

February 7, 2023

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 Councilman Bryan Craig.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, Legal Counsel Ted Larsen, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, Parks and Streets Supervisor Ronnie Hendricks, Building Official Dave Richey, IT Technician Andy Newbry, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Accounting and Budget Manager Lori McCrae, Library Director Linda Mecham, Human Resources and Planning Services Director Esmeralda Chavez, City Planner Ervina Covcic, Fire Chief Mike Harrison, Police Chief Duane Rubink, and Captain Anthony Gratzler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

INVOCATION:

An invocation was given by Pastor Kevin Ashley with the Life Church of the Magic Valley.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:

Councilman Barber moved to add an item to the agenda, which was received after the deadline to post: "Approve Resolution No. 03-23 Area 5 Annexation Eligibility Study." Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Craig. **NAYS:** None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

This being the time and place published to consider an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome revising Title 17 Chapter 50 of the Jerome Municipal Code regulating Planning and Zoning Commission; revising the number of voting members on the Planning and Zoning Commission; revising the number of years for term of office; and providing for an effective date, the Chair called the public hearing open at 5:34 p.m. and briefly reviewed the procedures that will be followed.

Staff Presentation:

Ms. Covcic spoke of the bill presented and explained its intent. There have been struggles with having a quorum at previous Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) meetings; in the last year two commissioners have resigned, and filling those vacancies has been a challenge. Without a quorum, business cannot be conducted and the meetings must be

rescheduled. Staff recommends the P&Z go from seven members to five with four-year terms rather than six-year terms. Ms. Covcic explained this change would immediately alleviate the current issues with holding meetings. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Ms. Covcic stated three members would be required for a quorum; at this time the number of members required to be present is five.

There was no testimony in favor, neutral nor in opposition to the information presented. There being no further testimony to be heard, the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 5:37 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1216, BILL NO. 701 – INTRODUCTION:

Councilman Johnson sponsored the bill.

Councilman Barber moved to suspend the rules pertaining to the reading of an ordinance on three separate occasions and direct the clerk to read Bill No. 701 once by title only to constitute three readings. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Craig. **NAYS:** None.

The clerk read the bill once by title only, and the ordinance in full is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1216
BILL NO. 701**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME REVISING TITLE 17 CHAPTER 50 OF THE JEROME MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION; REVISING THE NUMBER OF VOTING MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION; REVISING THE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR TERM OF OFFICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Title 67, Chapter 65 allows for a minimum of three (3) members and nor more than twelve (12) members for each planning and zoning commission, and allows for the term of each member to be not less than three (3) years, and no more than six(6) years;

WHEREAS, the current ordinance for the number of members and term of years makes it difficult to find members to serve on the commission and have a full quorum for meetings; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide more flexibility to the commission and to make it easier for citizens to serve on the board, Title 17, Chapter 50 of the Jerome Municipal Code is in need of revisions and updates to allow fewer members on the planning and zoning commission and fewer years for term of office

WHEREAS, the City desires to have more flexibility with members of the Commission and to give more citizens an opportunity to serve on the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO:

Section 1. That Section 17.50.015: PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, of the Jerome Municipal Code be revised on file and is hereby enacted and the same is hereby declared to read as follows:

- A. Creation: For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this title, a planning and zoning commission is created.
- B. Membership: The commission shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) voting members, all appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the council. An appointed member of this commission must have resided in the city for two (2) years prior to his appointment and must remain a resident of the city during his service on the commission. Appointment to the commission shall be made by resolution adopted by the council, with a term of office of ~~six (6)~~ four (4) years. Vacancies on the commission caused for any reason other than expiration of a term shall be filled by resolution approved by a majority of the council and shall be only for the duration of the unexpired term of the previously serving commission.
- C. Organization: The commission shall elect a chairman and create and fill any such office that it may deem necessary. The commission may establish subcommittees, advisory committees, hearing examiners or neighborhood groups to advise and assist in carrying out the responsibilities. The commission may appoint nonvoting ex officio advisors as may be deemed necessary.
- D. Rules, Records and Meetings: Written organization papers or bylaws consistent with this title and other laws of the state for the transaction of business of the commission shall be adopted. A record of meetings, hearings, resolutions, studies, findings, permits and actions taken shall be maintained. All meetings and records shall be open to the public. At least one regular meeting shall be held each month for not less than nine (9) months in a year. A majority of voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
- E. Duties of The Commission: For the purpose of this title, the commission shall have the following duties:
 - 1. Initiate proposed amendments to this title and conduct a biennial review of the complete zoning ordinance.
 - 2. Review all proposed amendments to this title and make recommendations to the council;
 - 3. Review all planned unit developments and make recommendations to the council;
 - 4. Grant special use permits as specified in the official schedule of district regulations and under the conditions as herein specified with such additional safeguards as will uphold the intent of this title;
 - 5. Hear appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or determination made by the administrator;
 - 6. Issue such variances from the terms of this title as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to the special conditions, a literal enforcement of this title will result in unnecessary hardship, so that the spirit of this title shall be observed and substantial justice done; and
 - 7. Perform such other duties as are prescribed for it in this title

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 7th day of February, 2022.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 7th day of February, 2022.

CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Peterson made the motion to adopt Bill No. 701 as Ordinance No. 1216 revising Title 17 Chapter 50 of the Jerome Municipal Code regulating Planning and Zoning Commission; revising the number of voting members on the Planning and Zoning Commission; revising the number of years for term of office; and providing for an effective date. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Craig. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Craig. **NAYS:** None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 regular meeting and the January 17, 2023 executive session

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-23:

Mayor Davis announced the resolution would be tabled to the February 21st meeting. He will be visiting with individuals currently serving on the Community Spirit Committee and Library Board prior to reappointment.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-23:

Mr. Hyatt stated that pursuant to Idaho Code the Council is required to make an estimate of all funds to defray the costs for maintaining, operating and improving the irrigation system before the second Wednesday of February of each year. Staff has estimated the fees of \$191,203.71 will be required to maintain and operate the irrigation system fiscal year 2023, and Mr. Hyatt stated there will be no rate increase this year. He further stated the Council will be required to meet on March 7th, as the Board of Corrections, to correct the assessment roll. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber regarding future rate increases, Mr. Hyatt stated the irrigation fund has continued to remain in the positive in the last few years. Major capital improvements would most likely require a bond. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the irrigation system including: removing the system altogether; previous discussions pertaining to the removal of the

irrigation system; maintenance on the existing system and great effort by staff; the number of users and the amount invested by said users (pumps, hoses, etc.); having to rely on potable water without the irrigation system; the recommendation to keep the irrigation system; considering a pressurized system as a multi-million dollar project; and, users including residents and those with infill pastures. Councilman Barber commended the irrigation department for maintenance of the system and recommended a possible payroll adjustment. Mr. Henricks commented that the City currently employs two public works staff to maintain the irrigation system. Councilman Peterson commented on small incremental rate increases annually in order to avoid higher increases at one time. Mr. Williams stated the irrigation fund has approximately \$150,000 in reserves and with needed repairs to the irrigation system, staff could explore annual increases in the rates. Mr. Hyatt spoke of the significant increase in the water rate for this fiscal year.

The clerk read Resolution No. 02-23 in full as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-23

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, STATE OF IDAHO:

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to I.C. 50-1807, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome, County of Jerome, Idaho on this 7th day of February, 2023, hereby estimate that \$191,203.71 are the necessary funds for the expense of maintaining, operating, improving, extending and enlarging the City Irrigation system for the current fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is directed to immediately carry out the assessment roll and further to give notice that the Mayor and City Council shall meet the 7th day of March 2023 to correct the assessment roll.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 7th day of February, 2023.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 7th day of February, 2023.

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Barber made the motion to pass Resolution No. 02-23, setting the 2023 Irrigation Assessments. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Craig. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Craig. **NAYS:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-23:

Mr. Williams expressed appreciation to Council for allowing the agenda amendment this evening to include the resolution. He spoke of the varying meetings and approvals required for an urban renewal district annexation, and the proposed resolution addresses the annexation into the Jerome urban renewal Area 5. He stated the City and Urban Renewal Agency (URA) are partners in the new park project south of town; the URA is requesting 7.55 acres of property

(annexed into the City last year) be annexed into Area 5. The annexation process required an Eligibility Study and said study was completed and available for the Council's review as an exhibit to the resolution. There are ten criteria for land to be included in an urban renewal area, and the 7.55 acres meet four of the ten. Criteria include devoid of infrastructure, unsanitary/unsafe conditions, unusual conditions on the title, if the annexation would result in economic development of the area or substantially assist the growth of a municipality. Mr. Williams also spoke of the 10% rule, which statutorily limits the amount of base value of the community that can be included in a revenue allocation area ("RAA"). The value of the 7.55 acres is 0% of the base value considering the small size of the land in question. The total base assessed value percentage of all URA RAA's in Jerome is 4.95%, which clearly allows for more land into an urban renewal area if needed. Mr. Williams also explained the amount of area an existing URA RAA can expand could not exceed 10% without losing the base value of said area; 7.55 acres annexed into the district will not exceed this limitation.

Staff recommends adoption of the eligibility report as presented. Upon approval by Council, the URA will review a draft plan amendment and ultimately approve the amendment, which will then go before the P&Z to validate it by verifying that it conforms with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The taxing districts will be notified of the plan amendment and once approved at P&Z, a public hearing will be held before Council prior to adoption. Mr. Williams anticipates the process will be completed by May barring any complications.

The clerk read Resolution No. 03-23 by title only; the resolution in full is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-23

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, DETERMINING A DEFINED AREA REFERRED TO AS THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING AREA 5 REVENUE ALLOCATION AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF JEROME, TO BE A DETERIORATED AREA AND/OR A DETERIORATING AREA AS DEFINED BY IDAHO CODE SECTIONS 50-2018(8), (9) AND 50-2903(8); DIRECTING THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, TO COMMENCE THE PREPARATION OF AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, WHICH PLAN AMENDMENT MAY INCLUDE REVENUE ALLOCATION PROVISIONS FOR ALL OR PART OF THE AREA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Jerome (the "City") found that deteriorating areas exist in the City; therefor, for the purposes of the Idaho Urban Renewal Law of 1965, Chapter 20, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Law"), created the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Jerome, Idaho, an independent public body, corporate and politic (the "Agency"), pursuant to the Law, authorizing the Agency to transact business and exercise the powers granted by the Law and the Local Economic Development Act, Chapter 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Act"), upon making the findings of necessity required for creating the Agency, a duly created and functioning urban renewal agency for Jerome, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency."

WHEREAS, the City, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan for the Area 4 Urban Renewal Project (the "Area 4 Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City adopted its Ordinance No. 1134 on December 2, 2014, approving the Area 4 Plan, making certain findings and establishing the Area 4 revenue allocation area (the “Area 4 Project Area”);

WHEREAS, the City, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan for the Area 3 Urban Renewal Project (the “Area 3 Plan”);

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City adopted its Ordinance No. 1135 on December 2, 2014, approving the Area 3 Plan, making certain findings and establishing the Area 3 revenue allocation area (the “Area 3 Project Area”);

WHEREAS, the City, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan for the Area 5 Urban Renewal Project (the “Area 5 Plan”);

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City adopted its Ordinance No. 1172 on December 4, 2018, approving the Area 5 Plan, making certain findings and establishing the Area 5 revenue allocation area (the “Area 5 Project Area”);

WHEREAS, the Area 3 Plan, the Area 4 Plan and the Area 5 Plan are collectively referred to as the “Existing Plans,” and the corresponding revenue allocation areas are collectively referred to as the “Existing Project Areas;”

WHEREAS, based on information presented by certain interested parties, including the Agency and the City, it has become apparent that additional property within the City, and adjacent and contiguous to the Area 5 Project Area, may be deteriorating or deteriorated and should be examined as to whether such an area is eligible for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, in late 2022/early 2023, Kushlan | Associates commenced an eligibility study and preparation of an eligibility report for an area consisting of one tax parcel representing 7.55 acres in size, which is located in the southeast section of the City and is located generally east of South Lincoln Avenue and north of East Nez Perce Avenue (the “Study Area”). The Study Area is adjacent and contiguous to the Area 5 Project Area;

WHEREAS, the Agency obtained the Jerome Area 5 Urban Renewal District Annexation Eligibility Report, dated January 2023 (the Report”), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which examined the Study Area for the purpose of determining whether such area is a deteriorating area and/or a deteriorated area as defined by Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8);

WHEREAS, the Report incorporated the findings set forth in the Jerome Area 5 Urban Renewal District Eligibility Report, dated May 2018, accepted by the Agency Board on June 7, 2018, by Resolution No. 04-18, and by the City Council on June 19, 2018, by Resolution No. 09-18, which is appended to the Report;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8), which define the qualifying conditions of a deteriorating area and deteriorated area, several of the conditions necessary to be present in such an area are found in the Study Area, including:

- a. predominance of defective or inadequate street layout; and
- b. insanitary or unsafe conditions;

WHEREAS, the Study Area includes open land;

WHEREAS, under the Act, a deteriorated area includes any area which is predominantly open and which, because of obsolete platting, diversity of ownership, deterioration of structures or improvements, or otherwise, results in economic underdevelopment of the area or substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality. See, Idaho Code § 50-2903(8)(c);

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §§ 50-2018(9), 50-2903(8) and 50-2008(d) list the additional conditions applicable to open land areas, including open land areas to be acquired by the Agency, which are the same or similar to the conditions set forth in the definitions of “deteriorating area” and “deteriorated area;”

WHEREAS, the Report addresses the necessary findings concerning including open land within any urban renewal area as defined in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(9), 50-2903(8)(c), and 50-2008(d);

WHEREAS, the effects of the listed conditions cited in the Report result in economic underdevelopment of the area, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, and constitutes an economic or social liability;

WHEREAS, under the Law and Act, Idaho Code Sections 50-2903(8)(f) and 50-2018 (8) and (9), the definition of a deteriorating area shall not apply to any agricultural operation as defined in section 22-4502(2), Idaho Code, absent the consent of the owner of the agricultural operation, except for an agricultural operation that has not been used for three (3) consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the Study Area includes a parcel subject to such consent. The consent, if not already obtained, shall be obtained prior to City Council consideration of any amendment to the Area 5 Plan;

WHEREAS, the Report includes a preliminary analysis concluding the base assessment roll value for the Study Area along with the combined base assessment roll values for the Existing Project Areas do not exceed 10% of the current assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City;

WHEREAS, the Report includes a preliminary analysis concluding the Study Area does not exceed 10% of the geographical area contained within the existing Area 5 Project Area, and the Study Area is contiguous to the existing Area 5 Project Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 50-2008, an urban renewal project may not be planned or initiated unless the local governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a deteriorated area or deteriorating area, or combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2906, also requires that in order to adopt an urban renewal plan or plan amendment containing a revenue allocation financing provision, the local governing body must make a finding or determination that the area included in such plan or plan amendment is a deteriorated area or deteriorating area;

WHEREAS, the Report was presented to the Agency Board at its regular meeting on February 2, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Agency, on February 2, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 01-23 (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** without the attached exhibits thereto) accepting the Report

and authorizing the Chairman or Executive Director of the Agency to transmit the Report to the City Council, requesting its consideration for designation of an urban renewal area and requesting the City Council to direct the Agency to prepare an urban renewal plan amendment for the Study Area, which plan may include a revenue allocation provision as allowed by the Act;

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best public interest that the Agency prepare an urban renewal plan amendment for the area identified as the Annexation Study Area in the Report located within the City, County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and within the City's area of operation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council finds and declares that the above statements are true and correct.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho, finds and declares:

- (a) That the Study Area described in the Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is a deteriorated area or a deteriorating area, as defined by Chapters 20 and 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended, within the City of Jerome, Idaho, and qualifies as an urban renewal project and justification exists for designating the area as appropriate for an urban renewal project;
- (b) That there is a need for the Agency to function in accordance with the provision of Chapters 20 and 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended, within a designated area for the purpose of establishing an urban renewal plan amendment.
- (c) That the Study Area identified in the Report is determined to be a deteriorated area or a deteriorating area, as defined in Chapters 20 and 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended, or a combination thereof, and such area is designated as appropriate for an urban renewal project;
- (d) That the rehabilitation, conservation, development and redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City.
- (e) That the Agency will obtain any agricultural consents from the real property owners, as may be necessary, prior to formally submitting the proposed urban renewal plan to the City for its consideration.
- (f) That the Study Area does not exceed 10% of the geographical area contained within the existing Area 5 Project Area and the Study Area is contiguous to the existing Area 5 Project Area.

Section 3. That the Agency shall be, and hereby is, directed to commence preparation of an urban renewal plan amendment to annex the Study Area described in the Report into the existing Area 5 Project Area for consideration by the Agency Board and, if acceptable, final consideration by the City Council in compliance with Chapters 20 and 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho, this 7th day of February 2023.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of Jerome, Idaho this 7th day of February 2023.

APPROVED:

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Barber made the motion to pass Resolution No. 03-23, a resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome approving the Area 5 Annexation Eligibility Study and authorizing the Urban Renewal Agency to proceed with preparation of an urban renewal plan amendment. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Craig. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Craig. **NAYS:** None.

SURPLUS VEHICLES, POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rubink spoke of patrol vehicles being replaced through the department's vehicle replacement program and that vehicles have been purchased to replace those listed in the motion. The older vehicles have exceeded their service life as patrol cars due to their high mileage and cost of maintenance. The vehicles listed include one administrative vehicle and two patrol vehicles.

Councilman Craig made the motion to declare the following City property listed below as surplus property and authorize the Chief of Police and City Clerk to sell the items by auction:

- Unit #160 VIN 2C3CDXAG0CH267570, 2012 Dodge Charger Police, 91,520 miles
- Unit #191, VIN 2C3CDXAG5EH282777, 2014 Dodge Charger Police, 103,910 miles
- Unit #53 VIN 2G1WA5EK4A1230668, 2010 Chevrolet Impala, 134,398 miles

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Craig inquired about TDS Telecom's intentions to get service to individual homes, and Mr. Williams stated individual trenches may be dug to homes for those who subscribe to the service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams stated he will be coordinating calendars with the Mayor, Council and department heads to schedule a City-Wide meeting; the pandemic prevented recent gatherings. The event gathers employees together (many retirements and new employees hired since the last

event held in 2019) to discuss City initiatives and have the opportunity to spend time together. Correspondence will be sent out soon.

Another tour of the police station will be held in March, possibly on the 21st, and Mr. Williams stated staff met with the architect and contractor. Significant process has been made with the project, and he expects the police station to be ready in late May/early June.

Mayor Davis will be giving the State of the City presentation tomorrow at the 19th Hole Restaurant, and the new park project will be announced at the same time. A press release will also be issued to the Times News.

Mr. Williams stated he has been sending legislative updates to Council and several property tax bills are being contemplated. He expects the Speaker's bill to get some attention and that there is a wide range of solutions on property tax relief; some appear to be significant while others may need more analysis. He will continue to keep the Council updated as more information becomes available.

The bid opening for the E. Main Street Sidewalk project will be held on Thursday, and Mr. Williams stated if no bids are received, staff can pursue bids and negotiate on the open market. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Williams stated bids are due on Thursday just prior to the scheduled bid opening. Mr. Carpenter noted that funds for the project must be allocated by July 2023 and that the project has been somewhat challenging in having to work with the Idaho Transportation Department as this portion of Main Street is also State Highway 25. The project will commence based on the contractor's schedule and availability.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this February 7, 2023 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:05 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk