

This regular meeting of the Jerome City Council was called to order by Mayor Davis at 5:30 p.m. While council chambers were open to the public, the meeting was also held by teleconference and the public was encouraged to continue with social distancing. The video conference was conducted via Zoom and was made available to all members of the public in a format that allowed all participants to hear the meeting, including all deliberations by members of the Council and other speakers addressing the council, whether in person or via virtual connection, and to comment if so desired, all of which was noted in the agenda, email, and notices at council chambers and on the city's website.

Present: Mayor David M. Davis, Councilman Chris Barber, Councilman Jason Peterson, Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson and Council Bryan Craig.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Attorney Ted Larsen, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, Building Official Dave Richey, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Accounting and Budget Manager Lori McCrae, Library Director Linda Mecham, Fire Chief Mike Harrison, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, Police Chief Dan Hall and Police Captain Duane Rubink.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

INVOCATION:

An invocation was given by Pastor Fritz Redmer with the Calvary Chapel Jerome.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the time and place published to consider a request from Lincoln Commons, LLC for a Rezone from Public/Semi Public to Residential-3, on the parcel of approximately 4.7 acres, more commonly known as the western portion of the vacant land located south of the Northside Head Start building and including the baseball field at the end of North Alder Street **and** to consider request from Lincoln Commons, LLC for a Rezone from Public/Semi Public to Central Business District (CBD), on the parcel of approximately 2.86 acres, more commonly known as the east portion of the vacant land south of the Jerome School District Administration building at the corner of 3rd Avenue West and North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, the Chair called the public hearing open at 5:32 p.m. and briefly reviewing the procedures that will be followed. Both hearings will be combined into one.

Staff Presentation:

Mr. Williams requested that both parcels be presented in a single hearing and explained how the requests would conform to the City's Comprehensive Plan. He noted that Tyler Davis-Jeffers with Summit Creek Capital would be in attendance shortly. A survey map of the parcels in question was presented to Council, and Mr. Williams identified them as Parcel 1 and Parcel 2. Approximately twelve years ago Central Elementary School was demolished and Parcel 2 has been bare ground ever since (with the exception of an administrative building on the parcel). The applicant has requested Parcel 1 be rezoned to Residential (R-3) and Parcel 2 be rezoned as Central Business District (CBD). The current use for the parcels is Public/Semipublic (PS);

property to the west is zoned R-3; property to the south is zoned R-2 for single-family homes and duplexes; property to the north is zone PS; and, property to the east is zoned CBD. Mr. Williams stated the rezone requests are compatible with surrounding uses. He further stated the application must be in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan; it must not create demand for public infrastructure that is not currently available (i.e. water and sewer services); and, it must not create any non-conforming uses. The application does not result in any regulatory takings as per Chapter 1 in the Comprehensive Plan, and the application protects the character of surrounding uses for single-family homes.

Mr. Williams explained the application is a precursor for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to provide for a mixed using development (housing on the R-3 zone and commercial in the CBD zone). Preliminary plan submittals include landscaping standards, open spaces, pathways and other beautification items that will enhance the existing neighborhoods. The R-3 zone allows for multi-family developments, and Mr. Williams stated the in-fill development and zoning will enhance the existing use of the property. There is water and sewer onsite and there will be infrastructure upgrades to support the new uses. The CBD zoning will maximize the footprint of the development and is adjacent to the east and to the south; the CBD zone adjacent to North Lincoln will provide a buffer between North Lincoln and the residential development. Mr. Williams stated the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing pertaining to the rezone application; there was no testimony and the commission recommended approval from the City Council. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Williams stated that thirty-one residential units will be in the residential portion of the project.

Applicant Testimony:

Tyler Davis-Jeffers of Summit Creek Development, 240 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, appeared before Council and stated his company is a vertically integrated developer and general contractor for commercial development primarily in the Jerome/Twin Falls/Burley areas. He spoke of the planned development, showed a preliminary site plan to Council and explained that some details could change throughout the planning process. The plan to develop unutilized land will benefit the community with both residential and commercial developments. The residential units will be for-rent workforce housing and not deed-restricted for low income housing. The single-family homes will be two different sizes each with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The intent is to have the modular units assembled on foundations at the site to reduce time and labor costs. Additionally, the units will be on small lots to maximize open spaces (i.e. a soccer field, common areas, play areas, walking paths, etc.) and give the space a community feel. Each unit will have a front porch, small fenced backyard, and covered parking. Mr. Davis-Jeffers stated the company is working with several different manufacturers for lead times and cost comparisons.

Mr. Davis-Jeffers spoke of the commercial portion of the project and stated the site plan includes two commercial pads. Multiple parties have shown interest in having a presence on the site, and the buildings would be built-to-suit for specific uses while keeping with consistent architectural design facing North Lincoln; parking spaces would be utilized throughout the week for the commercial projects and evening/weekend use would be available to the residents.

There was discussion regarding the projects themselves. Topics of the discussion included: market rate rentals; modular homes on foundations; roof pitch; providing a good project for the community; ongoing discussions with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI); CSI's desire to expand their programming and certain processes they insist be followed for the development (i.e. the entitlement process); the quality of the buildings; the residential units as

rentals owned by one party; increased rent inventory resulting in more flexible and resilient workforce; the need for market rate housing in the community; the concern residential lots could be sold to individuals (Mr. Davis-Jeffers confirmed the units/lots will not be sold individually); issues with mobile home parks that will not apply to this project; one management group to control landscaping, parking, snow removal, etc.; the benefit of not having a government-subsidized project (i.e. increased pool of eligible renters); the maintenance of private streets; assurances that the modular units will be of good quality; the incentive to build a quality project; specifications and standards for modular homes versus stick frame homes; and, standards required of the City, commissions and departments.

There was no testimony in favor, neutral nor in opposition to the requests. There being no further testimony to be heard, the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1206, BILL NO. 691, INTRODUCTION:

Councilman Johnson sponsored the bill.

Councilman Barber made the motion to suspend the rules pertaining to the reading of an ordinance on three separate occasions and direct the clerk to read Bill No. 691 three times by title only to constitute three separate readings. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Craig and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

The clerk read Bill No. 691 three times by title only to constitute three separate readings. The ordinance in full is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1206
BILL NO. 691**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO AMENDING THE CITY OF JEROME ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP BY ZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO FROM PUBLIC/SEMIPUBLIC (PS) TO RESIDENTIAL 3 (R-3) AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

The property to be rezoned PS to R-3 is more particularly described as:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO,
SECTION 13: All of Block 55, a portion of Block 56, a portion of Block 65, a portion of Block 66 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Intersection of 3rd Ave. W. and N. Birch St. (Which lies North 00°23'45" East a distance of 350.02 feet from the Intersection of 2nd Ave. W. and N. Birch St.), Thence South 89°40'03" East for a distance of 45.00 feet; Thence South 00°23'45" West for a distance of 40.00 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;**

Thence South 89°40'03" East for a distance of 486.74 feet;
Thence South 00°11'36" West for a distance of 334.88 feet;
Thence North 89°41'09" West for a distance of 53.00 feet;
Thence North 00°17'12" East for a distance of 25.08 feet;

Thence North 89°49'08" West for a distance of 35.00 feet;
Thence South 00°17'12" West for a distance of 164.86 feet;
Thence North 89°42'18" West for a distance of 299.88 feet;
Thence North 00°16'47" East for a distance of 164.96 feet;
Thence North 89°41'09" West for a distance of 99.98 feet;
Thence North 00°23'45" East for a distance of 310.01 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

approximately 4.7 acres.

The property to be rezoned PS to CBD is more particularly described as:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO,

SECTION 13: A portion of Block 56, a portion of Block 65 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Intersection of North Lincoln and 3rd Ave. W. (Which lies South 89°42'02" East a distance of 480.11 feet from the Intersection of 3rd Ave. W. and N. Alder St.), Thence North 89°42'02" West for a distance of 45.00 feet; Thence South 00°17'05" West for a distance of 40.00 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**;

Thence continuing South 00°17'05" West for a distance of 334.98 feet;
Thence North 89°41'09" West for a distance of 382.13 feet;
Thence North 00°11'36" East for a distance of 334.88 feet;
Thence South 89°42'02" East for a distance of 382.66 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

approximately 2.86 acres.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to notice on the 14th day of December, 2021 and on the 11th day of January, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the Jerome City Council was held on the ordinance, pursuant to notice, on the 18th day of January, 2022;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of Jerome, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1. The following parcel in the City of Jerome, County of Jerome, State of Idaho are hereby rezoned from Public/Semipublic (PS) to Residential 3 (R-3):

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO,

SECTION 13: All of Block 55, a portion of Block 56, a portion of Block 65, a portion of Block 66 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Intersection of 3rd Ave. W. and N. Birch St. (Which lies North 00°23'45" East a distance of 350.02 feet from the Intersection of 2nd Ave. W. and N. Birch St.), Thence South 89°40'03" East for a distance of 45.00 feet; Thence South 00°23'45" West for a distance of 40.00 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**;

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Thence North 89°42'18" West for a distance of 299.88 feet;
Thence North 00°16'47" East for a distance of 164.96 feet;
Thence North 89°41'09" West for a distance of 99.98 feet;
Thence North 00°23'45" East for a distance of 310.01 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Section 2. The following parcel in the City of Jerome, County of Jerome, State of Idaho are hereby rezoned from Public/Semipublic (PS) to Central Business District (CBD):

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO,

SECTION 13: A portion of Block 56, a portion of Block 65 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Intersection of North Lincoln and 3rd Ave. W. (Which lies South 89°42'02" East a distance of 480.11 feet from the Intersection of 3rd Ave. W. and N. Alder St.), Thence North 89°42'02" West for a distance of 45.00 feet; Thence South 00°17'05" West for a distance of 40.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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Thence North 89°41'09" West for a distance of 382.13 feet;
Thence North 00°11'36" East for a distance of 334.88 feet;
Thence South 89°42'02" East for a distance of 382.66 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Section 3. The official zoning map of the City of Jerome is hereby amended to comply with Section 1 and Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 18th day of January, 2022.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 18th day of January, 2022

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

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

Councilman Barber made the motion to adopt Bill No. 691 as Ordinance No. 1206 rezoning the property as described from Public/Semi-Public (PS) to Residential 3 (R-3) and Central Business District (CBD). Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 regular meeting
2. Approval to pay 2022 O&M Assessment of 1,082.74 shares at \$25 per share at a total cost of \$27,068.39
3. Monthly Department Reports
4. Approve Claims

Accu Sales/Keller Kustoms \$93.12, A-Core of Idaho \$675.00, Aerzen USA Corporation \$3,008.53, Amazon Capital Services \$1,168.30, American Backflow Products Co \$302.74, American Legal Publishing Corp. \$500.00, Arnold Machinery Company \$274.62, Associated Business Forms LLC \$1,161.68, Associated Taxpayers of Idaho \$70.00, Auto Zone \$22.48, B & R Bearing \$25.95, Badger Meter \$683.52, Bound Tree Medical \$405.17, Brenntag Pacific Inc \$22,815.60, Brodart Company \$81.04, B-Z Plumbing \$143.00, Carne I Corp \$22,575.00, Center Point Large Print \$87.48, Century Link \$1,769.40, Centurylink Business Services \$60.26, Chase Paymenttech \$1,732.03, Cintas Corporation \$33.66, City of Jerome \$533,948.23, Coastline Equipment Company \$80.58, Comfort Suites Airport (Id038) \$395.00, Con Paulos Inc. \$495.69, Craig Stotts \$400.00, Culligan Soft Water Service \$202.50, D & B Supply \$2,729.58, Depatco \$1,087.20, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$4,261.26, Dig Line Inc \$108.06, Duane Rubink \$361.07, Ednetics Inc \$76.36, Electrical Contractors of ID \$290.98, Eric's Custom Upholstery \$325.00, Farmore of Idaho \$2,161.57, Fastenal Company \$6.61, Fife Water Services \$350.00, Floyd Lilly Co \$779.67, Fred Kenyon Repair Inc. \$1,069.85, Freedom Electric Inc. \$339.07, Freedom Mailing Services Inc \$2,132.88, Gem State Welder's Supply \$80.60, Goble Sampson Associates Inc. \$1,309.32, Go-Fer It Express \$360.00, Greatamerica Financial Services \$167.81, H.D.Fowler \$246.39, H.W. Lochner Inc \$6,904.20, Hach Company \$146.76, Haffners Lock and Key \$85.50, Hanson Janitorial Supply Inc. \$138.83, Harrington Industrial Plastics LLC \$747.59, Harvey's Office Plus \$203.89, Healthy Earth Enterprises LLC \$193.58, Heglar Creek Electric LLC \$1,800.00, High Desert Bobcat \$288.89, Hydro Specialties Company \$15,121.92, ID Electric Motor Service Inc \$3,223.41, ID State Insurance Fund \$12,172.00, ID State Tax Commission \$131.76, Idaho Materials and Construction \$1,176.69, Idaho Power Co. \$68,568.66, Ingram Book Company \$694.57, Intermountain Gas Company \$7,647.62, Isaiah Day \$100.00, Jerome City Water Department \$552.20, Jerome County \$12,055.31, Keller Associates Inc \$77,567.50, Kloepfer Inc. \$481.03, Kristen J Denning \$75.85, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$2,260.52, Lexisnexis Risk Solutions \$31.50, Local Highway Tech Assit.Council \$60.00, Magic Valley Labs \$20,717.62, Magic Valley Quality Milk LLC \$2,212.22, Marky's Supertow \$100.00, Mary Ralls \$17.98, Mason's Trophies & Gifts \$48.00, Master Muffler \$760.59, Metroquip Inc. \$881.78, Mountainland Supply Company \$1,480.50, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$89.98, Napa Auto Parts \$421.43, New Tech Security Inc. \$240.00, Northside Canal Co. \$27,068.39, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$7.98, Overdrive \$1,800.00, Overhead Door Company of TF Inc \$135.00, Pacificsource Administrators \$8,097.43, Park Place Technologies LLC \$642.00, Pat Birmingham \$300.00, Petersen Performance \$800.00, Pro-Flame Inc \$387.63, Project Mutual Telephone \$322.94, Proline Graphics & Vinyl \$390.00, PSI Environmental Services Inc \$22,390.34, Quadient Leasing USA Inc \$899.58, Rainbow Book Company \$654.20, Region IV Development Assn \$6,550.00, Renner Sports Surfaces \$274,639.30, Rexel Usa Inc \$120.74, Ridley's Food & Drug \$149.19, Safety Now Solutions \$700.00, Saltworx Inc \$4,235.02, Sassy Software Solutions LLC \$567.00, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$315.00, Scott Novak \$76.31, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$42.86, Silversky Inc - Dept 106071 \$2,203.57, Skaggs Companies Inc. \$38.85, Smith & Wesson Sales Co - LB#3890 \$86.30, Something More \$195.89, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$3,426.74, Srdjan Duranski \$1,120.00, Strata \$962.78, Sweet's Septic & Backhoe Inc. \$390.00, TFD Enterprises LLC \$19,979.66, Thatcher Company \$36,182.53, Times News \$513.45, T-Mobile \$269.93, Traffic Safety Supply Co Inc \$1,171.07, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc. \$110.80, U.S. Bank Equipment Finance \$471.40, Unimed Government Services \$220.88, Upper Case Printing Ink. \$3,078.50, US Bank Credit Card \$16,543.42, Utility Trailer Sales \$331.93, Valley Office Systems \$113.42, Verizon Wireless \$3,369.58,

Viewu \$299.00, Western Waste Services \$807.02, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Xpress Bill Pay \$1,090.29.

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

AWARD OF APPRECIATION TO FORMER COUNCILMAN CULVER:

Mayor Davis invited former Councilman Bob Culver to stand as he presented a plaque to express appreciation for the years served as City Councilman. Mr. Culver also worked for the City of Jerome for 32 years before retiring. Mr. Culver thanked everyone in attendance along with the citizens of Jerome for electing him to serve as Councilman.

WASTEWATER NEW HEADWORKS PROJECT BIDS:

Mr. Carpenter stated this item is regarding the pre-purchase of equipment for the Wastewater New Headworks project. He stated Keller Associates is doing the design for the project and they noted, with lead time and projected price increases, it would be best to secure equipment for the project. A bid package was advertised on December 8th and December 15th with the bid opening on January 12th. Mr. Carpenter explained three specific sets of equipment (screening equipment, vortex grit remover equipment, and grit classifier) were advertised in one advertisement and bidders were allowed to bid on each specific set if they so choose. One bid was received for Item 1A/1B from Huber Technology for \$403,400.00; staff reviewed the documents and determined the documents were responsible and responsive and therefore recommended for approval.

One bid was received for Items 2A/2B and 3A/3B from Smith and Loveless but the bid came with conditions and exceptions which were not allowed. Staff recommends the bid be rejected, and Council may declare a resolution to seek purchase of the equipment on the open market per Idaho Code. Mr. Carpenter stated staff can negotiate conditions and terms with the vendor as well once the resolution has been passed. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Carpenter stated Huber Technology is a reputable vendor. Councilman Johnson inquired about accepting bids if the request goes to the open market, and Mr. Carpenter stated Smith and Loveless could change their price. However, their terms and conditions were not specified and the bid they submitted was not for what was advertised. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Carpenter stated staff can re-advertise or negotiate terms with the vendor; he noted the vendor may not have experience in bidding for a municipality. Councilman Barber inquired about the process for rejecting bids, and Mr. Larsen stated a motion to reject the bid is a clear action on record versus letting an action die for lack of motion. Additionally, Mr. Carpenter confirmed staff has not contracted with Aqua Engineering for some time. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Carpenter stated the design for the project is nearly complete and the project may go to bid in March or April, with anticipated completion within one year. The lead-time on some equipment is 32-46 weeks to arrive. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Carpenter explained the process of completing the project (bidding, construction, etc.) had the equipment timeline not been an issue. Lead-time and construction time, allowed to a contractor, is taken into consideration when preparing for a project and pre-purchasing equipment is sometimes less

expensive but depends on the time invested and potential issues that come with procuring equipment (vendor, liability and warranty issues, etc.).

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve a contract award Huber Technology for the Wastewater New Headworks Equipment Pre-Purchase Project Bid Items 1A + 1B for the lump sum bid of \$403,400.00. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

Councilman Barber made the motion to reject all bids for Bid Items 2A + 2B and Bid Items 3A + 3B of the Wastewater New Headworks Equipment Pre-Purchase Project. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

TACO FEST 2022:

Ms. Lauren Brill with The Go Agency participated in the meeting via Zoom to explain the application request and event. She stated the Taco Fest has been an annual cultural event hosted by The Go Agency at Idaho Central Credit Union (ICCU) and Veteran's Memorial Parks in collaboration with ICCU. The success of the Jerome event led to events in Nampa and Pocatello, and Ms. Brill stated The Go Agency would like the event to be held on July 22nd and July 23rd instead of September like in previous years. The festival includes local Hispanic taco vendors, a beer garden, a kid zone, live music and wrestling matches. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber regarding the beer garden placement and size, Ms. Coderniz stated that a small section is usually reserved for the beer garden and not the majority of the eastern portion of ICCU Park. Additionally, Chief Hall stated the beer garden last year was larger than expected and he requested that it be more of a manageable size to control the alcoholic beverages at the park. He also noted that because the event will be held in July, the splash pad and skate park will be well utilized by the community at that time. Ms. Brill stated that she would like to see where the beer garden was placed in the past, and Ms. Coderniz noted that a map from Freedom Fest with the beer garden would be emailed to Ms. Brill.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Ahrens stated that the road closures were of concern. There was confusion regarding the times of the road closures, and Mr. Ahrens stated that the times allowed on the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) permit needed to be adhered to. Ms. Brill stated that Road Work Ahead was contracted to maintain the road closures, and Mr. Ahrens stated that the roads were closed earlier than what the ITD permit allowed; better communication needs to take place between the contractor and the Public Works Department.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve the application of Lauren Brill with The Go Agency to hold a Taco Fest event on July 22-23, 2022 at ICCU and Veteran's Memorial Parks contingent upon paying the required fees, obtaining appropriate permits and providing adequate insurance. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams announced that he will be in Boise at the Idaho City Managers Association meeting on Wednesday and City Official Day at the Capitol on Thursday. Conversations will be had with Representative Lickley and he will report back to Council at the next meeting regarding areas of concern and potential legislation. Councilman Barber noted that Representative Clark Kauffman will not be seeking re-election. Brief discussion ensued regarding last year's HB389 and potential corrections to the bill. Mr. Williams stated that he and Mayor Davis will be jumping into the waters of Twin Falls Park on Friday for the Jerome Wrestling program fundraiser.

Mr. Richey stated he is still reviewing plans, and a permit was issued for Today's Dental on Country Lane. Plans were received for Smiles for Kids and Mr. Richey is working on the permitting process for them.

Mr. Carpenter stated that crosswalks in several locations were replaced with safety grant funds of approximately \$40,000. Staff will be reapplying for additional safety grant funds for additional crosswalk projects; he noted that safety grants cover projects 100%.

Mr. Williams stated that representatives from the membrane supplier will be onsite at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Wednesday and Thursday to examine the membranes and issues with plugging. More information will be provided at the next City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this January 18, 2022 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:35 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk