

July 19, 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 Jason Peterson, Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson and Councilman Bryan Craig. Councilman Chris Barber joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Accounting and Budget Manager Lori McCrae, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, Planning and Zoning Manager Ervina Covcic, 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 Police Chaplin Baldwin Camin.

PUBLIC HEARING:

This being the time and place published to consider a request from MSJ Development LLC, for a residential final plat on the property located at Tax 2220429 of S½S½ (County Portion) Sec 12 T 8 R16, farmland consisting of approximately 43.27 acres, the Chair called the public hearing open at 5:35 p.m. and briefly reviewed the procedures that will be followed.

Staff Presentation:

Ms. Covcic stated the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) reviewed the preliminary plat in its entirety on May 24, 2022; the plat includes a total of 43 acres, and Phase I of the final plat will consist of approximately 18.95 acres. The property was annexed into the City of Jerome via Ordinance No. 1205 on January 4, 2022 with State approval on April 1, 2022. Ms. Covcic stated the proposed subdivision will consist of 116 residential lots in the R-2 zone with 43 lots in Phase I. 35 of the lots will be 10,000 square foot single-family lots, and the remaining 8 will be 12,000 square foot two-family or duplex lots. All open spaces and storm water tracts will be maintained by a Homeowner's Association. Ms. Covcic referenced Title 16 of the Jerome Municipal Code and stated that the P&Z approved the preliminary plat with conditions.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson regarding the 10-foot path on 16th Avenue W., Mr. Carpenter stated the developer will be required to install it. Additionally, the developer has one year to return to Council for approval of Phase I and then another year for Phase II unless an extension is requested. Mr. Larsen further stated the developer has the option to request an extension of that timeframe or resubmit a preliminary plat. Councilman Peterson also inquired

about infrastructure requirements prior to occupancy, and Mr. Larsen briefly reviewed the process of approving the preliminary plat for the subdivision at P&Z and the final plat before City Council for the first of several phases. He further stated the development must be consistent with the plat presented for approval. Mr. Carpenter also stated building permits are issued once the plat is approved, and occupancy permits are issued after the homes and infrastructure improvements have been inspected to ensure all requirements have been met. Sidewalks are generally completed after the homes are built.

Applicant Testimony:

Mitch Bausman, President of MSJ Development, stated he is pleased to provide good home sites for families coming to the City of Jerome, and he confirmed the construction site will be complete with curb, gutters and sidewalks before homes are built. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson regarding a lift station and recent upgrades in the area, Mr. Carpenter stated the low point of the property is low enough so that it cannot connect with gravity to the existing sewer line from Jerome Estates. For this reason, a lift station was proposed for the development; staff is working with Mr. Bausman and MSJ Development engineers to potentially partner for the installation of a gravity line that would run down Fir Street and tie into the line completed for the Jerome Estates sewer bypass. Mr. Carpenter expects a lift station will be forthcoming although information is not available to present to Council this evening.

There was no testimony in favor, neutral nor in opposition to the request. There being no further testimony to be heard, the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 5:47 p.m.

HARVEST CREEK ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 1 FINAL PLAT:

Councilman Craig made the motion to approve the final plat for Harvest Creek Estates Subdivision No. 1. conditional upon staff review and approval of the construction drawings. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 regular meeting and July 13, 2022 special meeting
2. Monthly Department Reports
3. Approve Claims

Accu Sales/Keller Kustoms \$411.00, Adam Jones \$70.52, Altitude Signal LLC \$308.00, Amazon Capital Services \$262.92, American Backflow Products Co \$144.97, Analytical Laboratories Inc. \$2,763.52, Andrew S. Newbry \$25.74, Arlene's Flowers \$75.00, Auto Zone \$14.09, Badger Meter \$777.86, Bdp Industries \$2,326.59, Brodart Company \$175.11, B-Z Plumbing \$37.71, Callen Refrigeration LLC \$6,980.00, Center Point Large Print \$91.68, Century Link \$1,740.85, Centurylink Business Services \$52.74, Chase Paymentech \$1,935.91, Cintas Corporation \$1,195.02, City of Jerome \$594,397.08, City of Pocatello-WPC \$9,430.96, Clark & Sons Inc. \$376.34, Clearwater Power Equipment \$49.22, CNS CNC LLC \$875.00, Con Paulos Inc. \$238.04, Craig Stotts \$200.00, Culligan Soft Water Service \$168.40, D & B Supply \$3,119.69, Daniel Ohlensehler \$76.38, David M Davis \$522.55, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$2,287.17, Dig Line Inc \$268.04, Dlt Solutions \$6,215.52, Don's Irrigation LLC \$1,597.20, Ednetics Inc \$76.73, Electric 1 West Inc. \$346.58, Electrical Contractors of ID \$173.29, Emergency Responders

Health \$865.00, Eso Solutions Inc. \$4,908.05, Farmore of Idaho \$1,874.08, Fastenal Company \$1,388.33, Ferguson Enterprises #3007 \$343.63, Floyd Lilly Co \$6.82, Fred Kenyon Repair Inc. \$335.52, Freedom Electric Inc. \$292.50, Freedom Mailing Services Inc \$2,154.91, Gem State Welder's Supply \$83.70, Go-Fer It Express \$414.00, Grainger \$4,440.00, Greatamerica Financial Services \$165.00, H.D.Fowler \$3,113.90, Hdr Engineering Inc. \$358.75, Heglark Creek Electric LLC \$15,718.63, Home Depot Credit Services \$48.20, Hydro Specialties Company \$11,124.00, ID State Tax Commission \$171.23, Idaho Construction Supply \$130.97, Idaho Fire Extinguisher Company \$45.00, Idaho Materials and Construction \$1,495.13, Idaho Power Co. \$73,060.33, Ingram Book Company \$939.34, Intermountain Fabrication LLC \$199.95, Intermountain Gas Company \$2,188.94, J.Gardner and Associates \$350.00, Jerome City Water Department \$6,701.02, Jerome County \$12,055.31, Jerome Printshop \$156.97, Jerome Urban Renewal Agency \$200,000.00, Kenworth Sales Company \$9,152.29, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$1,391.86, Lexisnexis Risk Solutions \$62.50, Libri System \$12,933.81, Linda Mecham \$215.00, Lombard-Conrad Architects P.C. \$7,250.00, Madison Burk or Matthew Fink \$52.92, Magic Valley Labs \$10,333.25, Magic Valley Turfgrass \$760.00, Mason's Trophies & Gifts \$398.49, Mchugh Bromley Pllc \$806.08, Mike's Repair \$465.76, Mower Office Systems \$163.98, Municipal Emergency Services \$1,174.96, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$89.98, MWI Veterinary Supply \$22.84, Napa Auto Parts \$806.02, New Tech Security Inc. \$822.07, Pacificsource Administrators \$2,945.61, Pat Bermingham \$150.00, Prevent Fire LLC S Corp \$274.00, Productivity Plus Account \$27.75, Pro-Flame Inc \$31.46, Project Mutual Telephone \$589.83, Psi Environmental Services Inc \$22,568.14, Quadient Leasing USA Inc \$899.58, Rain For Rent Inc. \$17,302.84, Renner Sports Surfaces \$48,817.70, Rexel USA Inc \$682.75, Ridley's Food & Drug \$202.34, Rocky Mtn Information Network \$100.00, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$215.00, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$81.89, Silversky Inc - Dept 106071 \$2,269.72, Skaggs Companies Inc. \$393.85, Smith Promotions \$280.00, Something More \$96.74, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$8,484.05, Symbolarts LLC \$100.00, Thatcher Company \$3,885.12, The Fire Store \$1,512.89, Times News \$233.89, TLC Rental \$180.00, T-Mobile \$384.85, Tore Up \$25.00, Traffic Safety Supply Co Inc \$1,002.18, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc. \$112.84, Triple C Concrete \$66.00, Triple S Landscaping \$756.70, Tyson Cook \$646.20, U.S. Bank Equipment Finance \$1,847.35, Underwood Recycling \$42.00, United States Treasury \$312.48, Urgent Care of Jerome - Billing Dept \$30.00, US Bank Credit Card \$17,609.20, USA Bluebook \$501.89, Valley Office Systems \$92.01, Valley Wide Cooperative \$46,939.00, Verizon Wireless \$3,440.76, Western Waste Services \$1,306.23, Western Waste Srv Inc. \$175.86, White Cloud Communications \$16.00, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Xpress Bill Pay \$1,750.22.

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

CONTRACT AWARD – JC CONSTRUCTORS:

Mr. Carpenter stated the bid opening for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Headworks project was held on June 29, 2022. Two bids were received; they were within less than 1% of the other and were significantly higher than what was budgeted. Staff reviewed the bids and discussed options for moving forward with the project given the limited resources available. Phasing the project was considered but determined to be unfeasible and not cost effective to solve the existing flow issues; the bottleneck at the facility will get worse if not addressed. Approximately four million gallons of flow go through the plant daily, and the Headworks facility takes two to three times that amount. Mr. Williams stated the construction environment is showing a 30-35% increase in costs. Staff also considered delaying the project until the construction environment improved or prioritize the project by utilizing funds planned

for other projects. In discussions with Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Carpenter, it was determined that the Headworks project is Priority #1 and must be completed. The estimated cost of the project will be approximately \$6.3 million and it will be funded with the \$4.5 million already budgeted plus funds from the short-lived asset budget and funds from other projects that can be postponed (i.e. the West Blvd. main project). Mr. Williams spoke of the build up of Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) which is a safety concern for staff. Mayor Davis commented on the possible impact postponing the membrane replacement project could have on the plant considering the issue that occurred earlier in the year. Mr. Sanchez stated staff is assessing the membranes that need to be replaced; there are membranes that will be cleaned. He stated staff is working closely with the industry that caused the issue and that the industry has been controlling the flows that caused the plugging issue. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Sanchez stated staff is taking precautions to ensure the issue does not occur again and, if it does, the system can be bypassed. He reiterated the importance of the Headworks project due to unsafe levels of H₂S and the inability to service screens. Mayor Davis commented on the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) monitors that were installed and can mitigate potential issues by notifying staff of oncoming issues in the plant. Mayor Davis also noted the additives for odor control are not included in the bids received and expressed the importance of mitigating odor issues. Funds from the close-out of Urban Renewal Area 2 could potentially be used for the odor mitigation if Council so chooses, and Agropur will have their wastewater plant completed in October. Mr. Sanchez stated the Agropur plant will be a biological system with odor controls and, if run properly, will rectify issues from their plant (i.e. solids in the conveyance lines, for example). Mr. Carpenter stated the additives could be added to the project in the future in the form of a change order. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, the project may take up to eighteen months to complete. Councilman Peterson commented on the URA funds and any restrictions for their use, and Mr. Williams stated those funds will go into the General Fund to be appropriated to any project at Council's discretion.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve a contract award to JC Constructors, Inc. for the Wastewater New Headworks project for the lump sum bid of \$5,734,650.00. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

KELLER & ASSOCIATES AMENDMENT NO. 2:

Mr. Carpenter spoke of the consulting agreement with Keller & Associates (Keller) presented to Council. He stated Keller designed the Headworks project and staff is asking that Keller manage the construction of the project. Services will include the review and approval of submittals, requesting information, working through changes as the project moves forward, providing limited onsite inspection services, and doing the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) programming rather than outsourcing to a third party; this will allow for better control of the program and result in a better product.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Keller & Associates for construction engineering services for the Wastewater Headworks Replacement project for an amount of \$424,657. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the

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

LATIN CULTURE NIGHT AT ICCU PARK:

Ms. Coderniz briefly reviewed the application received from Lee Family Broadcasting for Commercial Use of ICCU Park for a Latin Culture Night event commemorating Mexican Independence Day on September 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The application notes that the event will include food concessions and vendors, live music, and alcoholic beverages. He has also requested that vehicles be parked on the lawn. Benjamin Reed with Lee Family Broadcasting appeared before Council with the request to hold a Latin Culture Night at Idaho Central Credit Union Park on September 15, 2022. Mr. Reed stated the event was held a few years ago and was a success. There is a lot of diversity in the City of Jerome, and Mr. Reed believes this event will be enjoyed by many. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson regarding the condition of the park following its use for events, Mr. Williams stated there have been no issues reported. Mr. Reed stated they will put out 6-7 additional garbage cans and have 2-4 people to stay and clean up after the event; he is proud of the City and wants the event to continue. Regarding portable restrooms, Mr. Reed stated he did not see the need for additional portable restrooms as the event will only take place for four hours, plus he saw little activity at the portable restrooms during Freedom Fest. Upon inquiry by Councilman Craig regarding the garbage cans and unnecessary burden on City staff to empty them, Mr. Reed stated he can arrange to have the garbage cans emptied by contracting with a commercial hauling service. Mr. Reed stated he would like to keep costs down as there will be no profit from the community event but will comply with Council's request as needed. Mr. Williams spoke of either contracting out or utilizing the garbage containers used for Joe Mama's. Mr. Reed also noted that the event will be held on a week night and that a large crowd is not expected.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Reed stated he will coordinate with an alcohol license carrier for beer and wine, and there will be an organized beer garden where consumption will be required inside the beer garden boundaries. Chief Rubink stated he is fine with an organized beer garden. Regarding a police presence, Mr. Reed stated the Jerome Police Department is welcome to attend and that in previous years Chief Hall spent time at the event. Councilman Barber stated he will include in the motion a request to waive park use fees until an established policy is in place.

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve the application of Lee Family Broadcasting for Commercial Use of ICCU Park to hold a Latin Culture Night on September 15, 2022, waiving any City fees for use of the park. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Craig. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS 2022-2023:

Ms. Coderniz stated that the City has thirty alcohol licenses up for renewal. All licensees have submitted renewal applications although some are pending the payment of fees, submittal of state and/or county licenses and passing building and fire inspections. Final documents will be signed by the Building Official, Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief and Police Chief. Alcohol licenses up for renewal are: Cheverria's LLC dba Cheverria's, CNC LLC dba Si! Senior

Taqueria, Emilio R Silva dba El Parralito Salon, Rosalinda H & Daniel S Paiz dba El Sombrero Restaurant, FC Restaurant Ventures LLC dba Fat Clarence's Pub & Grub, Garibaldi's of Jerome dba Garibaldi's, Gemini's Beauty Salon & Beauty Supply Inc. dba Gemini's Beauty Salon, Honker's Inc. dba Honker's Mini Mart, Eric Fermin Luna Anaya dba La Costa Colima, Jerome County dba Jerome County Fair & Rodeo, Maverik Inc. dba Maverik Store #252 and Maverik #652, Mi Pueblo LLC dba Mi Pueblo Mexican Bakery, NS Club LLC dba Northside Club, Northwest Land and Cattle Co. dba Kwik Serve Sinclair, Oasis Stop N Go LLC dba Oasis Stop N Go #5, Oasis Stop N Go #11 and Oasis Stop N Go #22, Ridley's Family Markets Inc dba Ridley's Family Markets, Stinker Stores Inc. dba Stinker Store #62 and Stinker Store #87, Tacos Azteca LLC dba Tacos Azteca, Maria Hilda Tarazon Ochoa dba Tacos Sonora, The 208 Bar & Grill, LLC dba The 208 Bar & Grill, Jackson Bevco Inc. dba Tobacco Connection #28, Valley Wide Cooperative Inc. dba Valley Country Store, Video Mexico Inc. dba La Campesina Meat Market, Walmart Inc. dba Walmart #2831, and Warren Resort Hotels of Jerome Inc. dba Sawtooth Inn,

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License renewal applications as presented contingent upon completion of paperwork, payment of fees, proof of obtaining state and county licenses, and passing building and fire inspections. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Peterson, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mr. Williams reviewed the FY2023 preliminary budget with Council and stated that it is based on the City's mission statement, key priorities from the strategic plan, budget drivers and Council priorities. He provided an update on the property tax scenarios based on information received after the budget workshop held on July 13th. The original estimate of the City's taxable value was a conservative \$830 million based on increased assessments and URA value. The preliminary taxable value from the County came in at \$899 million; the final figures will come from the County Assessor on August 1st. Mr. Williams stated the budget was developed by taking the statutory-allowed new construction property tax budget (approximately \$67,000) together with an estimated value of \$821,000 of new construction from the URA Area 2 close-out. Property tax scenarios were reviewed at length considering the updated figures and home value assumptions. Mr. Williams reiterated the importance of taking the new construction value as it is the allocation needed to address growth. Idaho Statute only allows for municipalities to take up to 80% of new construction value for urban renewal districts, and staff has incorporated this figure into the budget. There was brief discussion on residential tax rates versus commercial and industrial properties and the tax shift towards residential. Mayor Davis commented on the tax increase despite the levy decrease due to home valuations and, upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Williams stated the taxable value for the City as a whole is not broken down by residential and commercial values. A graph with comparisons to nearby cities was shown to Council and Mr. Williams reminded Council that some cities may or may not have similar services. He also stated that the close-out of Area 2 should result in a more competitive levy rate next year.

Regarding salary and benefits, Mr. Hyatt stated the budget includes a conservative 10% increase in health insurance premiums. The salary table is also shifting 3% and staff recommends a one-time supplemental payment of \$2,000 to full-time employees and a prorated

amount to part-time employees. Staff also recommends a 5% salary increase to employees who meet expectations on annual evaluations. Personnel increased by one full-time employee in the Wastewater department.

The total General Fund Budget is \$12.6 million. Mr. Williams stated increased costs include the new police station and park improvements. Highlights in the General Fund include \$15,000 for Council Discretionary funds, fire rescue equipment and Station 2 boiler replacement, police utility vehicle and construction of the new police station. The Street Fund showed a 60% increase in capital for significant road projects due to funds to be received from the URA Area 2 closure. Staff will be proposing different projects with varying timelines for completion. Highlights in the Street Fund include sidewalk, curb and gutter, a new street sweeper, and a service truck replacement. Mr. Williams noted there may be grant assistance from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) with the W. Avenue I reconstruction project. The Library Fund is doing well and staff is keeping up with eBooks, audio books and other services in the community. The Parks Fund includes the purchase of a new riding lawnmower and an increase in playground equipment and replacement. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Williams stated City staff mows approximately 48 acres of green space. The overview of Governmental Funds shows a substantial increase due to capital projects that will be made possible with new construction funds.

Mr. Hyatt reviewed the Proprietary Funds and stated the Wastewater budget is approximately \$14.2 million with the Headworks facility as the large capital project in the budget. Highlights of the budget also include the K-Turbo blower replacement, the Crossroads pump replacement and a ¾ ton pickup. Mr. Hyatt noted there will be a proposed increase of 3% to the usage rates due to an operating deficit; this will result in an approximate increase of \$.67 to the current usage rate per customer. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Hyatt stated this is the first proposed rate increase in nine years. A graph was shown to Council with comparable figures to surrounding cities. In the Water Fund, Mr. Hyatt stated the large increase in the capital budget represents funds for the 10th Street Well project and the Master Plan Project. Staff anticipates a 10% increase in water operating and usage base rates due to a deficit. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis regarding the Master Plan Project, Mr. Hyatt stated funds will be utilized where needed most based on the Master Plan priorities. Mr. Williams also commented that staff will need results of the water tank and booster station project before funds can be allocated to specific projects. Regarding the Irrigation Fund, the budget decreased from last year by approximately 13.87%; staff did not recommend a rate increase, and highlights include operating supplies for system maintenance and the purchase of a trench compactor. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Sanchez stated the jet truck has been used. Mr. Hyatt spoke of the Sanitation Fund and stated the contract with PSI requires a rate increase; the 8-9% will result in an approximate increase of \$.63 per customer per month.

The Internal Service Funds include Human Resources (training, background checks and consultation assistance), Engineering (professional services for surveying and testing) and Internal Service/Information Service (new public library computers, staff computers, an aerial update, and purchase and implementation of departmental software). Mr. Hyatt concluded with the total budget figure of approximately \$37.4 million, \$17 million of which is for capital projects; cash reserves will be utilized. The cost of living in the City of Jerome was also briefly reviewed.

Mr. Williams stated the current environment requires the new construction dollars in order to maintain City services. The budget addresses capital needs, personnel needs and

operational needs of the City while consider the impact these needs will have on residents. Mr. Williams further stated the proposed budget meets the City's goals while lessening the impact any changes will have on residents. He noted that approximately \$1.2 million was added to water reserves to fully fund the water tank and \$150,000 was allocated to Headworks. He stated Council will be asked to adopt the tentative budget and set maximum expenditures at the next Council meeting; a public hearing will be held on August 16th to adopt the final budget if Council so chooses. Upon inquiry by Councilman Craig, Mr. Williams stated conversations regarding additional shop space for public works have not yet taken place.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Barber asked that staff check street lighting in darker parts of town and spoke of LED street lamps.

Councilman Craig spoke of the progress on weed killing efforts and hopes that they will be removed. He stated he gets complaints regarding the weeds on City streets and spoke of spraying or other options to alleviate the City-wide problem. He commended the work on the new tennis courts and the lights. He inquired about the playground material, and Mr. Ahrens stated the playground material will be addressed but staff is currently preparing for chip seal season. He expects that the material will remain the same for this year but that staff will look into pricing out new material for next year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams gave a brief update on the tennis courts and stated there is no timeline for installation of the pavers. Mr. Carpenter stated the tree wells are here, and Mr. Williams stated he has received positive feedback on the new tennis courts and that pickle ball is going well.

Ms. Covcic stated there will be two additional plats presented to Council in the near future, and Ms. Chavez stated the City received the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) discount with 100% staff participation in trainings.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this July 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 7:02 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk