

August 29, 2023

This special 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 was excused.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, and Police Chief Duane Rubink.

CONTRACT AWARD – IDAHO MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Carpenter spoke of the W. Avenue I Street reconstruction and stated the reason for approving the contract award at a special meeting was to secure funding; the project will be funded with Child Pedestrian Safety Grant funds and street department budget capital funds. The project was bid out and although several companies expressed interest in the project, only one bid was received from Idaho Materials & Construction. Figures were higher than anticipated but not unrealistic considering today's market. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Carpenter stated fuel and oil prices are most likely the biggest factors in determining pricing for projects. Councilman Craig inquired about the sidewalk placement on W. Avenue I, and Mr. Carpenter briefly explained the plans for where sidewalks will be installed on the north and south sides of the road. He further stated the north side of the road will be expanded to be in line with existing roadway; all work will be done within the existing right-of-way. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Mr. Carpenter stated the start date is unknown although it must be completed by next year's construction season. Preliminary conversations with the contractor have indicated that some work (sewer and irrigation lines) will commence this winter with anticipated completion by April 2024. The grant is administered by the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC), and Mr. Carpenter stated additional funding is available due to the 2021 state sales tax surplus awarded in 2022.

Councilman Craig moved to approve a contract award to Staker & Parson Companies LLC dba Idaho Materials & Construction for the West Ave I Street construction project for the unit price bid of \$771,461.50. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Craig, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

PROJECT FACILITIES TOUR:

Mr. Williams listed the project areas to be visited including the new Headworks facility at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the 10th Street Well project, and the new park project on E. Nez Perce. He noted the public Open House for the new police station will be held on September 7th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this August 29, 2023 special meeting of the Jerome City Council at 5:39 p.m.; the tour ended at 7:00 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk