

**August 3, 2021**

This regular meeting of the Jerome City Council was called to order by Mayor Davis at 5:30 p.m. Present: Mayor David M. Davis, Councilman Robert Culver, Councilman Chris Barber, Councilman Brent “Oop” Johnson and Councilman Jason Peterson.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, City Administrator Mike Williams, Acting City Attorney B.J. Hess, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Accounting and Budget Manager Lori McCrae, Library Director Linda Mecham, Planning and Zoning Manager Ida Clark, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, Deputy Fire Chief Lane Sickles and Police Captain Duane Rubink. Fire Chief Mike Harrison joined by teleconference.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

An invocation was given by Jeremy Orton, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular meeting

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

**PROCLAMATION – FIREFIGHTER/MDA FILL THE BOOT DAY:**

**CITY OF JEROME**  
*Proclamation*  
**FILL THE BOOT DAY**

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a dedicated partnership of scientists and citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases. MDA is one of the world’s leading national health agencies, supporting research, patient care and education.

WHEREAS, IAFF Jerome Fire Fighters Local #4589 and the City of Jerome Fire Department members serve and protect communities throughout Jerome County every day; and

WHEREAS, IAFF Jerome Fire Fighters Local #4589 and the City of Jerome Fire Department members have become a symbol of pride, honor and strength; and

WHEREAS, IAFF Jerome Fire Fighters Local #4589 and the City of Jerome Fire Department members unselfishly donate their time and energy to supporting the battle against muscular dystrophy, and

WHEREAS, fire fighters across the nation are some of the largest supporters in the United States to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and

**NOW THEREFORE**

I, David M. Davis, Mayor of the City of Jerome, do hereby proclaim August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

**FIRE FIGHTER/MDA FILL THE BOOT DAY IN JEROME  
and urge all citizens to recognize firefighters  
for their support of the local community**

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

/s/: David M Davis

DAVID M. DAVIS, Mayor

Council signified support of the proclamation with all “ayes.”

**ADOPT FY2021-22 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION:**

Mr. Williams spoke of the preliminary budget document provided to council for review, and he gave an overview of the budget. The Calendar of Events included the adoption of the tentative budget and setting maximum expenditures; the budget itself will not be adopted this evening but the maximum expenditures will be set and cannot be increased. The hearing for public comment will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> and at that time Council may choose to suspend rules and adopt the budget, or schedule a Special Meeting to adopt the budget prior to September 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Williams stated that the budget is unique in that there are approximately \$13 million in capital projects recommended for appropriation in the budget, all of which were funded with saved cash. Nearly every fund has a significant capital project, and he noted the \$3.5 million savings set aside for a new police station with minimal impact to taxes and rates. There is, however, a small rate increase recommended in the water fund for FY2022. Staff also recommends that the new construction value be taken without the 3% increase, but it is ultimately up to Council to decide how to proceed for the new fiscal year.

Property tax scenarios were reviewed at length with comparisons to FY2021 including the increase in property tax assessments by an average of 15% and the \$25,000 increase in the homeowner’s exemption. Mr. Williams stated that the City’s final taxable value provided by the County is \$634 million (an increase of 13%). Brief discussion ensued regarding assessed values including the percentage of commercial and residential assessed values; the increase in residential values; values of personal businesses; industries being hard on City roads and infrastructure; the unfair ratio between commercial and residential values; who controls assessed values; the ability for families to buy homes with higher tax rates; the impact industries have on the wastewater treatment plant and City control on those rates (water and sewer); the former practice of indexing homeowner’s exemptions to inflation and the increase in the homeowner’s exemption; the shift onto residential values; assessments on industries done by an outside source and not the County assessor; and, being cognizant of the disproportionate valuations between commercial and residential properties.

Mr. Williams provided figures to compare FY2021 to FY2022 with new construction values and new construction plus 3%. Included in those figures is the average 15% increase in home values, the homeowner’s exemption and the unanticipated increase in the City’s taxable value. A 10-year tax levy rate history was shown to Council. Upon inquiry by Councilman

Peterson, Mr. Williams explained that the higher tax levy rate in 2018 was because of the forgone dollars taken for that year. He spoke of the opportunity to close out Urban Renewal Area 2 within the next two years (depending on legislation) which is currently valued at \$120 million excluding the new Scoular expansion. Once the area closes that value will be added to the City's taxable value and thus reduce tax obligations for the citizens of Jerome. Mr. Williams provided a reserve summary for Council's review and noted the target of 25% of operational reserves in all funds. Reserves in the General Fund will be reduced by approximately \$700,000 and added to the police department budget for the construction of the new police station. Reserves in the Wastewater fund will be put towards capital projects (reconstruction of the Head Works facility and moving forward with the West Blvd. pressure main upgrade). All funds are in compliance with reserve requirements.

Mr. Hyatt briefly reviewed Governmental Funds. Highlights include the \$3.4 million for construction of the new police station and \$60,000 towards the Comprehensive (Comp) Plan. The Street Fund highlights include the allocation of \$20,000 towards the Comp Plan, \$475,000 for the East Main sidewalk project and \$247,000 for the reconstruction of West Avenue I. In the Library Fund, Mr. Hyatt noted one capital project - \$20,000 for the construction of a new patio area; \$10,000 will be carried over from FY2021's budget to help fund this project. For the Parks budget, Mr. Hyatt noted the \$421,000 Shepherd's Park tennis court project and how it resulted in a 171.25% increase from FY2021's budget. He concluded with an overview slide of the Governmental Funds which showed the total of \$12.2 million allocated.

Mr. Williams reviewed Proprietary Funds. He noted that all proprietary funds will contribute to the Comp Plan, an important document used in land use discussions. The Wastewater fund increase reflects an increase in the capital budget for the Head Works facility and the pressure sewer line. He briefly reviewed the average monthly wastewater bill cost for Jerome and surrounding communities and commented on the last rate increase in 2012. Councilman Barber commented on the reactive rate increase in 2012 and advised against waiting to raise rates as a reaction to concerns. Mr. Williams stated that the short-lived asset program in Wastewater is in good shape and fully funded every year. With new industry and increased revenues, there has been no need for a rate increase; additionally, projected interest dollars were saved with the loan through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rather than paying bond rates. He spoke of the Water fund and the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Well project and its \$1.8 million budget along with funds budgeted for the Master Plan project. Staff is recommending a 3% rate increase to the operations portion of the water rates to keep up with the cost of providing service (materials, labor, etc.). Councilman Peterson commented on the benefit of smaller incremental rate increases, and Mr. Williams also spoke of the average monthly water bills. Comparisons to other communities are more difficult because of varying rate structures (flat rates versus escalated scales, for example), but with existing rates the average water bill in City of Jerome falls in the middle of the comparison at approximately \$90 per month. This includes the older subdivisions without access to the gravity irrigation system nor pressurized irrigation and the mobile home parks with minimal yard space. This figure also includes base rates for sewer and sanitation.

Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Ahrens and his staff for their efforts in maintaining the irrigation system. Highlights of the Irrigation fund include a new services truck and continued maintenance of the irrigation (procurement of new pipe as the existing supply has been exhausted). The Sanitation fund includes a small increase for administration; base rates remain at \$4.97. Mr. Williams stated the total budget is slightly over \$30 million and includes \$13

million in capital improvement projects with saved cash, a very unique situation. He expressed excitement over the new projects and how they will benefit the community as a whole.

Mr. Hyatt briefly reviewed salaries and benefits and stated the total budget for FY2022 is slightly over \$8 million which represents a 4% increase compared to FY2021 and includes a projected 5% increase to insurance premium rates. This figure also includes a mid-year adjustment to wages that were offset by insurance premium savings. The City currently has 105.5 full-time employees with one position allocated to the police and building departments, two part-time paid-on-call fire department positions, and one decrease in the library. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Hyatt stated that increased staffing for both police and fire is anticipated. The cost of living in Jerome was briefly reviewed, and Mr. Hyatt explained that a slight decrease is expected for homeowners in Jerome given the increase in assessed values, the homeowner's exemption increase and including the water rate increase.

Councilman Peterson inquired about the \$250,000 set aside for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Well and where those funds would be allocated in the future. Mr. Williams stated that a portion of the water fund goes towards the Water Master Plan. He spoke of priorities and capital projects which need to be addressed. Discussion ensued regarding the irrigation system and its future in Jerome. Topics of the discussion include: the number of users; a workshop needed for further discussion; the increased use of potable water if the irrigation system is removed; water rights; maintenance of the system to control flooding; funds to rebuild the irrigation system or convert it from gravity to pressurized; and, the cost that will be passed along to the users of the system.

Mayor Davis commended staff on the budget and how Council's concerns were addressed within its contents. He spoke of increasing residential values versus commercial values, the reduced levy rate, and keeping the budget flat with \$13 million in capital improvement projects and a 3% pay raise (in addition to the 3% unbudgeted last year). In looking to the future, Mayor Davis stated the monies allocated to the police station could be allocated elsewhere once they are no longer needed; additionally, if Urban Renewal Area 2 closes out (pending changes in the legislature) additional revenues will come to the City for a variety of capital improvement projects, and the tax levy rate will be reduced further. Council agreed with the Mayor's statements regarding the great work on the budget thanks to staff efforts. Councilman Peterson commented on the decrease in staff over the last few years without a decrease in services provided, and Councilman Barber commented on the family unit within the City. Mayor Davis noted that, while services have been provided with fewer employees over the years, there will be a need for additional staffing in the future. Councilman Peterson commented on the trust he has in staff and decisions made on behalf of the City, and Councilman Johnson stated that much credit goes to the Mayor, Mr. Williams and staff as they direct Council on what needs to be done. Councilman Culver noted that future conversations will need to include City Hall renovations.

The notice for publication is as follows:

**Notice of Public Hearing  
City of Jerome  
Tentative Budget**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho will hold a public hearing for the consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Section 50-1002, Idaho Code. Said hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers, 100 East Ave. A, Jerome, Idaho at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. At said hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed budget should not be adopted.

The following is an estimate set forth of said proposed budget of the total proposed expenditures and accruing indebtedness of the City of Jerome, Idaho, for the fiscal period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, and is shown below as FY 2021-22 proposed revenues and expenditures.

|                       | Revenues            |                     |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                       | 2019-20<br>BUDGET   | 2020-21<br>BUDGET   | 2021-22<br>PROPOSED |
| <b>Fund</b>           |                     |                     |                     |
| General               | \$5,416,183         | \$5,176,051         | \$5,613,215         |
| Street                | 2,347,930           | 1,994,701           | 2,467,601           |
| Library               | 456,527             | 451,362             | 462,412             |
| Park                  | 213,955             | 235,204             | 641,336             |
| Irrigation            | 191,500             | 189,500             | 192,473             |
| Sanitation            | 370,375             | 341,584             | 380,456             |
| Water                 | 2,708,123           | 2,718,854           | 2,713,100           |
| Wastewater            | 6,848,630           | 7,279,223           | 7,227,669           |
| Existing Fund Balance | 3,602,967           | 7,033,912           | 11,067,249          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b>\$22,156,220</b> | <b>\$26,420,221</b> | <b>\$30,766,511</b> |

|                                    | Property Tax Budget |                     |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | 2019-20<br>BUDGET   | 2020-21<br>BUDGET   | 2021-22<br>PROPOSED |
| <b>Property Tax Revenue</b>        | <b>\$5,199,454</b>  | <b>\$5,270,626</b>  | <b>\$5,311,626</b>  |
| Forgone Property Tax Revenue       | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| <b>Total of All Other Revenues</b> | <b>\$16,956,766</b> | <b>\$20,149,395</b> | <b>\$25,453,685</b> |

|                           | Expenditures       |                    |                     |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                           | 2019-20<br>BUDGET  | 2020-21<br>BUDGET  | 2021-22<br>PROPOSED |
| <b>Fund</b>               |                    |                    |                     |
| General                   |                    |                    |                     |
| Legislative               | \$91,220           | \$90,672           | \$86,816            |
| Executive                 | 16,696             | 17,072             | 17,031              |
| Administration            | 779,703            | 774,914            | 830,552             |
| Law Enforcement           | 2,612,573          | 2,666,763          | 5,711,476           |
| Fire                      | 1,563,467          | 1,535,624          | 1,536,054           |
| Building                  | 200,316            | 181,526            | 177,954             |
| Animal Control            | 185,058            | 147,005            | 167,467             |
| <b>Total General Fund</b> | <b>\$5,449,233</b> | <b>\$5,415,776</b> | <b>\$6,627,352</b>  |

|                           | Expenditures        |                     |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                           | 2019-20<br>BUDGET   | 2020-21<br>BUDGET   | 2021-22<br>PROPOSED |
| <b>Fund</b>               |                     |                     |                     |
| Street                    | \$2,715,925         | \$1,954,243         | \$2,572,479         |
| Library                   | 463,826             | 461,362             | 472,436             |
| Park                      | 234,103             | 234,217             | 635,307             |
| Irrigation                | 169,518             | 174,005             | 247,015             |
| Sanitation                | 358,663             | 344,505             | 356,956             |
| Water                     | 4,089,563           | 4,734,194           | 5,013,399           |
| Sewer                     | 6,336,459           | 11,567,636          | 12,397,931          |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>\$21,617,290</b> | <b>\$24,906,168</b> | <b>\$30,224,879</b> |

I, Ross Hyatt, Finance Director of the City of Jerome, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed expenditures and revenues for fiscal year 2021-22 all of which have been tentatively approved and entered at length in the Journal of Proceedings.

I further certify that the City of Jerome, Idaho did give notice for said hearing with notice having been published twice at least seven days apart prior to the adoption of the budget by the City Council. Citizens are invited to attend the budget hearing on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. and have the right to provide written or oral comments concerning the entire city budget.

A copy of the proposed city budget in detail is available at City Hall for inspection during regular office hours 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2021.

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Ross Hyatt, Finance Director

Public: August 17, 2021

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve adopt the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget with the maximum appropriation of \$30,224,879 and authorize the clerk to publish the notice scheduling the public hearing for August 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Barber. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

Mr. Williams noted that with the tentative budget set, a resolution will be presented to Council during the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to recommend that the forgone monies not taken, be put into savings for future use. This action will need to be done prior to the end of this fiscal year to

reserve that budget capacity. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Williams stated the amount was approximately \$150,000. The notice for publication is as follows:

**APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2020-21:**

Mr. Hyatt stated when the City receives unanticipated revenues, Idaho Code requires that those revenues be allocated and the current year budget amended to reflect the revenues received. The City received \$57,178 throughout FY2021. Mr. Hyatt requested that Council approve the tentative amendment to the current year budget and approve publication of the notice for the public hearing to be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*INSERT NOTICE\*\*\***

The notice for publication is as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AMENDING THE 2020-2021  
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho will hold a public hearing for the consideration of an amendment to the budget for the fiscal period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 by appropriating moneys received by the City of Jerome in the amount of \$57,178. Said hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers, 100 East Ave. A, Jerome, Idaho at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. At said hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed budget amendment should not be adopted.

The following table shows the current year adopted budget in comparison to the proposed amendment for the fiscal period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

| Revenues              |                          |                              |                                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fund                  | 2019-20<br>Actual        | 2020-21<br>Adopted<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>Proposed<br>Amendment |
| General               | 5,655,184                | 5,176,051                    | 5,191,804                        |
| Street                | 3,272,789                | 1,994,701                    | 2,013,821                        |
| Library               | 432,327                  | 451,392                      | 469,940                          |
| Park                  | 208,276                  | 235,204                      | 235,204                          |
| Irrigation            | 189,712                  | 189,500                      | 189,500                          |
| Sanitation            | 363,757                  | 341,584                      | 341,584                          |
| Water                 | 2,704,392                | 2,718,654                    | 2,722,411                        |
| Wastewater            | 7,825,351                | 7,279,223                    | 7,279,223                        |
| Existing Fund Balance | -                        | 7,033,912                    | 7,033,912                        |
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b><u>20,651,788</u></b> | <b><u>25,420,221</u></b>     | <b><u>25,477,399</u></b>         |

| Property Tax Budget        |                   |                              |                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                            | 2019-20<br>Actual | 2020-21<br>Adopted<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>Proposed<br>Amendment |
| Property Tax Revenue       | 5,128,254         | 5,270,826                    | 5,270,826                        |
| Total of All Other Revenue | 15,523,534        | 20,149,395                   | 20,206,573                       |

JEROME, IDAHO, that \$184,494 of the current year's allowable increase in its forgone amount is reserved and included in the City's total forgone balance for potential use in subsequent years.

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

HEARING LOCATION: City of Jerome Council Chambers

100 East Avenue A

| Fund                      | Expenditures      |                              |                                  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                           | 2019-20<br>Actual | 2020-21<br>Adopted<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>Proposed<br>Amendment |
| General                   |                   |                              |                                  |
| Executive                 | 15,818            | 17,072                       | 17,072                           |
| Legislative               | 68,212            | 90,672                       | 90,672                           |
| Administration            | 655,349           | 774,914                      | 774,914                          |
| Law Enforcement           | 2,079,491         | 2,668,763                    | 2,679,310                        |
| Fire                      | 1,495,903         | 1,535,824                    | 1,541,030                        |
| Building                  | 186,763           | 181,526                      | 181,526                          |
| Animal Control            | 164,124           | 147,005                      | 147,005                          |
| <b>Total General Fund</b> | <b>4,665,660</b>  | <b>5,415,776</b>             | <b>5,431,529</b>                 |
| Street                    | 2,091,015         | 1,954,243                    | 1,973,363                        |
| Library                   | 427,968           | 461,392                      | 479,940                          |
| Park                      | 172,269           | 234,217                      | 234,217                          |
| Irrigation                | 156,430           | 174,005                      | 174,005                          |
| Sanitation                | 378,794           | 344,505                      | 344,505                          |
| Water                     | 2,210,651         | 4,734,194                    | 4,737,951                        |
| Wastewater                | 6,433,030         | 11,587,836                   | 11,587,836                       |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>16,535,817</b> | <b>24,906,168</b>            | <b>24,963,346</b>                |

The proposed appropriations are from the following sources:

**General Fund**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Law Enforcement - ICRMP 2015 Ford Taurus | 921           |
| Law Enforcement - HVE Mini-Grants        | 9,626         |
| Fire Department - ICRMP Min-Pumper       | 5,206         |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>                | <b>15,753</b> |

**Street Fund**

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| LHTAC Trans. Master Plan | 19,120        |
| <b>Total Street Fund</b> | <b>19,120</b> |

**Library Fund**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Library - E-Rate State Grant                  | 1,000  |
| Library - State Grant                         | 14,500 |
| Library - Content Filtering (EOR) State Grant | 3,048  |

I, Ross Hyatt, Finance Director of the City of Jerome, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed amended expenditures and revenues for fiscal year 2020-21, all of which have been tentatively approved and entered at length in the Journal of Proceedings by the City Clerk.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

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Ross Hyatt, Finance Director

Publish: August 6 and August 13.

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve the tentative amendment to the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget and approve publication of the Notice of Public Hearing. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

### **DISCUSSION ON THE AREA OF CITY IMPACT:**

Ms. Clark explained the Area of City Impact as a plan for anticipated annexation to occur within the next ten years. The last approved Area of City Impact was in November 2015 and involved a lengthy negotiation process with the County. She stated that a property owner reached out with the request of removing eighty acres from the Area of City Impact. The existing agreement with the County does not allow for the division of land less than twenty acres without connection to municipal water or sewer. Ms. Clark stated that, per Idaho Code, the Comp Plan map can only be amended every six months; with plans to update the City's Comp Plan (which includes the Area of City Impact) Council may choose to review the request for removal of the eighty acres now or wait until staff has the opportunity to update the Comp Plan and review the Area of City Impact.

Discussion ensued regarding this request. Topics of the discussion included: the location of the eighty acres; the process of amending the Area of City Impact between the City, County and Planning and Zoning Commissions; the benefit of waiting until the Comp Plan is reviewed at length; setting a precedence for other property owners to request the same; Jerome Municipal Code regarding land divisions of less than twenty acres; the inability for the property owner to make requested changes while within the Area of City Impact; and, making decisions without reviewing the Comp Plan in full. Mr. Williams commented on the size of the Area of City Impact and that a Comp Plan update would be best before addressing this request. He spoke of the opportunity to review the Comp Plan and potentially remove some areas from the Area of City Impact through negotiations.

### **TACOS SONORA:**

Ms. Coderniz stated the applicant, Ms. Maria Hilda Tarazon Ochoa renewed her alcohol beverage license by the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and requested that she be licensed to sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption. Ms. Ochoa indicated that she had been given approval by the state to do so, and the state license does allow the sale of beer only for both on and off premises consumption (at the state level there is no distinction between on and off premises consumption). Ms. Coderniz noted that the applicant wishes to sell wine for off premises consumption as well, however, the state license does not reflect this endorsement. Should council approve the request for both beer and wine sales for off premises consumption, the applicant will have to show the proper endorsements to do so.

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve the application Maria Hilda Tarazon Ochoa dba Tacos Sonora for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption at 1030

South Lincoln Avenue contingent upon obtaining the appropriate endorsements from the Alcohol Beverage Control. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Barber, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Johnson once again expressed appreciation to staff for their work in the budgeting process.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Williams briefly spoke of upcoming community events. The Movie Night at the Park will be held on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Fair Week begins on Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> with City offices closing at 3:00 p.m. for the parade, and Joe Mama’s Car Show will take place on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Peterson expressed concern for the children running to the middle of the street for candy and inquired on how this can be somewhat controlled. Captain Rubink stated that snow fencing will be placed along Main Street to assist with crowd control. Additionally, participants have been advised to walk alongside floats and pass out candy rather than toss from vehicles.

Building permit applications have been submitted to the City, and Mr. Williams stated that Western Dairy Transport is planning a 20,000 square foot facility near Idaho Milk Products. An application for a mixed use project was also received for the property south of Dairy Queen. The first phase of the project will include three residential buildings, a city plaza area and redevelopment of the curb, gutter and sidewalk in the area. Both projects are approximately \$8 million each.

Mr. Ahrens stated that public works staff are working on chip sealing roads today and tomorrow with almost two thirds of the work completed. In the past, the City has worked in conjunction with the Jerome Highway District to complete roads in both the City and County. This year the City is also working with the Hillsdale Highway District (east of Jerome County) and that the process has gone well. Once work is complete, staff will meet to decide if this is something that will be done in the future.

Captain Rubink commented on the closure of the animal shelter for approximately ten days due to staff illnesses. Services will be maintained and animals will be fed and cleaned but the shelter will not be open to the public. Issues regarding animals should be handled in the same usual manner (officer to be dispatched upon request).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further to discuss, Councilman Culver adjourned this August 3, 2021 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:45 p.m.

By:

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Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

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Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk