

March 15, 2022

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, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, Deputy Fire Chief Lane Sickles, and Police Chief Duane Rubink.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

INVOCATION:

An invocation was given by Reverend Harriman Randle with the Overcomers Church.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS – 2022 IRRIGATION ASSESSMENT ROLL:

Mr. Hyatt appeared before Council and explained the requirement of Council meeting as a Board of Corrections to make corrections to the 2022 irrigation assessment roll no later than March 20th. Staff recommends changes to two accounts listed in the motions below. The first account has no access and staff recommends that the assessment be corrected to a minimum billing of \$22.84. The second account had shares transferred to the Jerome Crossing Subdivision and staff recommends that this assessment be corrected to show zero assessed.

Councilman Peterson made the motion to adjust the 2022 assessment on Account #554700.01 in the name of Scott E. Turner to a minimum bill of \$22.84. 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.

Councilman Peterson made the motion to adjust the 2022 assessment on Account #301400.01 in the name of Chris Barber to zero. 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 Craig. **NAYS:** None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 regular meeting
2. Monthly Department Reports
3. Approve Claims

Amazon Capital Services \$143.67, Argo Company \$574.13, Atlas Business Solutions Inc. \$672.00, Axon \$375.00, Backflow Assembly Testing And Supply LLC \$160.00, Badger Meter \$695.09, Boise Office Equipment \$30.25, Boot Barn \$135.99, Bound to Stay Bound Books Inc \$118.11, Builders Firstsource \$383.05, B-Z Plumbing \$44.53, Callen Refrigeration LLC \$192.00, Canyonside Towing Inc. \$185.00, CDW Government Inc. \$2,999.70, Center Point Large Print \$91.68, Century Link \$1,445.29, Centurylink Business Services \$60.47, Chase Paymenttech \$1,727.82, Chief Duane Rubink \$11.18, Cintas Corporation \$435.89, City of Jerome \$619,253.35, Coastline Equipment Company \$721.79, Con Paulos Inc. \$64.69, Consolidated Electrical Dist. \$302.50, Culligan Soft Water Service \$102.90, D & B Supply \$1,411.96, David R. Yosten \$150.00, Depatco \$1,040.00, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$1,413.72, Dig Line Inc \$117.16, Electrical Contractors of ID \$1,550.18, Emergency Responders Health \$865.00, Enviro-Clean Intermountain LLC \$6,000.00, Esri Inc. \$5,100.00, Farmore of Idaho \$483.80, Ferguson Enterprises Inc. \$3,798.20, Floyd Lilly Co \$1,958.97, Fred Kenyon Repair Inc. \$599.18, Freedom Electric Inc. \$571.48, Freedom Mailing Services Inc \$2,140.22, Gem State Paper & Supply \$53.89, Gem State Welder's Supply \$78.12, Goble Sampson Associates Inc. \$622.55, Grainger \$284.90, Greatamerica Financial Services \$165.00, GSM Engineered Fabrics LLC \$1,343.41, H.D.Fowler \$1,046.31, Hach Company \$818.06, Harrington Industrial Plastics LLC \$170.14, Harvey's Office Plus \$209.67, Heglar Creek Electric LLC \$3,675.50, Hydro Specialties Company \$2,431.80, ID Rural Water Association \$525.00, Idaho Construction Supply \$441.00, Idaho High Desert \$100.00, Idaho Power Co. \$72,506.60, Industrial Software Solutions I LLC \$7,835.00, Ingram Book Company \$655.08, Intellichoice Inc. \$2,472.00, Intermountain Gas Company \$7,576.28, Jerome City Fire Fighters Assoc \$550.00, Jerome City Water Department \$296.42, Jerome County \$12,055.31, Jerome Printshop \$195.00, Jerome Recreation District \$300.00, Joe Mama's Car Show LLC \$2,000.00, Juan Diamian \$30.52, Kturbo Inc. \$25,768.00, L.N. Curtis & Sons \$2,655.00, Larson-Miller Inc \$342.20, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$1,232.89, Libri System \$44.98, Lombard-Conrad Architects P.C. \$19,035.00, Magic Valley Electric LLC \$255.00, Magic Valley Hydraulics & Repair LLC \$297.60, Magic Valley Labs \$9,086.50, Mason's Trophies & Gifts \$12.00, Maxwell Products Inc \$6,211.16, Metroquip Inc. \$59,621.04, Mike's Repair \$63.51, Mower Office Systems \$533.00, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$89.98, Napa Auto Parts \$997.09, New Tech Security Inc. \$240.00, Northwest Equipment Sales \$8.96, Pet Waste Eliminator \$56.99, Pinnacle Technologies \$200.00, Post Academy \$300.00, Pro-Flame Inc \$37.98, Proforce \$2,423.10, Project Mutual Telephone \$322.94, Psi Environmental Services Inc \$22,395.58, Rain For Rent Inc. \$53,175.62, Ramiro Rodriguez Jr. \$115.07, Rexel USA Inc \$55.15, Ridley's Food & Drug \$204.81, Rocky Mountain Valves & Auto Inc \$2,083.33, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$15.00, Semi Service \$1,127.98, Seth or Victoria Wallace \$105.30, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$28.92, Silversky Inc - Dept 106071 \$2,269.72, Skaggs Companies Inc. \$1,046.48, Skm Inc. \$1,031.25, Something More \$115.90, Southern ID Water Quality Coalition \$1,000.00, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$8,422.00, Sweet's Septic & Backhoe Inc. \$1,070.00, Symbolarts LLC \$125.00, Tacoma Screw Products Inc \$42.25, Thatcher Company \$7,545.88, The Fire Store \$652.35, Times News \$116.09, TLC Rental \$214.97, T-Mobile \$240.09, Tore Up \$35.00, Traffic Safety Supply Co Inc \$2,668.17, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc. \$189.68, Trojan UV \$25,731.17, U.S. Bank Equipment Finance \$471.34, Underwood Recycling \$21.00, Unified Office Services \$235.80, Urgent Care of Jerome - Billing Dept \$495.00, US Bank Credit Card \$15,095.56, USA Bluebook \$5,210.50, Valley Office Systems \$92.09, Verizon Wireless \$3,628.58, Western States Equipment \$1,558.27, Western Waste Services \$486.02, White Cloud Communications \$155.00, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Wright Physical Therapy \$60.00, Xpress Bill Pay \$1,107.88.

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

PROCLAMATION – VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY MARCH 29, 2022:

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

PROCLAMATION FOR VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 2022

To recognize and to honor the service and sacrifice of those men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War and to especially honor those who were killed or disabled while serving our nation.

WHEREAS, throughout history, our nation’s men and women in uniform have risked their lives to protect the interests of our country and defend freedom; and

WHEREAS, American citizens live in freedom because of the service and sacrifices made by those who have served, and are currently serving in our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War, and thousands more returned home bearing the physical and emotional scars of combat; and

WHEREAS, many still mourn for the missing and unaccounted-for Americans from the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, March 29, 1973, was the last day United States servicemen were on the ground in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 designates March 29th of each year as the day on which Americans will observe Vietnam War Veterans Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David M. Davis, call upon all citizens of the City of Jerome to observe Tuesday, March 29, 2022, as Vietnam War Veterans Day in honor of all those Americans who served in the Vietnam War and especially to honor those, who through their courageous deeds and sacrifice, lost their lives or were wounded in service to our nation.



PROCLAIMED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2022

/s/ David M. Davis
DAVID M. DAVIS, MAYOR



Council signified support with unanimous “ayes.”

PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH APRIL 2022:

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2022 marks the 54th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all – regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin – is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal – as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children’s access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principals, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David M. Davis, Mayor of the City of Jerome, do hereby proclaim April 2022, to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Jerome, Jerome County, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at city hall in Jerome, Idaho on this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and twenty-two.

/s/ David M. Davis, Mayor

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz, Clerk

Council signified support with unanimous “ayes.”

PROCLAMATION – WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 2-8, 2022

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

**PROCLAMATION
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD™**

WHEREAS, the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) is celebrating the Week of the Young Child™, April 2-8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, we are working to promote and inspire high-quality early childhood experiences for our state's youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in Jerome, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a difference in the lives of young children in Jerome deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David M. Davis, Mayor of the City of Jerome, do hereby proclaim April 2-8, 2022 as the Week of the Young Child™ in Jerome, ID and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in Jerome.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2022

/s/ David M. Davis, Mayor

Council signified support with unanimous "ayes."

RESOLUTION NO. 06-22:

Mayor Davis stated Ms. Deal was recommended to the board by Ms. Mecham. He noted that Ms. Deal is a Registered Nurse and has lived in Jerome since 1998. She has held positions with the South Central District Health Department and College of Southern Idaho, and in 2009 she earned her Master's degree in Nursing Education. She is currently an online instructor for Lewis Clark State College in their RN-BSN nursing program and in her biography she noted that she has always been impressed with all that the Jerome Library has offered to the community.

The clerk read Resolution No. 06-22 in full as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE JEROME LIBRARY BOARD; 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. JEROME LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

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

Christine Deal

March 2022 – February 2027

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

Resolution No. 06-22 shall be effective upon its passage as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 15th day of March, 2022.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 15th day of March, 2022.

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. 06-22, a resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho, ratifying the mayoral appointment for a vacancy on the Jerome Library Board. 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.

CONTRACT AWARD – SMITH AND LOVELESS, INC.:

Mr. Carpenter appeared before Council regarding the request to award a contract to Smith and Loveless, Inc. for the Wastewater Headworks Grit Equipment. He reminded Council of the rejected bids for this project and the resolution which authorized staff to procure the equipment on the open market. He spoke of the concern with their initial bid and the inability to keep with specific deadlines due to unpredictable supply chains. The main goal of the pre-purchase is to avoid issues with procuring equipment at a later date considering today's market.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve a contract award to Smith and Loveless, Inc. for the Wastewater New Headworks Grit Equipment Pre-Purchase project in the amount of \$240,250.00. 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 WORKS CANTILEVER GATE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION:

Mr. Ahrens stated that staff budgeted for a new gate which was both aesthetically pleasing and able to provide adequate security to the Public Works yard. The existing gate is a swinging gate which can easily be compromised. Mr. Ahrens stated the request is for a sliding gate operable by remote and much more secure than the existing gate. Staff sought bids and Mr. Ahrens stated the lower bid came with an unreasonable clause regarding repairs and was not

chosen. Staff budgeted \$12,000 and the additional funds of \$960 will come from the operating supply funds of both streets and water. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Ahrens stated the gate does not have any security cameras attached but six additional high-resolution cameras will be installed at the yard. Unfortunately, access to the yard from the Wastewater Treatment Plant or from the Animal Shelter has not been blocked, and Councilman Barber expressed the need to have an identification system at all entrances to the yard. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Ahrens stated all public works employees will have the access code to the gate (code will need to be changed when employees leave the City) and that there will be two remote controls; the duty staff (i.e. after-hours staff) will keep one remote.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve the purchase and installation of a 23' Cantilever gate, gate operator with key pad, photo eye, 2 remotes, receiver, 7-day timer, and exit loop with Bill's Fencing. 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.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS UPGRADES:

Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Richey has been working with Chris Underwood regarding metal artwork for the Council Chambers. Staff is proposing to replace the painted mural with a 48x20 metal art flag that will display the Pledge of Allegiance. The old city logo will also be replaced with a 36x19 metal art of the new logo. Plans to renovate the Council Chambers will also include repainting walls and replacing ceiling tiles. Mr. Williams stated the total cost for the metal artwork and paint will be approximately \$1,200 and can be funded with the Council Discretionary fund. Council agreed to have staff move forward with the renovations.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Barber stated he would like to see the Taco Fest move forward in Jerome. He is slowly putting a steering committee together with local businesses (College of Southern Idaho, Lee Family Broadcasting, etc.) and City staff, and he feels it is important to keep the event.

Councilman Craig recommended that flags be displayed throughout downtown for Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams reported on a proposal in the legislative session to remove the residential property tax and increase the sales tax. It appears this proposal will not come to fruition this year, and Mr. Williams stated this shift would be detrimental to renters as they would not be given the property tax reduction but still have to pay the increase in sales taxes. He noted that the "fix" to House Bill 389 was signed into law by the Governor. The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency will be considering the move to close out Area 2 although no formal action has yet been taken. Closing out Area 2 will provide an increase in new construction value along with some property tax relief for the community. The next City Council meeting will be held on April 5th, and Mr. Williams will be out of the office during Spring Break; he will be available on a limited basis.

Mr. Richey stated his department is still receiving many house plans. He received digital plans for the new police station and expects hard copies soon. Tommy's Car Wash will be

coming soon; the area is fenced off for construction. The new Western Dairy Transport facility is moving along.

Mr. Ahrens stated the Northside Canal Company will only be delivering 80% water this year; this figure may decrease.

Mr. Carpenter spoke of the intersection of E Avenue I and Fillmore (rounded corner where traffic heading east on Avenue I and then north onto Fillmore do not stop). Staff has been working to put a stop sign (two-way stop at minimum) as Avenue I has been extended to the east and Fillmore has been extended to the south. Warning signs will be placed until larger stop signs are installed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this March 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:04 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk