

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 Chris Barber, Councilman Jason Peterson and Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson. Councilman Robert Culver 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, Assistant Finance Director Michelle Frostenson, Building Official Dave Richey, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, City Engineer Rick Wuori, Staff Engineer Jeff Jensen, Library Director Linda Mecham, Human Resources Director Ida Clark, Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Harrison, Police Chief Dan Hall and Captain Duane Rubink.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Reverend Dick Goetch, Calvary Episcopal Church.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 regular meeting
2. Approve Monthly Department Reports
3. Approve claims

Aart Northwest \$65.00, Accu Sales \$510.00, Aflac \$164.90, American Firehouse Furniture \$1,980.75, American Public Works Assn \$660.00, Analytical Laboratories, Inc. \$1,051.25, Argo Company \$288.40, Assoc of Jerome City Firefighters \$144.00, Association of Idaho Cities \$885.00, B & R Bearing \$309.61, Barry Rental, Inc. \$273.39, Bennett's Truck Repair \$205.18, Blue Cross \$6,887.50, Boise Office Equipment \$1,284.40, Bonneville Blue Print Supply \$110.00, Boot Barn \$299.99, B-Z Plumbing \$6.70, C.H. Spencer LLC \$138,400.00, Callen Refrigeration LLC \$735.00, Carothers, Shannon \$57.75, Center Point Large Print \$88.08, Century Link \$2,469.79, Chase Paymenttech \$2,123.48, Chavez, Esmeralda \$373.00, Cintas Corporation \$225.00, City of Jerome \$245,043.21, Clearwater Power Equipment \$17.40, Colonial Life & Accident Insur \$2,257.12, Con Paulos Inc. \$14.63, Consumer Reports \$44.00, Cox, Raymond \$176.43, Crop Production Services \$640.00, Culligan Soft Water Service \$179.95, Curtis, Intermountain Division \$731.87, Cutters Edge \$20.21, D & B Supply \$1,531.04, D & L Supply \$653.00, Data Support Co Inc \$628.87, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$1,416.40, Dig Line Inc \$143.91, Don's Irrigation LLC \$96.72, Dubois Chemical \$3,299.20, Electric 1 West, Inc. \$8,981.71, Envisionware, Inc. \$942.63, Everson, Rick or Rose \$25.00, Evident, Inc \$255.00, Farmore of Idaho \$240.98, Faronics Technologies USA Inc \$383.50, Floyd Lilly Co \$37.06, Fred Kenyon Repair Inc. \$2,236.92, Freedom Electric Inc. \$50,949.50, Freedom Mailing Services, Inc \$1,940.01, Frostenson, Michelle \$50.68, Gem State Plumbing \$183.20, Gem State

Welder's Supply \$118.20, Grainger \$578.94, Great America Leasing Corp. \$146.00, Greenlea, Nathan \$71.87, Hach Company \$2,378.02, Harvey's Office Plus \$858.21, Henry, Bradley J \$177.95, Home Depot Credit Services \$450.96, Huante-Avila, Javier \$81.53, Hydro Specialties Company \$455.00, ID Child Support Receipting \$2,230.20, ID Crime Prevention Assoc \$50.00, ID Dept of Commerce & Labor \$451.75, ID State Tax Commission \$13,091.00, Idaho Hydrojetting \$400.00, Idaho Materials and Construction \$1,828.01, Idaho Power Co. \$93,816.27, Ingram Book Company \$1,692.88, Integrated Technologies - Lease \$125.00, Integrated Technologies, Inc. \$65.73, Intermountain Gas Company \$1,551.32, Jerome City Water Department \$457.09, Jerome County \$8,866.61, Jerome County Fairgrounds \$50.00, Jerome FF Local Union 4589 \$550.00, Jerome Peterbilt Inc \$514.69, Jerome Recreation District \$300.00, Joe Mama's Car Show LLC \$2,000.00, J-U-B Engineers Inc. \$4,379.14, Kaman Industrial Technologies \$101.65, Kast, Malorie \$117.00, Keller Associates Inc \$61,002.30, Kids Reference Co. \$130.92, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$1,564.84, Libri System \$120.00, Lifemap Assurance Company \$4,511.71, Local Highway Tech Assit.Council \$580.00, Magic Valley Electric LLC \$170.00, Magic Valley Labs \$5,648.30, Magic Valley Welding LLC \$600.00, Malwarebytes \$2,309.00, Mchugh Bromley, PLLC \$1,627.55, Mckenzie, Terry V \$48.18, Mecham, Linda Library Director \$124.29, Metroquip, Inc. \$149.91, Minert & Associates, Inc. \$45.00, Mountain View Spraying Inc \$61.00, Mower Office Systems \$199.99, Mr. Steam Carpet Cleaning \$800.00, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$179.96, MWI Veterinary Supply \$232.01, Napa Auto Parts \$855.61, NCPERS Group Life Ins C356 \$224.00, New Tech Security, Inc. \$678.81, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$47.96, Pipeco \$52.93, Pro West Engineering, LLC \$2,920.60, Productivity Plus Account \$35.90, Pro-Flame, Inc \$487.76, Project Mutual Telephone \$302.94, PSi Environmental Services Inc \$19,606.16, Rally Point Training Consulting \$450.00, Reliant Behavioral Health, LLC \$265.32, Rexel Usa Inc \$118.48, Rodda Paint Company \$78.69, RSCI \$1,075,078.90, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$330.00, SelectHealth \$80,410.50, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$66.30, Siteone Landscape Supply, LLC \$285.52, Skaggs Companies, Inc. \$293.94, Skm, Inc. \$190.00, Something More \$98.33, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$9,719.36, Spencer, Cleo \$70.00, Sports Illustrated \$54.50, Sportsman's Warehouse \$37.62, Sterling Codifiers, Inc. \$137.00, Sweet's Septic & Backhoe, Inc. \$625.00, Thatcher Company \$8,232.80, Times News \$747.98, Tore Up \$25.00, Traffic Safety Supply Co Inc \$737.28, Treasure Valley Coffee, Inc. \$57.60, Tri-State Tire Jerome \$585.90, U S Bank of Idaho \$4,143.96, U S Postmaster \$260.60, United Way of South Central Idaho \$553.00, Univar USA Inc. \$1,963.19, Urgent Care of Jerome/Twin Falls \$60.00, US Bank Credit Card \$11,174.60, USA Bluebook \$1,286.17, Valley Carpet Care \$280.00, Valley Wide Cooperative \$9,993.84, Verizon Wireless \$3,336.79, Viewu \$818.00, Wal-Mart Community \$580.87, Webb, Heather \$32.58, Western Waste Services \$1,096.19, Williams-Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP \$12,244.17, Win-911 Software \$990.00, Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. \$49.98, Xpress Bill Pay \$585.79

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 Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE OR ISSUES:

Lynn James, 736 2nd Ave E, Jerome, Idaho, appeared before council to report an issue of concern. She stated she is a retired Jerome School District teacher who has lived in her home for

the past twelve years and is outraged with the way some high school students are using 2nd Avenue E as a drag strip three times per day passed her house. She stated students speed excessively without regard to the neighborhood residents, animals and children and both she and her neighbors are concerned for their safety. She has repeatedly asked the young drivers to slow down but instead is met with profanity, and reported of an incident where a parked car was hit by a student. On May 4th she reported a student to the police, and one week later followed another speeding student to the high school to yell at him. She also spoke with the principal and explained her concerns. She does not believe a closed campus would solve the issue, and proposed that the city install speed bumps in the neighborhood impacted by the speeding problems.

Ms. James referenced speed bumps installed at the College of Southern Idaho several years ago following a near-fatal accident. She also showed council a 15 miles per hour speed limit sign from the City of Hailey but reiterated her proposal of having speed bumps installed to ensure safe rates of speed in residential neighborhoods. She mentioned speed bumps in Vancouver, WA, within a half mile of public schools. As a taxpaying homeowner and city resident, she demanded that council address the dangerous and unacceptable situation which impacts the safety and quality of life to neighborhoods. She wants to see speed bumps on 1st Ave E, 2nd Ave E, 3rd Ave E, 16th Ave E, Tiger Drive and perhaps Fillmore in order to ensure safety in the community. She listed several nearby residents with their concerns although they did not appear before council. She also said she has spoken with the police department several times, and she read a letter of concern from a resident on 1st Ave E; letter was not given to the clerk.

Councilman Barber stated he lives on 8th Ave E where he has witnessed racing from Tiger Drive to Fillmore, and he shares her compassion. He stated the Jerome Police Department (JPD) has increased presence in the area and also feels the speeding is an issue.

Dale Ross, 824 2nd Ave E, stated the problem is widespread and it is evident with the number of residents appearing before council today. He feels the issue of disrespect needs to be addressed at the school level. He agrees a physical barrier (i.e. speed bump) could stop the speeding as well as lower speeds.

Jeffrey Cook, 719 2nd Ave E, has lived there for approximately eight years and sees the issue twice per day at 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. He understands JPD are out there but feels once a few cars go by everyone knows they are out there. He feels the efforts of the JPD are wonderful but he also wanted to reiterate the concept of speed bumps. He also suggested the city pursue a grant through the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) or federal funds to assist with a speed bump project and to approach county commissioners for assistance as many students are not residing within city limits. He stressed the overwhelming majority of students whom he has encountered have been polite and respectful; a small group is affecting his neighborhood.

Claribel Prince, 204 5th Ave E, came to council to discuss a separate issue but agrees this issue is a problem created by a small percentage of students. Her issue of concern is near her son's residence on S. Date where her son has received notices regarding weed control on the railroad property, wants the issue of weed abatement addressed and also feels the stop sign is avoided by residents causing the area to be unsafe. Mayor Davis stated her issue would be addressed once the others have spoken regarding the current issue at hand.

Brenda Blackmon, 818 2nd Ave E, stated she has seen kids speeding through the corner of 2nd and Hayes and lose control; the city was forced to cut trees in the immediate area. She stated she has asked kids to slow down and has been met with profanities while she's walking in the

middle of the street (she stated she avoids sidewalks to deter them from speeding). She has seen a white truck and a smaller car needing a muffler going 35 miles per hour (mph) in a 20 mph zone, and is concerned for her safety or those of children that may cross the street. She is also asking for a speed bump and said if street crews can repair the roads why not add a speed bump?

Chief Hall stated he empathizes with the expressed frustrations and that in an average month approximately two hundred traffic stops are made in the community. Additionally, in the last two weeks there have been over twenty-one traffic stops on the streets adjacent to the high school. Plus, Jerome County has also been present to assist with traffic control. He also stated officers are stopping speeding adults as well as high school students. He mentioned the school has been reminding students about the speeding issue, and believes signs might be helpful in order to make traffic stops at lower speeds.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Chief Hall stated any speed 20 mph over the posted speed limit comes with an enhanced penalty, however, most violations are between 10-15 mph over the posted speed limit. He also stated a speed study might be needed to justify speed limits in that area, and that a reduced speed should be considered. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is 25 mph. Mayor Davis questioned how one resident was able to track a vehicle going 35 mph but she was unavailable to respond; it may have been an estimation. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Chief Hall stated most are cited when exceeding the speed limit by 10 or 15 mph; some who are stopped at lower speeds may or may not be cited. Additionally, some citations have been issued in that immediate area, and officers have some discretion with a 5-6 mph excessive speeding range. Less latitude is given in school zones. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Chief Hall stated someone driving 30-31 mph in a 25 mph zone may not be cited. Councilman Barber also questioned the use of speed limits, and Chief Hall stated it is hard to prosecute a speeding ticket at lower speeds; the error tolerance of the radar unit is also a factor in issuing tickets at speeds within 3-5 mph of the posted speed limit.

Councilman Peterson stated that traffic congestion at 1st, 2nd and 3rd is problematic, however, ITD would not allow an entrance/exit on Highway 25. He also stated students are most likely going down these roads to avoid Main Street, and Chief Hall stated they may be taking the easiest route out based upon where they are parked. Chief Hall also spoke of problems on I Street because of traffic from Fillmore to I St. and then to Lincoln; there is no absolute solution. Mr. Lothspeich agreed with Chief Hall in that most speeding cases are well above the posted speed limit, and he has not seen one within 5 mph. He further stated that if council were to want to reduce speed limits in that area and engineering study would be required before an ordinance could be presented.

Mayor Davis thanked the public for their input and their time and stated speed bumps will not happen within the next few weeks as school is still in session; additionally, speed bumps in one area of town would require them in other areas as well. He also stated council would address the issue and have something in place before school begins again in the fall.

Ms. Prince addressed council again and stated council is very dedicated. She spoke of her home on 5th Ave E and a neighboring home full of weeds; she feels some people are cited for weeds while others are not. She is elderly and tired of picking up weeds and how they transfer to her property. She wants someone to cut the weeds at the vacant home next door and spoke of equality and justice for all; if her son is cited and penalized, others should be as well. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Ms. Prince stated she did not know if the homeowners next door have been cited, just that it hasn't been cleaned up. She also wants citations issued to the right people. Mayor Davis responded one pet peeve is the lack of community pride and taking care of

properties. He further stated counsel will address the city ordinance and modify it as needed; staffing changes have been made to include a full time code enforcement official to address the weed issue. He would like to have the weed ordinance modified to get better results and will continue to address the issue. Mr. Richey stated he will follow up on the property near Ms. Prince's residence and that the house appears to be vacant. Mayor Davis also explained that sometimes it is difficult to get in touch with the right person to take care of the weed situation, for example, when a home is in foreclosure.

A member of the audience suggested local youth groups to assist with weed clean up. Mayor Davis responded that groups could assist if they were to get permission from property owners. Mr. Williams also suggested he be contacted and the Community Spirit Committee can assist. Mayor Davis stated the community clean up day was designed to inspire neighbors to help one another and those needing assistance with clean up efforts.

“EVERY 15 MINUTES” PROGRAM:

Chief Hall reported on the traffic safety program directed towards juniors and seniors in high school with the focus on hazardous and distracted driving. It is a student-driven activity, and students at Jerome High School produced an informational video which addresses the issue. He wanted to recognize the powerful message in the video, and all in attendance were able to view it. Chief Hall emphasized the video was done by high school students and he wanted to recognize them along with Mayor Davis.

Students Gracie Anderson and Sierra Gibbons, and JHS faculty member Mrs. Wright were recognized. Mrs. Wright said they were asked to do this project and when asking for volunteers the girls stepped in. They spent many hours planning and coordinating the project and editing the video to present to students. There was an amazing and sobering moment at the high school when the video was shown. Incidentally, there were two vehicle accidents that same day and students thought they were staged. Certificates of appreciation were given to them. Chief Hall also recognized Officer Garcia for his efforts in coordinating with the students and staff at the high school to get the project completed. Mayor Davis thanked them all for their work, and Mr. Williams thanked them as well.

CITY OF JEROME CULTURE INITIATIVE – CULTURE COINS:

Mr. Williams stated the City of Jerome went through a six-month period identifying core values to encourage employees to be the best public servants. Mr. Williams recognized city employees Katie Elliott and Jessica Alaniz-Bullock. Utility supervisor Angie Baker nominated Ms. Elliott for her contributions to the utility office at a moment's notice as well as other tasks to which she is assigned. She also treats city hall staff to birthday treats! Ms. Alaniz-Bullock was also nominated by Ms. Baker and recognized for her teamwork skills in utility billing as well as providing bilingual services to several city departments.

Chief Presnell stated he has worked with Human Resources Director Ida Clark on multiple projects and committees and, more recently, at a fire department fundraising benefit. Ms. Clark and her son volunteered their time to assist with the benefit and wanted her recognized for her teamwork efforts and positive attitude.

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – CIVIL SCIENCE:

Mr. Wuori presented an engineering services agreement with Civil Science for approval. It involves one of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) projects on S. Lincoln between Main Street and the railroad tracks. The project will include overlay work plus the reconstruction of deteriorated lanes between Main Street and Avenue D. The project will be approximately \$1.8 million in engineering and construction services; planning, design and bidding services by Civil Science will be an amount not to exceed \$172,000. The original cost of the project, approximately \$1.35 million, was submitted to and denied by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and, although accepted by IOEM, excluded that portion of roadway on S. Lincoln between Main Street and Avenue D. These blocks are added back into the project and increased the cost to \$1.8 million; an additional \$468,000 funding is being requested from IOEM. Additionally, the city must provide a local share of 10% which has been covered.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Wuori stated the \$172,000 agreement will include the following project management and engineering services: preliminary designs, geotechnical engineering for cost effectiveness, final design, plans and bid documents, the bidding phase, construction observation and administration. He also stated city staff will be providing project oversight by working with Civil Science and contractors to oversee work done and assist with decisions.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Civil Science, Inc. for the South Lincoln Avenue Paving Project (Main St to RR Tracks) in an amount not-to-exceed \$172,000. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Barber. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None

RSCI CHANGE ORDER NO.1 – H STREET LIFT STATION PROJECT:

Mr. Wuori stated existing plans for the H Street Lift Station show buried pipes in certain locations. With partial knowledge of the site it was determined crews could work around the pipes. Upon digging it was discovered that existing pipes are higher and in different locations than originally anticipated; these pipes transport sewage from the lift station to the plant. The contractor, RSCI, will need to bypass pumping of the existing lift station for approximately one week to relocate existing pipes. The initial cost of this project was \$83,000 for one month of bypassing; the work will now be completed within one week and cost approximately \$33,000.

Mr. Sanchez stated that wastewater and engineering staff will ensure the project is completed timely; additionally, wastewater staff will also spend evening and graveyard shifts at the plant to ensure the systems do not fail. Industries will be notified so that their limits are not exceeded; staff is working to limit the amount of liability and exposure and feels this is the best option.

Councilman Johnson asked about the number of change orders to expect. Mr. Wuori stated the project is expected to be completed in June 2018, and Mayor Davis stated this issue was unforeseen due to lack of documentation in the past. Mr. Wuori also stated there are no guarantees with equipment buried underground.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve Change Order #1 to RSCI for the H Street Lift Station Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$33,422.01. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Barber. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the

following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Johnson.
NAYS: None.

2003 FORD AMBULANCE DONATION:

Chief Presnell appeared before council to seek approval for the fire department to donate its 2003 Ford ambulance to the Shoshone Fire Department. It was donated to the Jerome Fire Department by the county when St. Benedict's was bought out; while he was unsure of the original intent to use the ambulance, he stated it has been idle for more than one year. The Shoshone Fire Department is starting a Quick Response Unit, and the county has no issue with the donation. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Chief Presnell stated the ambulance is stored outside of Station 2 and is checked regularly. The maintenance and time to maintain are unnecessary costs to the department.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the donation of a 2003 Ford Ambulance to the Shoshone Fire Department as presented. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Johnson stated the fire department did a great job covering calls for the rural fire department while they attended the funeral of rural firefighter Gail Lewis. He also mentioned the possibility of portable speed bumps for areas in question.

Mayor Davis stated he wants discussions to start as soon as possible regarding the speeding issue addressed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Williams stated he will look into a variety of alternatives and will discuss this with the engineering department to see about traffic studies.

Councilman Peterson stated most students are somewhat respectful and the speeding issue most likely involves a small group.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Williams reminded everyone to go vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, this May 15, 2018 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Gomes, City Clerk