

**September 21, 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 Jason Peterson and Councilman Brent “Oop” Johnson. Councilman Chris Barber was excused.

Also present were staff members: Acting Clerk Katie Elliott, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Attorney Ted Larsen, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, Building Official Dave Richey, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, Library Director Linda Mecham, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, Fire Chief Mike Harrison and Police Chief Dan Hall. City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz was excused.

**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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 regular meeting
2. Approve payment of \$8,744.12 to City of Pocatello for the Water Rights Lease Agreement
3. Approve payment to ICRMP to renew annual membership contribution for liability insurance in the amount of \$280,717.00
4. Monthly Department Reports
5. Approve Claims

Accu Sales/Keller Kustoms \$583.50, Action Cycle Sales \$76.38, All Wireless Communications \$13,815.17, Amazon Capital Services \$127.54, Analytical Laboratories Inc. \$1,247.35, Argo Company \$103.14, Associated Business Forms LLC \$352.40, Association of Idaho Cities \$175.00, B & R Bearing \$241.50, Badger Meter \$619.44, Barry Rental Inc. \$899.02, Boise Office Equipment \$27.50, Bonneville Blue Print Supply \$4,295.00, Books Galore Inc. \$1,037.40, Brodart Company \$206.95, B-Z Plumbing \$85.00, Canyonside Towing Inc. \$205.00, Caselle Inc. \$25,376.00, CDW Government Inc. \$3,237.30, Center Point Large Print \$88.08, Century Link \$1,612.58, Centurylink Business Services \$41.21, Chase Paymenttech \$1,777.82, Christina J Wilson \$90.95, Cintas Corporation \$760.44, City of Jerome \$813,904.88, City Of Pocatello-WPC \$8,744.12, Clint Wagner \$100.00, College of Southern Idaho \$1,390.00, Consolidated Electrical Dist. \$83.39, Crozier Coachworks \$1,500.00, Culligan Soft Water Service \$134.55, D & B Supply \$1,654.83, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$4,842.38, Dig Line Inc \$166.30, Don's Irrigation LLC \$242.22, Electrical Contractors of ID \$1,792.73, Farmore of Idaho \$116.76, Fastenal Company \$16.47, Ferguson Enterprises #3007 \$172.36, Ferguson Enterprises Inc. \$205.37, Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3325 \$2,221.33, Floyd Lilly Co \$74.39, Freedom Electric Inc. \$507.67, Freedom Mailing Services Inc \$2,170.17, Gem State Welder's Supply \$1,293.80, Glendale Construction Inc. \$15,564.51, Go-Fer It Express \$328.00, Grainger \$470.03, Greatamerica Financial Services \$165.00, Hach Company \$1,146.54, Hanson Janitorial Supply Inc. \$205.15, Harvey's Office Plus \$29.58, Hub City Building Inc \$239.18, Hydro Specialties Company \$5,048.32, ICCTFOA District IV \$30.00, ID Electric Motor Service Inc \$1,050.00, ID Excavators Inc. \$912.00, Idaho Department of Enviro Quality

\$12,000.00, Idaho Materials and Construction \$957.40, Idaho Power Co. \$88,998.51, Idaho State Police \$1,718.75, Ingram Book Company \$1,177.74, Intermountain Gas Company \$600.82, Interstate Battery System Id \$126.95, Jerome City Water Department \$10,462.81, Jerome County \$10,271.19, Jim's Repair & Distributing \$218.00, J-U-B Engineers Inc. \$9,244.97, Keller Associates Inc \$53,020.10, Kids Reference Co. \$168.68, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$171.18, Lexisnexis Risk Solutions \$31.00, Linda Mecham \$249.98, Lombard-Conrad Architects P.C. \$30,599.96, Magic Valley Electric LLC \$3,023.86, Magic Valley Labs \$7,733.25, Matt Dunn \$150.00, McHugh Bromley PLLC \$875.16, Metroquip Inc. \$425.56, Michael John Ehrmantraut \$1,422.00, Michael L. Boeker \$100.00, Mike's Repair \$147.07, Mountain View Spraying Inc \$66.00, Mower Office Systems \$325.99, Municipal Emergency Services \$584.43, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$89.98, Napa Auto Parts \$1,244.73, Norco \$68.84, Omar Cayeros \$500.00, Overhead Door Company of TF Inc \$3,140.00, P & R Auto Sales \$26,000.00, Pacificsource Administrators \$1,823.84, Pat Bermingham \$150.00, Pcn Strategies Inc \$880.92, Penworthy \$161.65, Premier Truck Group \$2,369.84, Prescott & Craig \$180.00, Prevent Fire LLC S Corp \$539.00, Pro-Flame Inc \$10.12, Project Mutual Telephone \$322.94, PSI Environmental Services Inc \$21,106.25, Rainbow Book Company \$856.98, Rexel Usa Inc \$83.57, Ridley's Food & Drug \$51.73, Road Work Ahead Const. Supply Inc. \$388.00, Rodda Paint Company \$3,889.70, Rodney Roueche \$41.43, Salt Lake Wholesale Sports \$6,136.56, Signature Equipment Corp \$1,864.56, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$80.93, Skaggs Companies Inc. \$826.40, SKM Inc. \$863.75, Something More \$162.29, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$4,057.44, SPF Water Engineering \$440.00, Stitchx LLC \$308.00, Stotz Equipment \$1,729.90, Sweet's Septic & Backhoe Inc. \$595.00, Tanner Wheeler \$92.73, Terminix Processing Center \$83.00, Thatcher Company \$23,988.92, The Fire Store \$981.96, Times News \$1,879.84, T-Mobile \$4,212.00, Tore Up \$25.00, Traffic Safety Supply Co Inc \$1,517.55, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc. \$269.10, Triple C Concrete \$288.75, Tri-State Tire Jerome \$878.85, Truckpro LLC Six States \$240.37, Tumbleweed Press Inc \$559.30, U.S. Bank Equipment Finance \$471.40, Unified Office Services \$514.75, Urgent Care of Jerome/Twin Falls \$270.00, US Bank Credit Card \$7,202.17, USA Bluebook \$706.23, Valerie Wheeler \$55.12, Valley Office Systems \$117.31, Valley Wide Cooperative \$17,357.51, Verizon Wireless \$3,288.57, Wal-Mart \$125.87, Western Waste Services \$1,405.90, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Xpress Bill Pay \$911.87.

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

### **PROCLAMATION – ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK:**

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

#### **PROCLAMATION Adult Education and Family Literacy Week 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the need for a highly literate citizenry increases as the City of Jerome moves toward an increasingly technological future; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 43% of people within the United States with the lowest literacy levels live below the poverty line. Adults experience literacy issues that impact severely on their lives and families, secure and maintain gainful employment, and their full participation as citizens and residents of our great City of Jerome, Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, Children with low-literate parents are 72% more likely to be at the lowest reading level themselves. Over 96,000 working-age adults in Idaho do not have a high school credential and over 26,000 adults in Idaho do not speak English well or at all. and

**WHEREAS**, the College and Career Readiness program at the College of Southern Idaho encourages all residents of Jerome, Idaho, to join in highlighting the economic and societal importance of literacy; and get involved with local literacy efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I David M. Davis, Mayor for the City of Jerome , do hereby proclaim September 19th - 25th, 2021, as **ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK** in Jerome, Idaho and urge my fellow citizens to learn more about the importance of literacy and to promote literacy in their communities.

/s/ David M. Davis, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mayor Davis introduced guests from the College of Southern Idaho: Jerome Center Director Cesar Perez , Sierra DeMello and Ginger Narum with the College and Career Readiness Program. Ms. Narum expressed appreciation for the recognition of the proclamation and support from City Council and the Jerome Public Library. Ms. Narum stated that increasing adult literacy has a positive ripple effect with families, the work place and community. College and Career Readiness offers free classes within the community for those wishing obtain their high school equivalency and for adults seeking to learn English as a second language.

**PROCLAMATION – FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:**

The clerk read the proclamation in full:

**City of Jerome**

***PROCLAMATION FIRE PREVENT WEEK 2021***

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Jerome; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association<sup>®</sup> (NFPA<sup>®</sup>), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Jerome residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Jerome residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Jerome residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Jerome first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Jerome residents are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

THEREFORE, I David M. Davis, Mayor of the City of Jerome, Idaho do hereby proclaim October 3–9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this state, and I urge all the people of Jerome to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” for Fire Prevention Week 2021 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Jerome’s fire and emergency services.

/s/David M. Davis, Mayor

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

Chief Harrison noted that staff is waiting to hear from the schools to determine if they can spread their message onsite or if the campaign will need to be virtual. All activities in 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-21**

Chief Hall stated that the Police Department adopted the Idaho Policing Policy in 2017 via resolution as its primary operations policy for the department. This resolution adopts an updated version of the policy. He noted major differences in the new policy which include language updates under the “use of force and weapons” section; better defined de-escalation; clarification regarding the display of a weapon with reasonable cause; defining imminent threat; and, other guidelines regarding use of force. Additionally, Chief Hall stated additional sections were added which include administrative investigations; agency vehicles; citizen complaints; sexual assault kits; and, the use of carotid restraint or lateral vascular neck restraint. The Jerome Police Department Supplemental Policies are specific to the agency and include language changes to reflect changes in the organization and internal practices (i.e. position adjustments). Chief Hall spoke of supplemental policy 104 which allows for beards, and 107 which outlines the requirements for promotion. Specific requirements changed to increase the overall number of training hours required and include a list of categories for promotion eligibility. Chief Hall stated this supplemental policy will provide for flexibility and result in well-trained staff.

The clerk read Resolution No. 10-21 in full as follows

### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-21**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, STATE OF IDAHO, ADOPTING THE UPDATED 2021 IDAHO POLICING POLICY AND ADOPTING UPDATED SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES FOR THE JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jerome passed resolution 12-17 on August 15, 2017 adopting the Idaho Policing Policy Manual for the Jerome Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Policing Policy has undergone revisions to ensure that content is current and relevant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jerome passed resolution 19-17 adopting the following Supplemental Policies for the Jerome Police Department:

- 100 Organization and Chain of Command
- 101 Organizational Communication
- 102 Awards and Recognition
- 104 Personal Appearance
- 105 Field Training Program
- 106 Certification and Training
- 107 Career Development
- 200 Force Reporting; and

WHEREAS, the above listed policies have been revised to reflect changes in department structure and changes in department practices; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the City of Jerome requests adoption of the Idaho Policing Policy dated 2021 in the place and stead of the Idaho Policing Policy dated 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the City of Jerome requests adoption of the revised supplemental policies dated September 21, 2021 which are listed above.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Jerome, State of Idaho as follows:

1. The City of Jerome repeals the Idaho Policing Policy dated 2017.
2. That the Idaho Policing Policy dated 2021 attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" be adopted with all subsequent amendments thereto for the Jerome Police Department.
3. The City of Jerome repeals the above listed JPD Supplemental Polices dated 2017.
4. That the following revised JPD Supplemental Policies dated September 21, 2021 attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" be adopted for the Jerome Police Department.

- 100 Organization and Chain of Command
- 101 Organizational Communication
- 102 Awards and Recognition
- 104 Personal Appearance
- 105 Field Training Program
- 106 Certification and Training
- 107 Career Development
- 200 Force Reporting

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Effective upon passage by the Mayor and City Council and notice provided pursuant to law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

SIGNED BY THE Mayor this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve Resolution 10-21 repealing the Idaho Policing Policy dated 2017 and repealing JPD Supplemental Policies 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, and 200 dated 2017; and adopting the revised Idaho Policing Policy dated 2021 and revised JPD Supplemental Policies dated September 21, 2021. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-21**

Chief Hall spoke of the new policies to be incorporated into the existing policy. The Patrol Operations policy gives guidelines regarding general duties including staffing and coverage considerations; reporting for duty; response to calls for service; investigations conducted by patrol; and, cooperation and information sharing. The Immigration Enforcement policy gives officers guidance regarding contact with undocumented persons; circumstances in which arrests are made; undocumented victims and witnesses to an incident; responsibilities for immigration and enforcement; guidelines for Visas; and, guidelines on where to direct complaints made on immigration law violations. Chief Hall stated that legal counsel has reviewed these policies in addition to those recently adopted. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Chief Hall stated that the practices, those which have been used for many years, are now put into writing via the additional policies. He noted that staff has not been pressured by any governmental entity to detain undocumented persons, and stated that these policies provide a point of reference for officers and allow for the balance between recognizing the interest of serving the entire community equally while addressing federal government laws.

The clerk read Resolution No. 11-21 in full as follows

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, AMMENDING THE CITY OF JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL WITH THE ADDITION OF SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES 203, PATROL OPERATIONS AND 207, IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Jerome Police Department Policy & Procedure Manual with supplemental polices was adopted by the City Council on November 17, 2017, Resolution 19-17; and

**WHEREAS,** additional policies are needed to guide police operations and stay current with

recommended practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police for the City of Jerome Police Department wishes to make an amendment to the Police Department Policy & Procedures manual by the addition of Supplemental Policy 203. Patrol Operations and Supplemental Policy 207 Immigration Enforcement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amending policy has been reviewed by the City Attorney; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho, that:

**Section 1: Adoption of Jerome Police Department Supplemental Policies 203 Patrol Operations and 207, Immigration Enforcement, Resolution 11-21.** The attachment to Resolution 11-21 as Exhibit “A and B” is hereby adopted as additions to the Jerome Police Department Policy & Procedure Manual.

**Section 2: Effective Date.** The effective date of this resolution shall be September 21, 2021.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve Resolution 11-21, adopting Jerome Police Department Supplemental Policies 203 Patrol Operations and 207 Immigration Enforcement. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

**CHEVY TAHOE DONATION TO CSI LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM:**

Chief Harrison stated that the command rigs have been replaced in recent years and the 2003 Chevy Tahoe, in the fire department’s possession, is no longer in use. After discussions with Chief Hall and Captain Rubink, Chief Harrison reached out to the CSI Law Enforcement Program Director about the potential need for the vehicle. The intent is to donate the vehicle to the program upon Council approval.

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve the donation of a 2003 Chevy Tahoe to the College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement program. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – I.A.F.F. LOCAL 4589:**

Chief Harrison stated that the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the City and I.A.F.F. Local 4589 will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Negotiations between City staff and the firefighter's union board took place in April and May 2021, and Chief Harrison stated that adjustments are made every three years. Highlights of the CBA include overtime coverage whereby Fire Chiefs will count for minimum staffing under mandatory situations (i.e. critical calls, out-of-town assistance, etc.); language to include firefighter pay from portal to portal in deployments; compensation time adjustments and payouts; and, salary adjustments based on comparisons with other fire departments with unions and similar in size to Jerome.

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Jerome and I.A.F.F., Local 4589 Jerome Firefighters. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

### **CITY OF JEROME BENEFITS PACKAGE 2022:**

Ms. Chavez appeared to present the 2022 benefits package for the City and reported that the current carrier, PacificSource, provided a quote with a 2.2% decrease in the medical premium; staff had budgeted a 5% increase. Blue Cross Dental matched the rate from another carrier and will provide services at a 6.09% decrease for the PPO Plan. The other option for dental is Willamette and their premium has increased. Ms. Chavez noted a 13.03% decrease in long-term disability premiums and a slight decrease in life insurance premiums through LifeMap; they have also incorporated a 3-year rate guarantee to those plans. She noted that there was a slight increase to the vision plan. There was no increase in renewal premiums for the Employee Assistance Program offered through BPA Health, and the benefits committee recommended the continuation of the \$300 Wellness Exam to the HRA along with applicable discounts to the insurance premiums. Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Ms. Chavez confirmed that LifeMap will be the overall carrier handling policies while VSP will continue to be the vision plan. With the change in carriers, employees can get another eye exam before their one-year limit with the previous carrier is expired. Additionally, the City had less than ten employees not qualify for the full \$50 discount in insurance premiums.

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve the benefit package for medical, dental, life, long term disability, and vision insurance, approve PacificSource Administrators (PSA) to administer the Cafeteria, HRA plans, COBRA and the deductible buy down program; approve BPA Health to administer the Employee Assistance Program and authorize the Mayor to execute the renewing contracts. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

### **AGROPUR CREDIT:**

Mr. Williams spoke of the permits issued to the four industrial customers in milk production. Parameters are set for flow, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Phosphorus, and pH levels. Per City code and their permits, any violation would result in the assessment of a fine. The Wastewater Department Pretreatment Coordinator works with the industries to get credits back for fines paid if the industries agree to make improvements (i.e. install samplers or make other small improvements). Mr. Williams stated the City's goal is



to have zero violations and does not include fines in revenue projections. He stated that Agropur has had major issues in maintaining their permit requirements for several years and has been working to remedy those issues specific to flow and pH violations since July 2019. The purchase and installation of equipment to stop those daily violations of their permit was completed in January 2021 and their flows were monitored over a six-month period to ensure that their improvements prevented the violations from occurring. Staff met with their leadership staff and believes that the improvements made warrant a credit to their account in the amount of \$185,000 for violations between July 2019 and January 2021. Mr. Williams believes this is a good faith effort to maintain a good working relationship with Agropur to avoid future violations that could wreak havoc on the City wastewater systems. He noted that Agropur is under a compliance order with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and working on additional projects to remediate violations and ongoing odor issues. Staff appreciates their efforts in addressing deficiencies and recommends the credit. Upon inquiry by Councilman Peterson, Mr. Williams stated that Agropur has a monthly base rate based upon their permit, and they pay a commodity fee on flows (BOD, TSS, pH, etc.). If the permit is violated, they are fined and surcharged for the cost to treat the additional flow. There is no City policy to reimburse surcharges nor failure-to-notify fines (substantial fees when the industry violates the permit and does not notify the City).

Councilman Culver made the motion to approve a credit in the amount of \$185,000. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Williams reported that Star Corporation, the CMGC (Contract Manager/General Contractor) for the new police station sent out requests for bids for the internal demolition of the existing building. One response was received for approximately \$80,000 and the asbestos removal will cost approximately \$5,000 rather than the budgeted \$20,000. Documents for the demolition will be presented to City Council on October 5<sup>th</sup> as they wish to begin on October 11<sup>th</sup>. A “demolition breaking ceremony” will be held with sledgehammers and shovels on October 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, and invitations/announcements will be forthcoming. The demolition project will take approximately six weeks to complete. The architecture team will then be able to complete design drawings and construction plans for bidding of the construction portion of the project in early spring. Mr. Williams is hopeful that construction will begin in summer 2022.

Building permits for seventy-one homes have been issued this year with five more ready to be picked up, and Mr. Williams stated that sixty home permits were issued last year. A multi-family project is close to being permitted for the S. Lincoln property (south of Dairy Queen), and Mr. Williams noted that the Western Transport facility project is starting with dirt removal. More permits are expected to be issued and a variety of industrial, commercial and residential projects are in the works along with the new school project.

Chief Hall stated that the Animal Control Officer position has been filled by Logan Morris who previously worked for the San Diego Humane Society. Additionally, the open detective position due to a promotion was filled by Officer Guillermo Garcia.

Mr. Ahrens reported that the public works crews completed the multi-use path on N. Date.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Culver made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent at 6:35 p.m. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson and Councilman Culver. **NAYS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis called the regular meeting back to order and adjourned this September 21, 2021 meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:47 p.m..

By:

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Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

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Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk