water. Chief Presnell stated that, while there is a benefit to carrying water in a truck, the city has an impressive water system and there are few areas without access to a hydrant. Additionally, there will always be larger trucks called to fires, and a tanker would not be utilized enough to justify the cost. He further stated that, once crews arrive at a fire with the mini-pumper, they would use a 3" or 4" supply line to pull the 400 gallons of water almost immediately. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, the budget for this apparatus is \$200,000. Equipment from Engine No. 5 will also be utilized. Regarding the light duty brush truck approved by council in 2014, the fire department chose not to make that purchase due to the minimal areas of service within city limits and a price increase.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Williams stated the funds for that purchase were placed into the capital improvement fund. Additionally, \$100,000 per year have been saved for this purchase. It will go to bid on February 15th and noticed per legal publishing requirements. The bid will be available to all manufacturers. Chief Presnell stated there have been conversations with Pierce and HME for a price point. Bids will be presented to council once received and opened. A mini-pumper may be available by the end of March, and trained fire personnel will operate the truck.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Councilman Peterson made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student, and pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Culver, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Williams stated the legislative session in full swing, and staff has been asked to pay attention to proposed bills. Any issues of concern will be brought to council.

Mr. Richey stated that, as a board member of the Idaho Association of Building Officials, they are dealing with legislation regarding building codes as well as residential codes. They are working with the Boise Builders Association; it has been six years since a new code was adopted as they are still working with the code from 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, this February 6, 2018 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Gomes, City Clerk