

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 Maintenance Supervisor Brad Henry, City Engineer Rick Wuori, Library Director Linda Mecham, Human Resources Director Ida Clark, 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 Pastor Fritz Redmer of Calvary Chapel Jerome.

AGENDA ADDITION – MOTION TO ADD:

Councilman Peterson made a motion to add an item to the agenda which was received after the deadline to post, “Resolution No. 08-18 – appointing Bryan Craig to the Urban Renewal Agency Board.” Second to the motion was made by Councilman Barber. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None

Councilman Peterson made a motion to add an item to the agenda which was received after the deadline to post, “Approve Commercial Use of North Park for Freedom Fest on June 30th, 2018” Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 regular meeting and May 22, 2018 special 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 Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None

SIEDO UPDATE:

SIEDO Executive Director Connie Stopher provided council with an update on Magic Valley developments. They have been focusing on adding talent recruitment to their marketing efforts. Part of this new effort is to recruit veterans to help fill job vacancies in the region. They have gone to the local air force bases to attend their Transition Assistance Programs (TAP) to understand what service members go through as they exit the military. Attending TAP gave SIEDO the opportunity to let them know of job opportunities in the area. SIEDO members attended a recruitment event in Seattle last month to target veterans in the area, and are co-sponsoring a training event this week for employers; their hope is to show employers the benefits of hiring veterans. She also stated if anyone knows of companies interested in hiring veterans they can reach out to SIEDO representatives; they would be happy to partner with those employers.

Ms. Stopher stated SIEDO is also getting ready to release new marketing videos for the region. They will be attending trade shows and job fairs and are excited to show virtual videos to give attendees the Idaho experience in terms of different activities available in the area. They will also be attending SelectUSA to attract foreign companies to Idaho and help promote Jerome and Southern Idaho. Excited to promote growth in the area, they are getting ready to introduce a new strategic plan; included in the plan will be opportunities to get board members and communities more involved in the direction in which SIEDO wishes to move.

Mayor Davis commented that talent recruitment has been ongoing for several years, and inquired if Ms. Stopher was seeing results. She stated the current marketing plan is data driven so interest will be shown through access to the websites and other media. Data is also collected to determine how many people are coming to the area. Additionally, the veterans recruitment efforts seem to be positive, and some airmen have reached out to her to learn more about the area.

Chief Hall asked if public sector job opportunities were part of the SIEDO recruitment presentations. Ms. Stopher stated she will be taking information regarding current job openings with the city to her next presentation. She hopes to share the positngs and believes they could be a great fit with many veterans. Per his request, she will also be contacting Chief Hall for future presentations as he stated law enforcement might be of interest to some veterans.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-18:

The clerk read resolution No. 07-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, AGREEING TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JEROME AND JEROME FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 4589, AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the fire fighters employed by the City of Jerome elected to organize and form a labor union and affiliate with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF); and,

WHEREAS, Title 44, Chapter 18 of the Idaho Code provides the right to organize and form a labor union; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome officially recognized that Jerome Fire Fighter's Local 4589 as a labor union on July 30, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome, Idaho and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4589 entered into an agreement effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome, Idaho and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4589 wish to change compensation to members for working out of classification, as outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho, that:

SECTION 1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. The Mayor and City Council hereby agree to the Memorandum of Understanding to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, attached hereto as CBA Addendum A between the City of Jerome and International Association Fire Fighters, Local 4589.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. Resolution 07-18 shall be effective upon its passage as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 5th day of June, 2018.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 5th day of June, 2018.

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

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

Chief Presnell stated he is asking for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). Staff currently utilizes step ups (temporarily filling an officer's vacancy for approved leave) when needed but the process of compensation for taking on the additional role temporarily is complicated and potentially creates separate overtime rates for a single individual. During the negotiating process some language was modified to benefit both sides. Currently, staff step up's are paid the difference between their current rate and the rate of the position they fill; this will change to a fixed rate of \$50 regardless of how many times the temporary officer position is filled. Staff chose to seek approval now instead of at the beginning of the new fiscal year for the benefit of both the city and the firefighters. If approved, five overtime shifts will be eliminated.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Chief Presnell explained that the current contract requires staffing to include one firefighter, one engineer, a driver operator and an officer on duty at all times. If a position cannot be filled and overtime is required, this change will allow the move of step ups to fill the position for \$50 and eliminate the need for overtime. He also stated the cost of overtime depended on the position; for an average engineer position, the overtime pay could be approximately \$600-\$700 per 24-hour shift.

Councilman Barber made a motion to pass Resolution No. 07-18. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None

RESOLUTION NO. 08-18:

The clerk read resolution No. 08-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE JEROME URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Title 50-210 of the Idaho Code describes the appointment process and the procedures each municipal corporation is required to follow when considering an individual for an opening on officially recognized boards and commissions, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome is organized under the Mayor/Council form of government and the Mayor serves as the City's Chief Executive Officer, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor is required to make appointments to City-sponsored boards and commissions as terms end and vacancies are created, and;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome as follows:

SECTION 1. URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:

The following individual is appointed as a member of the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency to serve a term effective with the date below-written, in accordance with delineation thereof:

Bryan Craig

June 2018 – February 2022

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

Resolution 08-18 shall be effective upon its passage as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 5th day of June, 2018.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 5th day of June, 2018.

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Gomes

Bernadette Gomes, City Clerk

Mr. Williams stated Carl Morrell, a previous Urban Renewal Agency (URA) commissioner, resigned in March 2018. State statute dictates that the mayor has the responsibility to recommend someone to fill the vacancy, and it is the council's duty to vote on said recommendation. An advertisement for applicants was published and three applications were received. One was ineligible as they live outside of city limits.

Mayor Davis stated the two remaining applicants were interviewed by a panel consisting of Mayor Davis, Jerome 20/20 Executive Director Larry Hall and County Commissioner Charles Howell. Both applicants were very qualified, but one applicant had the advantage of not being a government or former government employee with ties to any government entity.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 08-18. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None

CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT:

Mr. Richey stated the roof at city hall has had issues for many years. Water gets into the walls, the hallway and in the storage room. This item is budgeted and the cost came under budget. Mr. Richey presented two proposals from the same vendor and recommends the 60 MIL option (thicker than the 45 MIL option).

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Richey stated only one bid was obtained with two pricing options. Archibald Roofing, Inc has been used many times and he is comfortable with their work. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Richey stated he will contact the vendor for a start date once the item is approved by council. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Richey stated the old roof will be torn off completely along with temporary repair materials. Councilman Peterson asked about the possibility of costs increasing if more damage is found than what is already known, and Mr. Richey stated there is no structural damage and that the quoted amounts include the removal of old roofing and replacement.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the replacement of the City Hall roof at a cost not to exceed \$27,990.00. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

PURCHASE OF TROJAN UV LAMPS:

Mr. Henry stated staff is requesting approval to purchase the ultra violet (UV) lamps for the wastewater plant. An annual expense, these lamps are used for disinfection of the waste water before it enters into the canal. Upon inquiry by Council Johnson, Mr. Henry stated the cost can vary each year and increased by approximately \$4,000 from last year. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, there are two different UV reactors with 72 lamps each; in operations, one reactor is changed out every year. Additionally, Mr. Williams stated this expense will come from the operational supplies line item and the amount projected for the lamps was less than actual cost; however, the total line item is still within budget to cover the expense.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the purchase of 72 Trojan UV Lamps from DC Frost Associates, INC For a total cost of \$23,937.47. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Barber. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

PURCHASE OF DELL OPTIPLEX 7050 COMPUTERS:

Mr. Hernandez stated the twelve machines in question will replace aging computers; they are on a three-year replacement cycle. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Hernandez stated the computers still in working order will go to the library for public use. He further stated three will go to staff at the library, and three others will go to the public use area; computers being replaced in public works and building will replace older public-use machines at the library. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Ms. Mecham stated there are thirty public-access computers at the library and they are cycled through as other departments replace them. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Ms. Mecham stated there is a lot of traffic with those computers. In response to Councilman Johnsons inquiry about the old computers removed from the library, Mr. Hernandez stated are sent to “Computers for Kids,” a non-profit organization that takes used computers, refurbishes them and distributes them to kids in need.

Ms. Mecham stated that, during the school year, many high school students utilize the library; some of the adult computers are opened up for them for a quieter setting as opposed to the area they use for socializing.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the purchase of twelve (12) Dell OptiPlex 7050 computers for a total cost of \$11,742.64. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

DONATION OF TASER X26 ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES:

Chief Hall stated the request is to declare seven tasers as surplus and be allowed to donate them to the Jerome County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO). The city has a regular replacement program in which tasers are replaced within eight years; after eight years they start to exhibit more problems and require more repairs. However, they are currently in working order, and the JCSO recently decided to provide tasers to their deputies. Chief Hall stated the process of getting enough tasers to an entire agency at once can be costly. They are purchasing new ones but, with the seven donated tasers, most of their staff can be armed. The tasers are not serving any purpose at the Jerome Police Department (JPD), have no trade-in value and very little value if they were to be auctioned off. Additionally, JPD works closely with JCSO and believes providing them with the tasers will also increase the safety of JPD officers when working with JCSO deputies.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Chief Hall confirmed JPD has nine total tasers for surplus; seven will be donated and two will remain for back-up purposes. The cost of one new taser is approximately \$800. He further stated that, upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, tasers are not used often but are used. There are many displays which work as a deterrent; when a warning is given and the taser is displayed, resistance stops. Employment of the taser is approximately six times per year.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Lothspeich, the taser could replace the baton although JPD still carries them. In his professional opinion, tasers are highly effective tools although their use is controversial in some areas. They are fairly safe and effects of the taser are less evasive than those of baton use (no after effects versus undesirable secondary injuries). Councilman Peterson feels another option of force besides a gun is a good thing, although Chief Hall stated a taser will not replace the gun in a deadly situation. He also believes in having as many options of reasonable force as possible, and stated that tasers are effective.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to declare 7 TASER X26 Electronic Control Devices listed below as surplus property and authorize the Chief of Police to donate the devices to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Barber. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

COMMERCIAL USE – NORTH PARK, FREEDOM FEST:

Ms. Clark stated the event was first held in 2017. There will be several vendors at the park; twenty-six have signed up so far. There will be bands performing and a beer garden available, so staff is asking for use of the park again this year. The event will be held 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with one lane of Main Street closed. She believes there are fewer number of vendors this year versus last year so far, but she also anticipates more signing up between now and the day of the event. A map of the 2017 event vendor and band placement was shown to council. There will also be a bounce house and a train for the kids. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Ms. Clark stated the vendors have responded with excitement and were looking forward to coming back. The cost for a for-profit vendor is \$100 and they keep whatever they make in sales; those monies go back into a general fund for next year's fireworks, plus 20% goes to Lee Family Broadcasting for advertising. Non-profits pay nothing for their space. \$5,000 was budgeted for the event, and \$4,250 has been received in donations. Donors include Idaho Central Credit Union, First Federal Bank, Fred Kenyon Repair, Idaho Milk Producers, Hilex Poly, DL Evans Bank and AgroPur. In-kind services were also donated by Diamondz Event Center, Lee Family Broadcasting and PSI. Additionally, Renew held a fundraising event this weekend.

Councilman Peterson made a motion to approve the application of the Community Spirit Committee for a permit for Commercial use of North Park on Saturday, June 30, 2018, and waive any application and permit fees due to the civic nature of the event. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Williams reported on a project for which he would like the opinion of the council. The adjoining building which houses Fire Station No. 3 and storage needs a layer of stucco to make it more presentable and in line with council chambers' façade and the downtown beautification movement. Staff reached out to several contractors and one proposed a fee of \$11,000 to add stucco and match metal trim to clean it up. Long-term use of the building is uncertain at this time but for now, it can look better than it does. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Williams stated the area in question is the south side of the building facing E.

Avenue A. He further stated there may be monies left over in the building maintenance funds; Councilman Barber mentioned the council discretionary funds as well. Mr. Williams asked for council input so that the item can be brought back to council as an agenda item. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, the building is used for storage of police department items and equipment, human resources files, weight equipment and two fire apparatus. There may have been structural issues which prevented further use of the building although they were not identified by the building department. The storage area is contained within the building and, although the doors may be opened during fire calls, the storage area cannot be accessed without a separate key. Council was in agreement with wanting to improve the look of the building.

Mr. Williams also stated he will be going to Walla Walla, WA with the Twin Falls Public Works Director and CH2M Hill Regional Manager Sean Moffit to see downtown projects, repurposed buildings and beautification-type projects similar to what staff is trying to accomplish in Jerome. There will be a meeting with the city manager to discuss funding and ideas on what they have done to be successful with their projects. Additionally, he will be absent from the June 19th city council meeting as he, along with SIEDO, will be representing Magic Valley Idaho and meeting with foreign companies looking to invest in the U.S.

Chief Hall stated he belongs to an organization known as "Fight Crime, Invest in Kids." This national organization of approximately five thousand police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and other law enforcement officials advocate for early childhood education and development. He believes what is effective in preventing crime is to educate kids at an early age and give them the skills they need to succeed. He was asked to be part of a group of law enforcement officials in Idaho to meet with Representative Mike Simpson in Washington D.C. to discuss early childhood education and development programs. He will attend either the week of June 19th or June 25th, and wanted to ensure there would be no objections; there will be no cost for his participation in this meeting.

Ms. Gomes spoke of the opportunity to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks annual conference and, as a new clerk, attended education sessions involving records management, innovative problem solving, critical thinking, and ethical practices to enhance her job skills. She was also able to network and meet municipal clerks throughout the U.S., and thanked Mayor Davis along with council as well as Mr. Williams for the opportunity to work towards her goal as a State-Certified Municipal Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, this June 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Gomes, City Clerk