

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 Robert Culver, Councilman Brent “Oop” Johnson and Councilman Jason Peterson. Councilman Barber was excused.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Attorney Ted Larsen, Information Services Director Carlos Hernandez, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, Library Director Linda Mecham, Building Official Dave Richey, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, Streets and Parks Supervisor Mike Hensley, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Planning and Zoning Manager Ida Clark, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Accounting and Budget Manager Lori McCrae, Deputy Fire Chief Lane Sickles and Police Chief Dan Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

INVOCATION:

An invocation was given by Pastor Mike Haddox of the First Presbyterian Church.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 regular meeting
2. Monthly Department Reports
3. Approve payment to Idaho State Insurance Fund in the amount of \$104,253 for the annual Worker’s Compensation premium
4. Approve Claims

Accu Sales \$126.00, Advanced Collection Technology \$50.00, Air St. Luke's \$90.00, Amazon Capital Services \$129.95, Arbitrage Compliance \$2,850.00, Archibald's Roofing, Inc. \$185.00, Assoc of Jerome City Firefighters \$108.00, Badger Meter \$258.99, Blue Cross \$98,720.09, Bonneville Blue Print Supply \$232.00, Bound Tree Medical \$524.96, BPA Health \$318.60, Bradley, Andrew \$45.00, Branom Instrument Company \$2,261.66, Brenntag Pacific, Inc \$8,517.50, Brodart Company \$52.92, Bullock Automation and Electric \$480.00, B-Z Plumbing \$209.58, CDW Government, Inc. \$4,994.54, Center Point Large Print \$88.08, Century Link \$1,709.09, Centurylink Business Services \$42.27, Chase Paymenttech \$2,210.45, City of Jerome \$283,071.93, Civicplus \$7,249.00, Civil Science, Inc \$9,322.63, Clark & Sons Inc. \$137.50, Colonial Life & Accident Insur \$1,862.85, Con Paulos Inc. \$35,441.27, Conrad & Bischoff Inc \$1,233.95, Creative Product Source, Inc. \$172.64, Culligan Soft Water Service \$119.10, Culver, Robert \$145.24, D & B Supply \$1,438.94, D & L Supply \$316.00, D n B Electric \$333.80, Data Support Co Inc \$992.12, Davis, David M \$145.40, Dig Line Inc \$155.38, Don's Irrigation LLC \$2,931.95, Dorantes, Sonia \$120.00, EHM Engineers, Inc. \$130.00, Electric 1 West, Inc. \$200.94, Electrical Contractors of ID \$480.45, Elliott, Katie \$9.00, Farmore of Idaho \$2,794.94, Fastenal Company \$106.67, Fred Kenyon Repair Inc. \$6,522.81, Freedom Electric Inc. \$807.79, Freedom Mailing Services, Inc \$1,993.43, Gaar, Olga \$4.92, Gem State Paper & Supply \$174.15, Gem State Welder's Supply \$72.54, Go-Fer It Express \$306.00, Greatamerica Financial Services \$271.00, Grove Hotel, The \$328.00, Hach Company \$12,789.23, Hanson Janitorial Supply, Inc. \$166.21, Harvey's Office Plus \$18.82, Henage,

Connie L \$105.48, Hess, Pamela Fay \$666.12, Hub City Building Inc \$198.42, Hydro Specialties Company \$6,262.08, ID Child Support Receipting \$1,562.84, ID Electric Motor Service Inc \$1,349.74, ID Instrument \$9.95, ID Rural Water Association \$2,700.00, ID State Insurance Fund \$104,253.00, ID State Tax Commission \$14,617.02, Idaho Hydrojetting \$350.00, Idaho Power Co. \$67,775.19, Idaho State Police \$1,718.75, Ingram Book Company \$1,194.89, Integrated Technologies, Inc. \$193.07, Intermountain Gas Company \$7,667.35, Jerome 20/20 \$20,000.00, Jerome Chamber of Commerce \$35.00, Jerome City Fire Fighters Assoc \$90.00, Jerome City Water Department \$280.79, Jerome County \$10,746.87, Jerome County Sheriff \$176.20, Jerome FF Local Union 4589 \$600.00, Jerome Recreation District \$600.00, J-U-B Engineers Inc. \$974.24, Keck's Plbg. & Salvage \$53.97, Keller Associates Inc \$542.50, KPM \$35.00, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$5,038.66, Lexisnexis Risk Solutions \$30.50, Magic Valley Labs \$8,793.20, Mason's Trophies & Gifts \$7.20, McCrae, Lori \$913.65, McHugh Bromley, PLLC \$1,393.60, Mecham, Linda \$51.75, Mecham, Linda Library Director \$130.87, Metroquip, Inc. \$2,565.50, Minert & Associates, Inc. \$180.00, Mong, Thomas \$99.00, Monsen Engineering, LLC \$1,285.08, Mony Life Insurance Company of America \$8,190.17, Mower Office Systems \$454.97, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$89.98, Napa Auto Parts \$1,096.30, NCPERS Group Life Ins C356 \$224.00, New Tech Security, Inc. \$210.00, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$14.99, Praxair \$2,915.00, Pro West Engineering, LLC \$2,198.05, Pro-Flame, Inc \$4.29, Project Mutual Telephone \$304.54, PSI Environmental Services Inc \$22,544.44, Public Agency Training Council \$525.00, Rexel Usa Inc \$136.90, Richmond, Tommy \$28.34, Ridley's Food & Drug \$14.36, Salt Lake Wholesale Sports \$6,482.98, Saltworx Inc \$2,210.94, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$535.00, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$280.84, Skaggs Companies, Inc. \$833.65, SKM, Inc. \$62.50, Something More \$89.54, Southern ID Water Quality Coalition \$1,000.00, Sterling Codifiers, Inc. \$507.00, Stitchx LLC \$147.00, Sweet's Septic & Backhoe, Inc. \$1,404.00, TFD Enterprises, LLC \$6,814.53, Thatcher Company \$15,428.93, TIAA Commercial Finance, Inc. \$289.78, Times News \$292.70, T-Mobile \$301.00, Tore Up \$60.00, Treasure Valley Coffee, Inc. \$150.00, Tri-State Tire Jerome \$180.00, US Bank of Idaho \$3,156.54, US Bank Equipment Finance \$288.49, Uline \$99.12, Unified Office Services \$98.83, Univar Solutions USA Inc. \$4,557.00, US Bank Credit Card \$6,657.92, USA Bluebook \$70.14, Valley Wide Cooperative \$10,077.16, Verizon Wireless \$3,550.37, Viewu \$335.00, Watts Hydraulic and Steam Store \$1,723.45, Westec \$148.50, Western States Equipment \$637.57, Western Waste Services \$1,094.63, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Wolverton Homes \$54.90, Xpress Bill Pay \$783.78, Zions First National Bank \$416,236.45

Councilman Culver made the 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 Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 1184, BILL NO. 669 - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

The clerk read Bill No. 669 in full to constitute the final reading as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1184 BILL NO. 669

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF JEROME, IDAHO, AMENDING JEROME MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.18.050.I TO INCLUDE A LIST OF PROHIBITED HOME OCCUPATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND SETTING FORTH MORE SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR HOME OCCUPATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, applications for special use permits for home occupations frequently come before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Jerome and greater clarity and

direction is needed to guide the Commission in approving or denying special use permits for a home occupation;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to notice on the 14th day of January, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the City Council pursuant to notice on the 21st day of January, 2020;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME AS FOLLOWS:

I. Section 17.18.050 of the Jerome Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

Certain unique land uses pose special problems that may have detrimental influences on surrounding land uses. The following performance standards for such unique land uses shall be adhered to in addition to all other provisions of this title:

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I. Home Occupations:

- ~~1. No more than one person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation;~~
- ~~2. The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants, and not more than four hundred (400) square feet of the floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation;~~
- ~~3. There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation;~~
- ~~4. No significant traffic shall be generated by such home occupation and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall meet the off street parking requirements as specified in section 17.26.150 of this title, and shall not be located in a required front yard;~~
- ~~5. No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable or objectionable to the normal senses off the lot, if the occupation is conducted in a single family residence, or outside the dwelling unit if conducted in other than a single family residence. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises or cause fluctuations in line voltage off the premises;~~
- ~~6. No storage of materials or supplies outdoors; and~~
- ~~7. Home occupation shall not involve the use of signs and/or structures other than those permitted in the district of which it is a part.~~

1. Any use which changes or may change the character of the neighborhood will not be permitted. The following uses shall not be permitted as home occupations in residential zones:

- a. Medical/dental office;
- b. Motor vehicle and engine repair;
- c. Painting or body work on vehicles, trailers, or boats;
- d. Small engine repair;

- e. Medical facilities for animals, including animal care or boarding facilities;
- f. Dispatch centers, where employees come to the site and are dispatched to other locations;
- g. Machine shop/metal working;
- h. On-site retail sales;
- i. Commercial food preparation, not including catering;
- j. Contractors shops;
- k. Mortuaries or funeral home;
- l. Body piercing and/or painting, tattoo; and
- m. Any business that requires storage or manufacturing of toxic or hazardous materials, as a significant part of its business, including ammunition or gunpowder.

2. An occupation which does not comply with the following criteria shall not be deemed a "home occupation":

- a. No more than one person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation;
- b. The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants, and shall be conducted entirely within a dwelling unit or accessory structure. A detached accessory structure shall be located in the rear or side yard;
- c. Not more than four hundred (400) square feet of the floor area of the dwelling unit or accessory structure shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation;
- d. The appearance of the dwelling unit or accessory structure shall not be altered and the occupation shall not be conducted in any manner that causes the premises to deviate from its residential character, either by color, materials or construction, lighting, signs, sound or noise vibrations, traffic generation and parking requirements.
- e. No significant traffic shall be generated by such home occupation and a home occupation shall have adequate parking spaces available to compensate for any parking needs generated. Parking shall not be allowed in the front yard;
- f. No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable or objectionable to the normal senses off the lot, if the occupation is conducted in a single-family residence, or outside the dwelling unit if conducted in other than a single-family residence. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises or cause fluctuations in line voltage off the premises;
- g. No storage of materials or supplies outdoors; and
- h. A home occupation shall not involve the use of signs and/or structures other than those permitted in the zone in which the property is located.

3. Any existing home occupation with a current Special Use Permit that would violate paragraph one, shall not be denied renewal solely on the grounds it violates paragraph one, provided it is otherwise in compliance with this section.

II. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 18th day of February, 2020.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 18th day of February, 2020.

CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Ms. Clark stated that home occupations are currently allowed by special use permit in residential zones, and the new ordinance is an update of city code which includes a list of prohibited occupations. Ms. Clark briefly reviewed sections of code which will be revised per the new ordinance.

Councilman Culver made the motion to adopt Bill No. 669 as Ordinance No. 1184 amending the City of Jerome Municipal 17.18.050.I to include a list of prohibited home occupations in residential zones and setting forth more specific criteria for home occupations. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 1185, BILL NO. 670 – INTRODUCTION:

The clerk read Bill No. 670 in full to constitute the final reading as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1185

BILL NO. 670

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF JEROME, IDAHO, AMENDING JEROME MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.110.030.A TO INCLUDE A NEW SUBSECTION ADDRESSING COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES UPON ACTION BY THE CITY WHICH CHANGES THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY LIMITS; AND AMENDING JEROME MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.110.030.G BY ADDING SUBSECTION 7 TO INCLUDE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPACT AREA ZONES; AND AMENDING JEROME MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.110.030.J, LAND USE CHART TO PROVIDE FOR NEW USES, “ANIMAL, CONFINED NOT REGULATED BY CHAPTER 13”, “PLANT, LIGHT MANUFACTURING”, “SPORTS, RURAL RECREATION AREA”; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County has proposed certain minor amendments to the “Area of City Impact” Ordinance to allow for additional uses, to address the County’s responsibility upon the City’s annexation of real property into the City, and to include setbacks for impact area zones; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees with the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, all provisions of the Local Land Use Planning Act, Idaho Code §67-6526 and §67-6525 have been adhered to in all respects;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME AS FOLLOWS:

III. Section 17.110.030 of the Jerome Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

17.110.030: GENERAL:

The establishment and modification of the area of city impact is authorized by Idaho Code Section 67-6526. The purpose of this section (the city/county agreement) is to proactively plan for orderly and consistent development where annexation is anticipated to occur for the next ten (10) years by providing standards for development for the growth within the areas of city impact; to promote the public health, safety, and the general welfare of the citizens of Jerome County; to ensure protection for municipalities and landowners against adjacent, incompatible development by establishing zoning districts; and to organize and manage growth by establishing land use regulations for those zones.

A. Boundaries:

1. Pursuant to the above referenced statement of purpose, areas of city impact are the areas designated on the Jerome County zoning map, and as further described in the legal description attached hereto, hereby fully incorporated by reference, copies of which are available for inspection at the office of the clerk of the city of Jerome, Jerome County recorder's office and the Jerome County planning and zoning office.
2. Any hearing or other action by the city which causes a change in city limits, shall stand as the basis for Exhibits "A" and "B"; as well as the County's Zoning Map, being amended in conformance therewith. No other county action, by way of hearings or otherwise, shall be required for the incorporation of such amendments.
3. In circumstances where a property under single ownership is divided by the boundary line of an area of city impact the property shall recognize the respective zones that are designated on the official zoning map. If the property is divided along the area of city impact boundary line, resulting in one parcel lying in the area of city impact and the other not, then each parcel will become an original parcel. (See JCZO chapter 14.)

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G. Additional Standards Within Zones; In addition to the customary standards found in the JCZO, the following regulations shall apply within areas of city impact:

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7. Setbacks shall be required in the area of impacts zones as indicated on the following table:

Zoning District	Front Setback	Rear Setback	Side Setback	Street Side
IMP-RES	25'	20'	10'	15'
IMP-AL	25'	20'	10'	15'
IMP-COM	25'	10'	12'	25'
IMP-IND	25'	25'	20'	20'

J. Land Use Chart:

USE CATEGORY	AREA OF CITY IMPACT ZONES			
SECTION I - CHART 10	IMP AL	IMP RES	IMP COM	IMP IND
<u>Animal, Confined not regulated by Chapter 13</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Plant, Light Manufacturing</u>			<u>S</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Sports, Rural Recreation Area</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>

IV. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 18th day of February, 2020.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 18th day of February, 2020.

CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Ms. Clark stated the ordinance includes updates and language changes, three uses added to the area of impact chart, and the setback chart which applies to the area of impact whereby setbacks in the area of impact either match or exceed the current City of Jerome setbacks. Ms. Clark stated that the county reduced their setback requirements, and the code updates prevent any setback concerns in the future. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Ms. Clark stated that Jerome

County setback requirements are less than the city's. Additionally, she stated city roadways are wider than those in the county and roads annexed into the city would be subject to city setback requirements.

Councilman Culver made the motion to adopt Bill No. 670 as Ordinance No. 1185 amending the City of Jerome Municipal Code Sections 17.110.030 A, G, and J. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AS SURPLUS:

Mr. Hensley appeared before council to request that excess equipment be declared as surplus and put for sale online. He listed equipment that is unnecessary and no longer in use. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Hensley stated that while a formal procedure for tracking equipment is not in place, staff has been diligent in retaining equipment that could be used in the future. The proposed list of equipment will no longer be used.

Councilman Culver made the motion to declare the following city property on the attached list as surplus property and authorize staff to sell the items through publics surplus.com. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

WATER DEPARTMENT SERVICE TRUCK PURCHASE:

Mr. Ahrens stated the water department utilizes four service trucks, one of which was replaced last fiscal year and one in need of replacement this fiscal year. He stated that staff set funds aside to purchase a used service truck. However, in their search a new vehicle was found for \$35,000 through Con Paulos in Jerome. Mr. Ahrens stated that, by purchasing a new vehicle versus a used one, the vehicle maintenance budget would be significantly reduced. Councilman Johnson commented on the full warranty which comes with a new vehicle and that it makes sense to purchase a new vehicle.

Councilman Culver made the motion to purchase a new service truck for the water department from Con Paulos Chevrolet for the amount of \$35,000. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

FLOW POINT PAY STATIONS PURCHASE:

Mr. Ahrens stated there are currently two coin-operated water truck fill stations in town and staff is requesting that they be upgraded to flow point pay stations. He explained how funds can be uploaded to an account at city hall and users can simply enter a personal identification number to access their account at the pay station to get water. Mr. Ahrens stated that this would eliminate the need to give out hydrant meters and then bill for water used. Additionally, the coin-operated machines are no longer reliable, break easily and are not functional in inclement weather. Mr. Ahrens stated the cost of the flow point pay stations is \$33,500 and staff has requested additional funds for retrofitting costs as this is a new process unfamiliar to staff and

additional installation costs are unknown. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Ahrens stated the locations of each pay station are at 4th Avenue West near the public works shop and on Frontage Road near the Brockman lift station. Mayor Davis inquired about the amount of use with the coin-operated system, and Mr. Ahrens replied that both water stations, especially the 4th Avenue West station, are used regularly. Additionally, there will still be some water hydrants used near Crossroads but staff is hopeful that a flow point pay station can be installed in that area in the future which would eliminate the use of hydrant meters entirely.

There was discussion regarding the cost of the flow point pay stations. Topics of the discussion included the cost of new pay stations; the option of using credit cards at the pay stations (not feasible due to additional credit card fees); connectivity to the city network with compatible software which will result in a \$5-\$7 fee per month per fill station; unknown costs for parts; access to the amount of water based on what is prepaid; the customers who utilize the pay stations (Mountain View Spraying, hydro jet companies, etc.); and, separate potable water spigots for campers. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Ahrens stated a quote of \$33,500 was received for the flow point pay stations and staff is requesting extra funds for additional unknown costs although Mr. Ahrens does not anticipate them reaching \$39,000. Councilman Culver suggested \$35,000 and Mr. Ahrens agreed that this amount should be sufficient.

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve the purchase of two Flow Point pay stations for the Public Works operated water truck fill stations in the amount of \$35,000. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION:

Mayor Davis recused himself from the conversation due to business relations.

Mr. Williams stated the residential curbside garbage pickup contract will expire on September 30, 2020 and staff is pursuing the option of issuing a Request for Proposals for a new contract. He briefly reviewed the bid specifications which include an increase in insurance requirements to \$2 million for each category, and modifications to the equipment specifications (good working order, presentable, reliable, etc.). A performance bond will also be required in the full amount of the contract for protection in the event that faulty equipment causes delays in service, and it gives the city authority to approve all suitable and operational equipment. Mr. Williams stated staff recommends the removal of the age requirement for the equipment in order to maintain low costs while still having the authority to ensure the equipment is reliable and kept in good condition.

Mr. Williams stated that the bid specifications include a base bid plus a bid for each additional receptacle and annual adjustment calculations. The bid will be published on February 20th and February 27th with a bid opening on March 20th. Mr. Williams stated that the contract will also include service for municipal roll-off dumpsters for city hall, public works, fire department, library and wastewater. Additionally, an alternative bid will allow bidders to provide an overview of a recycling program in the event that city council chooses to implement a recycling program. The bid specifications will be available in the city clerk's office by February 20th and staff is hopeful that good responses are received. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Williams stated the performance bond will stay in place.

Councilman Peterson made the motion to approve issuing a request for proposal for curb side residential garbage collection services and approve specifications. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Culver and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams provided a brief update on legislative issues. He spoke of a proposed bill recently passed in the local tax committee that will now go before the House of Representatives; if passed, it will freeze local government property tax budgets for one year. Mr. Williams stated that an alternative bill may be brought forward and that many local entities testified at the state in opposition to the bill. He stated that the idea behind the bill is to freeze homeowner property taxes but assessed residential values could affect those taxes as well. He further stated that staff is watching movement of the legislature closely. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Williams stated that the bill regarding foregone amounts is a transparency item whereby a resolution must be passed to declare where the foregone monies will be spent. The process of taking the foregone amounts remains the same with the additional of the resolution, and this should not have a negative impact on cities.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this February 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:12 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk