

March 21, 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, and Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson. Councilman Bryan Craig joined via teleconference at 5:35 p.m.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, Legal Counsel B.J. Hess, City Administrator Mike Williams, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, 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, Fire Chief Mike Harrison, 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 Jaron Pope, the Counselor in the Spanish Branch Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing held on December 20, 2022 was continued for the purpose of the applicant providing additional information. However, a new application and new legal descriptions were submitted and a new hearing with new notices will be required. The previous hearing is officially closed at 5:33 p.m., and the new hearing will be held at a later date.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 regular meeting
2. Approve payment to Starr Corp for the Police Station project in the amount of \$376,618.00
3. Approve payment to Brenntag Pacific Inc. for Ferric chloride in the amount of \$13,284.48
4. Approve payment to TFD Enterprises LLC for 4 totes polymer in the amount of \$17,901.36
5. Approve payment to Keller Associates Inc. for the Wastewater Master Plan Update in the amount of \$21,082.95

6. Approve payment to Keller Associates Inc. for the Wastewater Master Plan Update in the amount of \$34,011.85
7. Approve payment to Keller Associates Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant New Headworks in the amount of \$12,800.98
8. Approve payment to JC Constructors for the Wastewater Treatment Plant New Headworks building in the amount of \$32,541.72
9. Monthly Department Reports
10. Approve Claims

A & G Irrigation Inc \$83.03, Alexis S Jennings \$29.21, All Wireless Communications \$276.31, Amazon Capital Services \$623.20, Analytical Laboratories Inc. \$959.96, Andrew Bradley \$220.00, B & R Bearing \$138.81, Backflow Assembly Testing and Supply LLC \$170.00, Badger Meter \$887.33, Boise Office Equipment \$33.28, Bound Tree Medical \$873.40, Brenntag Pacific Inc \$7,409.48, Bullock Automation and Electric \$380.00, Catamount Prop 2018 LLC \$2.13, Cdw Government Inc. \$2,999.70, Center Point Large Print \$94.08, Century Link \$1,743.26, Centurylink Business Services \$49.10, Chase Paymenttech \$1,884.86, City of Jerome \$597,331.75, Con Paulos Inc. \$2,190.99, Consolidated Electrical Dist. \$214.95, Converge One Inc - Nw 5806 \$9,959.37, Culligan Soft Water Service \$234.00, Curvature LLC \$8,407.95, D & B Supply \$2,526.04, Dell \$12,729.22, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$741.72, Dig Line Inc \$140.25, Dooley Enterprises Inc \$5,507.84, Ednetics Inc \$76.71, Electrical Contractors of ID \$125.00, Farmore of Idaho \$153.33, Ferguson Enterprises #3007 \$1,773.20, Fife Water Services \$365.00, Freedom Electric Inc. \$4,349.97, Freedom Mailing Services Inc \$2,333.31, Garcia Land Surveying LLC \$1,500.00, Gem State Welder's Supply \$78.12, Go-Fer It Express \$352.35, Greatamerica Financial Services \$165.00, GSM Engineered Fabrics LLC \$4,556.06, Gworks \$6,360.00, H.D.Fowler \$7,334.87, Hach Company \$497.77, Hanson Janitorial Supply Inc. \$112.62, Harvey's Office Plus \$286.56, Heglar Creek Electric LLC \$686.00, Hub City Building Inc \$105.34, ID State Bovm \$100.00, Idaho Construction Supply \$116.98, Idaho Power Co. \$81,183.32, Ingram Book Company \$337.38, Intellichoice Inc. \$2,546.16, Intermountain Gas Company \$8,727.13, Interstate Battery System ID \$254.67, Interstate Billing Service Inc \$4,162.81, Jackson Group Peterbilt \$1,129.05, JC Constructors Inc \$32,541.72, Jerome City Water Department \$880.47, Jerome County \$12,409.08, Jerome County Sheriff \$750.00, Jimenez Auto Repair LLC \$3,780.96, Joshua Gonzalez \$38.24, J-U-B Engineers Inc. \$2,743.10, Katie Elliott \$37.98, Keller Associates Inc \$77,769.03, Kenworth Sales Company \$3,449.79, Kids Reference Co. \$178.73, Kinetic of Magic Valley \$70.00, L.N. Curtis & Sons \$573.19, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$1,876.14, Lexisnexis Risk Solutions \$34.00, Magic Valley Hydraulics & Repair LLC \$339.58, Magic Valley Labs \$8,639.50, Master Muffler \$79.95, Mchugh Bromley Pllc \$1,408.50, Metroquip Inc. \$2,342.40, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$119.97, Napa Auto Parts \$1,903.60, Nasro \$1,100.00, New Tech Security Inc. \$240.00, Pacificsource Administrators \$3,159.90, Premium LLC \$1,980.00, Pro-Flame Inc \$45.14, Project Mutual Telephone \$322.94, Psi Environmental Services Inc \$24,722.71, Public Agency Training Council \$1,190.00, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$1,440.00, Rainbow Book Company \$213.94, Ridley's Food & Drug \$102.71, Rocky Mountain Boiler Inc \$2,909.00, Saltworx Inc \$2,531.39, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$165.00, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$298.11, Snake River Guns \$1,100.00, Something More \$120.53, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$9,577.98, Starr Corp \$376,618.00, Tacoma Screw Products Inc \$41.99, Terminix Processing Center \$93.00, Terry W Remaly \$41.19, Tfd Enterprises LLC \$17,901.36, Thatcher Company \$12,002.37, Times News \$670.17, Timevalue Software \$60.00, T-Mobile \$580.34, Tore Up \$25.00, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc. \$278.88, Trojan Uv \$698.64, U.S. Bank Equipment Finance \$475.39, Underwood Recycling \$72.44, Univar Solutions Usa Inc. \$9,775.50, Urgent Care of Jerome - Billing Dept \$75.00, US Bank Credit Card \$22,215.72, USA Bluebook \$2,039.54, Valley Office Systems \$319.21, Valley Wide Cooperative \$32,136.78, Verizon Wireless \$3,548.57, Virtual Project Manager LLC \$20,000.00, Watts Hydrolic and Steam Store \$177.88, Western States Equipment \$99,477.73, Western Systems Inc \$539.11, Western Waste Srv Inc. \$713.32, Wickel Tire Inc \$1,457.83, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Xpress Bill Pay \$1,149.09.

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

PRESENTATION – JOE MAMA’S CAR SHOW:

Carl McEntarffer appeared before Council to speak of the upcoming Joe Mama’s Car Show. The show will be celebrating its 25th anniversary, and Mr. McEntarffer stated they would like to begin festivities on Friday afternoon with activities for kids, remote control vehicles at the skate park, a beer garden on Friday (no issues were reported last year), the burn out, and a beer garden on Saturday (contained in a fenced area). He stated they hope for 500 cars this year and fun entries like Ed Jones and his wheel standing stage coach. Mr. McEntarffer stated the intent is to make this year’s show a two-day event with fun for families. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis regarding the beer garden on Saturday, Mr. McEntarffer explained the beer garden will be fenced in (similar to Freedom Fest near the stage with tables in the area) to ensure people are not damaging vehicles with drinks. Councilman Peterson spoke of open container laws and violations for those who step outside of the fenced area with beer. Mr. McEntarffer also spoke of live music and a taco-eating contest for individuals in place of the team rib-eating contests held in the past. Councilman Johnson spoke of the year where live bands were on a stage in the middle of Main Street near the Jerome Judicial Annex, and Mr. McEntarffer stated they are still securing bands and sponsors. Councilman Peterson noted he has no issue with a beer garden if it is a contained area, and Mayor Davis stated it must not be near the splash pad. Mr. McEntarffer reiterated the fenced area is close to the road for spectators to see the burn out but still a good distance from the splash pad. He also requested that fees for use of the parks be waived. Mr. Williams stated the presentation does not require action to be taken at this time; a bill on a new policy pertaining to parks will be presented later in the meeting. He further stated the dates for the event are reserved on the City calendar, and Mayor Davis recommended that Mr. McEntarffer stay for the discussion on park use fees later in the meeting.

PROCLAMATION – VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY, MARCH 29, 2023:

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

PROCLAMATION FOR VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 2023

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 Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 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 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2023

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



Council signified support with unanimous “ayes.”

PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH, APRIL 2023:

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2023 marks the 55th 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 principles, 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 2023 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Jerome, Idaho.

/s/David M. Davis

March 21, 2023

Council signified support with unanimous "ayes."

PROCLAMATION – WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD, APRIL 1-7, 2023:

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 1-7, 2023; 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 1-7, 2023 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 21st day of March, 2023

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Bernadette Coderniz
City Clerk

Council signified support with unanimous “ayes.”

ORDINANCE 1218, BILL 703, INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Williams spoke on the current policy regarding park use fees and noted that this subject has been discussed at length in previous Council meetings. Issues with the existing policy on parks included the determination of which organizations would be given fee waivers; when to charge commercial fees; and, insufficient restrooms or garbage containers for events. The new policy will allow for the integrity of the parks to be maintained by requiring fees for their use. Mr. Williams spoke of the committee of City staff that was formed to develop solutions to the issues listed, and the recommendations were as follows:

- Every applicant wishing to use a park will be charged a non-refundable \$25 park use fee
- A \$300 refundable deposit will be required when more than one of the following conditions exist:
 - Requesting to reserve more than one shelter (including the amphitheater at ICCU Park)
 - Any event lasting more than three hours
 - Any event where there are commercial sales

At the conclusion of the event the Parks Supervisor will determine if the deposit will be returned to the applicant. The intent of this new policy is to ensure the condition of the park is left in its original condition. Mr. Williams further stated the committee recommended that the provision pertaining to fee waivers be removed entirely from the current policy. He noted Ms. Coderniz will accept the applications and assist with completing them as needed. The applications for commercial events will be listed on the “Consent Calendar” portion of the agenda as Council approval of said event will still be required, and some may require further discussion (new or unusual events). Ms. Coderniz inquired on handling the applications which have been submitted but not yet approved by Council, and Mayor Davis stated the new policy will be applied to all applications on hand if the bill is approved this evening.

There was brief discussion on handling the applications of organizations who have given back to the community and those who wish to waive fees. The proposed bill would eliminate the clause regarding fee waivers, and all organizations would be treated equally in paying the \$25 park use fee and refundable \$300 deposit for events meeting two or more of the criteria listed in the bill. As stated earlier, each application for a commercial event would be listed on the “Consent Calendar” portion of the agenda for review and possible discussion at Council’s discretion.

Councilman Barber 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. 703 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 Craig, Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1218

BILL NO. 703

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, REVISING TITLE 12 CHAPTER 28.035, PERMITS FOR USE OF PUBLIC PARKS OF THE JEROME MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF ANY PRIVATE USE OF PUBLIC PARKS; REVISING THE APPLICATION CONTENTS; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE MAKING OF A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT; PROVIDING FOR A HEARING BEFORE PERMITS MAY BE DENIED; REVISING THE CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT; REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR A FEE WAIVER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of simplifying the process of applying for use of public parks;

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

Section 1: Jerome Municipal Code 12.28.035 is amended as follows:

~~A. Definitions: For the purpose of this section, the following word shall have the meaning subscribed thereto as follows: "Commercial activity" means any display, enterprise, promotion, arts and crafts display, exhibit, food or drink concession, yard sale or any activity at which goods or services are sold, or an admission fee or use fee is required.~~

~~B. Commercial Activity In Public Parks Prohibited; Exception: No commercial activity shall be carried on or conducted in public parks of the city except as authorized by this section.~~

C. Applications For Private Use of Commercial Activities In Public Parks; ~~Exceptions:~~

1. Any person or entity seeking to reserve ~~conduct commercial activity in~~ a public park in the city for any private use must complete a written application form provided by the City Clerk, which shall contain the following information:

- a. The name of the person or entity ~~sponsoring~~ conducting the ~~commercial~~ activity.
- b. The event, if any, pursuant to which the ~~commercial~~ activity will be conducted.
- c. Specific description of ~~all~~ any commercial activities to be conducted as part of the activity.
- d. The dates upon which the activities will be conducted.
- e. The exact location within each public park where the commercial activity will be conducted.
- f. The expected duration of the activity.
- ~~g. Any other information required by the City Clerk.~~
- h. Each application shall include an attachment for the Applicant to keep that includes a checklist of items that must be attended to by the applicant following the close of the activity.

2. Each application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

3. Deposit. No Permit for Private Use of a City Park involving any two of the conditions listed herein will be issued until approved by City Council and until the Applicant has made a security and cleaning deposit in the sum of \$300.00. Deposits are refundable in the sole discretion of the Parks Supervisor. A refund of the Deposit will be based upon the Applicant's compliance with the terms and conditions of its application and its compliance with post-event checklist included with the Application. Activities involving two of the following conditions shall pay the Deposit:

a. Any event reserving more than one shelter, including the amphitheater at ICCU Park;

b. Any event lasting more than 3 hours; or

c. Any event involving commercial sales of goods or services of any kind.

~~—3.~~ 4. Applications involving commercial activity shall be considered by the city council at its next regular city council meeting following the date of the submission of the completed application to the city clerk. Applications may be approved as part of the City Council's Consent Agenda. Any application denied shall be entitled to a hearing before the Council prior to final decision on the denial. Any application may be approved, denied or approved with conditions found acceptable by the Council.

5. Should the council approve the application, the Deposit shall become due and upon the making of said Deposit and proof of insurance, a permit shall be issued to the applying entity to conduct the ~~eommercial~~ activity which permit shall provide:

a. The date, the name of the person or entity in which the permit is issued.

b. The time, duration, place and date at which the ~~eommercial~~ activity may be conducted.

c. The exact nature of the ~~eommercial~~ activity which may be conducted.

d. The effective date of the Permit, which shall be the date it is issued by the City.

~~D.— Effective Date: The permit shall be effective upon its issuance by the council and upon payment of a fee to the city in an amount not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00), the exact fee to be determined by the city council taking into account the nature of the commercial activities to be conducted, number of patrons to be drawn to the commercial activity, the extent of the potential damage to the park by the commercial activity sought to be conducted, and such other reasonable factors as the city council may deem appropriate. D. Insurance. Prior to the issuance of the permit, the Applicant shall provide proof to the city of the placement of public liability insurance in an amount not to exceed the single limit coverage of at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) of which policy the city has been made an additional insured. A permit shall further be issued subject to the understanding by the applicant that by obtaining the permit it agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City, from all liability which may arise from, touch or concern the commercial activity permitted by the City.~~

~~E.— Fee Exemption: The city council may, in its discretion, exempt from the requirement of paying a permit fee any bona fide, charitable organization proposing to conduct a charitable activity from which all proceeds, excluding direct costs of the goods or services to be sold, will be devoted to the charitable purposes for which the entity is formed or for which the commercial activity is intended to benefit. Charitable activities shall include any and all purposes for which organizations may qualify for tax exempt status pursuant to internal revenue code section 501(c)(3) as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Any commercial activity sponsored~~

~~by the county, city, Jerome school district, Jerome highway district or any other independent tax district created or existing under the laws of the state, shall automatically be considered charitable.~~

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

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 21st day of December, 2023.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 21st day of December, 2023.

CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Barber made the motion adopt Bill No. 703 as Ordinance No. 1218 revising Title 12 Chapter 28.035 of the Jerome Municipal Code pertaining to the use of public parks. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Craig, Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

LA IDEAL BAKERY, BEER AND WINE LICENSE, OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

Ms. Coderniz stated that Claudia Lopez dba La Ideal Bakery applied for a beer and wine license for off-premises consumption. She provided the state license and has applied for the county license. All fees have been paid (prorated for four months) and she will require a building and fire inspection prior to the issuance of the license. Mayor Davis noted this bakery is located in the High Sun Plaza north of Valley Co-op; there are no schools nor churches nearby.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve the application from Claudia Lopez dba La Ideal Bakery for the sale of beer and wine at 1410 S. Lincoln Ave., Suite D, Jerome, for off-premises consumption contingent upon providing the Jerome County liquor license and passing all required fire and building inspections. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Craig, Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson, and Councilman Johnson. **NAYS:** None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams briefly spoke of House Bill 292 recently passed in the Senate, which would take a portion of the state sales tax income and disburse to the counties to offset a portion of the residential property tax bill. At this time, it is unclear how the new bill would impact residents who own their homes; more information will be forthcoming. Other components of the bill include zero adjustments to the homeowner's exemption, adjustments to the Circuit Breaker program, and the removal of the ability for local governments to pass bonds and levies in the March elections. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Williams stated the legislation pertaining to the state sales tax income is expected to continue annually. He briefly explained

how the funds will be disbursed for property tax relief and then a portion disbursed to school districts to provide funding for school bonds, levies and facilities going forward. He also noted that the legislation passed for property tax relief provided little relief as residential home values outpaced commercial values. Brief discussion ensued regarding the bill, lack of information regarding the bonds and levies subjected to new legislation if the bill is passed, and sales tax projections. Mr. Williams stated Senator Anthon expressed that this bill was not a long-term resolution to property tax relief.

Another bill had its first reading in the Senate after passing in the House, and Mr. Williams stated this bill would allow communities to follow the initiative process to lower individual tax rates. Citizens would be permitted to collect the required number of signatures for the initiative to be placed on the ballot and designate a specific tax rate lower than what was approved by Council. Again, there is little to no instruction on how this would work, specifically if a budget were adopted prior to the passing of an initiative. Mr. Williams expects the legislative session to end by March 24th. Councilman Barber inquired about bills pertaining to urban renewal, and Mr. Williams stated one bill known as the “data center bill” would seek to prohibit data centers from utilizing Urban Renewal Agency (URA) benefits if the center also received state benefits through sales tax. It was noted that URA’s support the commercial and industrial projects who pay heavy sales and income taxes.

The employee City Wide meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on April 5th, and a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission will be held on April 25th at the library. The Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed at length during this meeting to ensure significant issues are addressed prior to public hearings.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this March 21, 2023 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:12 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk