

CITY OF PIERCE
404 South Main St Pierce, ID 83546
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Gerot called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Greg Gerot, Kim Ward, Clay Hosley, John Stinson, Jack Koepke, and Teresa Koepke

Guests: Guy Bonner, Mitch Jared, and Justin Karst

The list of proposed projects and associated costs provided by Mountain Waterworks from their Drinking Water Facility Plan was reviewed. Maintenance worker Jack Koepke was asked what he felt is the priorities for the City of Pierce regarding the water plant/drinking water. Jack feels the top priority should be to get the leaks fixed. He feels there is a lot of water leaking primarily in the area serviced by the booster station. At this point, the plant is operating 24/7 to keep up with water demand. He feels like the plant should only have to run every three days to keep up with water demand based on how much water we are billing for. Jack feels although the water plant is old, it is good condition and other than replacing the pretreatment reactor, the remaining plant just needs routine maintenance and repairs. The pretreatment reactor is starting to show rust and has condensation. Jack contacted representatives at Idaho Rural Waterworks and they plan on being in Pierce the second week of December with equipment that will assist in locating leaks. Jack also mentioned that Paul Sifford from Idaho Rural Waterworks will be here this week and Jack was going to see if Paul was up for checking for leaks in the area served by the booster station. This would be done by turning the water off to different sections of the upper Pines and see if the booster station pumps stop pumping water. It was decided to wait on making any decisions regarding the proposed projects until the results of the leak detection on the area served by the Booster Station was complete.

The Wastewater Letter of Interest prepared by Merrick (formerly known as Mountain Waterworks) was reviewed. The Letter of Interest would be submitted to Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to request additional funding to complete critical construction components of Phase 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project that were not completed with the original funding. Due to construction cost increases during the scope of Phase 2 several components were not completed due to lack of funds. Councilmember Clay Hosley made the motion to submit the Letter of Interest to DEQ. Councilmember John Stinson seconded the motion.

Roll call:

John Stinson – Yes

Clay Hosley – Yes

Kim Ward - Yes

Mitch Jared has started construction of a new home at 206 Highway Street. Upon submitting his building permit, it was discovered that the home is encroaching onto City property by approximately 21 feet. Mitch is asking for the City to consider adjusting the boundary line since he has already poured a foundation on the property prior to obtaining a building permit. Discussion was held that the City could not simply sell the property to Mitch without putting the property up for auction. Ben Johnson with High Country Land Surveying has surveyed the four properties at 208, 206, 204, and 202 Highway Street. 208 Highway St, belonging to Wade Canning, has an existing structure that is also encroaching on City Property. Ben has drafted a proposed new boundary line for the four lots that would solve the encroachment issue. Councilmember John Stinson made a motion to allow a boundary line adjustment with a \$450 fee for each of the four lots in question. Councilmember Hosley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

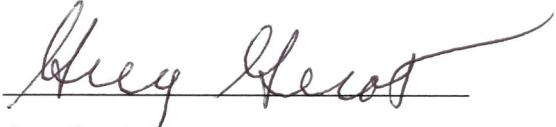
John Stinson – Yes

Clay Hosley – Yes

Kim Ward – Yes

Discussion was held that an ordinance be drafted that implements the requirement of a survey to be completed before the issuance of a building permit for any new structure in order to avoid any further encroachment issues. Mayor Gerot will work with the City Attorney on drafting an ordinance to be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Ward made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hosley seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Greg Gerot, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Koepke, City Clerk/Treasurer