

This special joint meeting of the Jerome City Council with the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Mayor Davis at 5:30 p.m. While the library was 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 Planning and Zoning Chairman Rod Mink, Commissioner Ben Reed, and Commissioner Shonna Fraser.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, Planning and Zoning Secretary Katie Elliott, Legal Counsel Ted Larsen, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, Building Official Dave Richey, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Human Resources and Planning Services Director Esmeralda Chavez, City Planner Ervina Covcic, and Deputy Fire Chief Lane Sickles. Members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Mayor Davis introduced Sheri Freemuth with J-U-B Engineers who presented information gathered within the preliminary Jerome Comprehensive Plan ("the Plan") draft document for the Council and Planning and Zoning Commission to review. Ms. Freemuth provided a brief overview of the Plan and highlighted key points within its contents. She also spoke of the timeline and stated the City is on schedule with the Plan project in terms of evaluating, plan development, analysing, reviewing and approving the Plan. The Plans are required per Idaho Code, and the City last adopted a Plan in 2005; they serve as a guide to City operations and strategies. Ms. Freemuth stated the Plan is organized with an Executive Summary, Introduction, and seven chapters with several appendices. The Introduction section includes all feedback from all public meetings (i.e. survey responses, CAC minutes, etc.), and the implementation of the Plan is featured in Chapter 7. Chapters include: "Who We Are" which introduces the plan and covers population and private property rights, community health and poverty; "Our Natural Environment" (i.e. connectivity with natural resources, the availability of amenities along the irrigation canal, etc.), "Our Built Environment" (land uses, housing for all sectors, poverty levels, downtown walkability, streetscapes, zoning changes, a civic center district on 1st Avenue E, additional green space, etc.), "Our Public Services" (school facilities, public transportation, etc.) and, "Our Quality of Life" (economic development, community design, and community health – access to healthcare facilities and community resources, more recreational opportunities, food security and poverty, childcare and early education, etc.), all of which include the main points of the Plan. Ms. Freemuth stated Idaho Code requires seventeen Plan components, and the components have been sorted within the four chapters. A guide was

also prepared to assist in referencing Idaho Code or City policies and regulations by each section of the Plan.

Mr. Williams inquired about the potential of creating new zones within the City, and Ms. Freemuth stated additional zones could be added to the existing land use map (i.e. different types of commercial and residential uses). A depiction of the civic center was shown to the Council and Commission and included a new city hall near the new police station on 1st Avenue E, streetscaping to allow for weekend activities; Ms. Freemuth reiterated the civic center does not have to be on Main Street as long as the services are easily available to the public. Chairman Mink spoke of the irrigation ditches with the potential of flooding in residential areas, Councilman Barber commented about storm water retention within housing subdivisions.

A public hearing for comments regarding the Plan will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission at a future date, and barring any issues, the Plan will be presented to Council for approval via resolution. Commissioner Reed advised Ms. Freemuth of discrepancies with some of the figures listed in the Plan, and Ms. Freemuth stated these figures will be reviewed further and revised as needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this April 25, 2023 special meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:30 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk