

July 5, 2023

This special meeting of the Jerome City Council was called to order by Council President Barber at 5:00 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: Councilman Chris Barber, Councilman Jason Peterson Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson, and Councilman Bryan Craig. Mayor David M. Davis joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, Legal Counsel Ted Larsen, City Administrator Mike Williams, Building Official Dave Richey, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, 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 Pastor Fritz Redmer with the Calvary Chapel Jerome.

POLICE STATION TOUR:

The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. for a follow-up tour of the new police station. The meeting reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 regular meeting and June 20, 2023 executive session
2. Approve purchase/trade of the CASE 621G XR Wheel Loader for the Streets Department

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

PAINT SELECTION FOR CITY HALL EXTERIOR:

Mr. Williams spoke of the budget for FY2023 which includes paint for the exterior walls of City Hall. He showed samples to the Council including varying shades of grey and neutral tones similar to what is currently in place. Mr. Williams noted that City Hall was last painted over 30 years ago, and Mr. Richey was able to secure a reputable painter to complete the work for approximately \$13,340. Upon inquiry by Councilman Craig, Mr. Richey stated a quote for painting the outside of Council Chambers could be obtained. Mr. Williams stated the funds for

the paint could come from either Council Discretionary funds or reserves. Councilman Craig inquired about the Council Discretionary funds used for the military museum ramp, and Mr. Williams stated this will be researched. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Richey stated \$10,000 was budgeted for the project, and he confirmed the contractor is in the painting business. He further stated only one bid for the project was received. Council agreed to move forward with the gray tones, and the door will match the trim. Additionally, a quote will be obtained for Council Chambers, and outdoor carpeting near the door will be being explored.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Barber expressed appreciation to City staff for their efforts in the success of Freedom Fest, and he recommended that participation of some members of the Community Spirit Committee be revisited. He feels more participation at events from committee members is needed.

Councilman Craig spoke of the lack of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps along S. Lincoln and the need for long-term planning to install these ramps. Additionally, he spoke of water accumulation at some street corners. He also spoke of grass damage at Veteran's Memorial Park near the restroom where the trucks go into the park to dump waste, and he suggested installing a permanent restroom in place of the portable restroom in the park. Councilman Barber also spoke of a concrete or asphalt pathway for the trucks to go into the park when needed. Mr. Williams stated all ADA ramps on S. Lincoln up to Dairy Queen will be replaced, and staff is negotiating a contract with Civil Science to design improvements on N. Lincoln; the improvements will include the replacement of all ADA ramps in that area as well. He also spoke of a grant issued through the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to replace the ADA ramps on Main Street

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams spoke of the first budget workshop and requested dates the Council would be available. Everyone agreed to meet on Monday, July 17th at noon in the library, and he requested that Council provide feedback prior to the meeting so that the budget document could be completed prior to the presentation.

The new street sweeper has arrived, and Mr. Williams stated the smaller vehicle has twice the capacity of the existing sweeper. The public works department continues to have issues with the new lawn mower, and a replacement mower will be coming. An additional mower is proposed in the new fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Williams stated Freedom Fest was successful, and he also expressed appreciation to staff who organized and worked at the event, and to those who sought sponsorships. Sponsorships and vendor sales covered the cost of the event, and he stated the event was very well attended. Councilman Craig commented that many appreciate the event held on the Saturday before Independence Day, and Councilman Peterson noted that the City event has conflicted with the City of Hazelton in the past. Unfortunately, there were traffic issues on Highway 25 after the fireworks show had ended. Councilman Johnson spoke of the lack of traffic flow for approximately thirty minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this July 5, 2023 special meeting of the Jerome City Council at 5:53 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk