

**CITY OF PIERCE**  
404 South Main St Pierce, ID 83546  
Monday, August 14th, 2023  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Gerot called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Greg Gerot, Eden Bowie, Kim Ward, Clay Hosley, John Stinson, Ron Fugate, and Teresa Koepke

Guests: Robert Flemming, Tyrel Shaw, Kathy Dill, Jo Coon, Mary Ann Lineberry, Clare Brick, Harry Stenzel, Theresa Clark, Crystal Clark, Lily Hosley, David Painter, Rob Harrell, Diane Gerot, Dale Gilliam, and David Nixon.

Councilmember Eden Bowie made a motion to approve the July 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes and August accounts payable. Councilmember Clay Hosley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Report & Request: Jo Coon addressed the Council regarding her various concerns in regards to the Whispering Pines covenants, including: no businesses in residential homes unless zoning requirements are met, residential lawns are not being mowed (fire hazard), fire ordinances (vehicles on both sides of the street), dogs running loose and barking constantly, no logging trucks allowed in the Pines, fire pits not allowed in Pines, and propane tanks not allowed in Pines.

Councilmember Bowie announced that Luke Beniot will be donating the log benches he makes to the City. He would like to have them placed at the kiosk, the Veteran's memorial, and between the Elk Snout and the Gold Rush Saloon.

Community Comments/Questions/Concerns: Luke Wasco with Idaho Fish Game was present and introduced himself as the new officer covering our area now that Dave Beaver is retired.

Diane Gerot stated that she would like to refurbish the welcome signs at each end of town. The signs are currently in poor condition and if not refurbished now, would probably be ruined. Councilmember Stinson said that the City should provide the paint and hardware. Diane stated that the materials would be minimal and that she is happy to do the job.

Department Reports:

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Fugate reported that the cold patching has been completed on Cedar where the water leak was, the sewer leak by the Patriot's Post has been repaired, meter mapping is being done, the baseball fields were worked on for 1860 Days, a blown chlorine line was repaired, the frost-free faucet at the RV dump was replaced, the level of the bugs at the wastewater plant is improving, wastewater is being transferred to the new tank, pressing is being done to clean out the old tank, locates for sewer lines and manholes were done, and representatives from Mountain Waterworks were here to tour the facilities for the water study.

Clare Brick was present to give the Fire Department Report. A burn ban was issued. Notice was posted on social media and flyers around town. Chimney sign-ups have been posted around town. Tanks arrived and photos were taken for the Gary Sinise Foundation. The schedule for Fire Department meetings has been revised to include bi-monthly training and separate business meetings. The Fire Chief pickup has been returned to the fire department. Streets were washed for 1860 Days. Cadets assisted with washing and polishing the trucks for the parade and open house. The "Bucket Dunk" equipment was used for 1860 Days. The engines and ambulance were entered in the parade and won "Community Entry". The 1860 Days fundraiser BBQ and Open House were very successful. Other fire crews were invited to join. A fundraiser SxS Wash after the 1860 Days ATV ride on Sunday went well until a downpour. Fire Department members obtained their office Cow tags, PVFD call numbers and picture IDs. 2 packs have been sent with MES to be serviced. Retrieved gear and radios from non-active members for inventory and reissued to active members. The department is still working on labeling, inventorying, and cleaning the office and storage. New call numbers were assigned, and training has begun to work towards department promotions. Scheduling Fit and Flow tests for crew members with masks and packs.

Working on getting the entire crew CPR certified. Looking into getting Life Flight to teach our members the Landing Field Safety course for Life Light. Spoke with Clearwater County Emergency Coordinator regarding funds for radios and other grants from FEMA for next fiscal year. In the meantime, he is working on obtaining several more radios for the time being. Working on getting FEMA certifications and hazmat training. If 70% of the department is certified/trained, the department would qualify for federal grants available through FEMA. Preparing for the department's participation in the IDYCA Job Fair. Exploring a Jr. Firefighter program. Working on several other fundraising ideas and working towards a membership recruitment push.

Sheriff's Deputy Shaw was present to report the call activity and hours for the month of July. Deputy Shaw advised that he would be attending POST training in Boise starting in September and continuing for three months. Deputy Rose will be filling in for Deputy Shaw. Deputy Shaw reported that the case with the kids that vandalized the bathrooms at the park is finished. The Probation Officer should be reaching out to the City to advise on community service requirements for the offenders. Lily Hosley asked about speed signs for Main St. Deputy Shaw reported that he is waiting for a call back. Councilmember Bowie thanked Deputy Shaw and the other deputies for their service during 1860 Days.

City Clerk Teresa Koepke reported that the bank reconciliations for the previous fiscal year that had not been completed are pretty well done. The contract from Core & Main for the Neptune Software was reviewed. Susan Jacobson and Kathy Muir were in Pierce on July 20<sup>th</sup> and toured various spots for potential recreational sites such as a staging area for ATVs and pickleball courts. Susan is also assisting with trying to find grant monies to replace the bathroom doors at the Play Park. Mayor Gerot has signed up for the Mayor's Walking Challenge in October through Blue Cross of Idaho. Susan Ferguson with ICRMP was onsite last week to review tools available through ICRMP's website. There are various training opportunities available on the website. The maintenance crew is having issues with the garbage pickup in town. Teresa reported that she will be sending a letter to all residents reminding them of the applicable city codes regarding garbage. Councilmember Bowie asked if Teresa would be attending the ICCTFOA conference in Boise. Teresa stated that she is planning on attending.

#### Old Business:

Councilmember Bowie made a motion to vacate the complaint against James Bonds. Councilmember John Stinson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowie made a motion to send Jody Harris a notice that he is in violation of City Code 4-1 and that he has 30 days to repair and/or move the vehicle in the driveway and 14 days to remove or move to the back yard the vehicle that is currently parked in the front yard next the house. Councilmember Kim Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

After reviewing the Code Complaint for Jesse & Victoria Karn Councilmember Ward made a motion to send Jesse Karn, and property owner Rene Anderson, a notice to stop placing human waste from the parties living in the camper at Mr. Karn's residence in with their city garbage as well as notice that Ordinance No. 311 regarding RVs only being allowed to be occupied fourteen (14) days six (6) non-consecutive times per calendar year. Clay Hosley seconded the motion. After further discussion, Councilmember Ward amended the motion so that an immediate cease and desist be sent to the parties regarding the human waste being placed in city garbage as it is a health hazard and a separate notice be sent advising the parties they have fourteen (14) days to abate the code violation of a recreational vehicle being occupied more than the allowed fourteen (14) days six (6) non-consecutive times per calendar year. Councilmember Hosley seconded the motion. Councilmember Bowie abstained from the vote. All other council members in favor. Motion carried.

After reviewing the Code Complaint for Shannon Schweitzer, Councilmember Bowie made a motion to have a written warning issued to Ms. Schweitzer for disturbing the peace. Ms. Schweitzer would have fourteen (14) days to abate the situation or face further fines and/or penalties.

Councilmember Bowie made the motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Change Order #4 in the amount of \$10,538.15. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowie made the motion to approve USDA Request for Funds #17 in the amount of \$1,058.75. Councilmember Hosley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ward made the motion to approve USACE Request for Reimbursement #12 in the amount of \$3,176.25. Councilmember Bowie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowie made the motion to approve the Mountain Waterworks Invoice #7313 in the amount of \$4,235. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ward made the motion to approve the USDA Request for Funds #18 in the amount of \$18,752.92. Councilmember Bowie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowie made the motion to approve the USACE Request for Reimbursement #13 in the amount of \$56,258.78. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowie made the motion to approve Mountain Waterworks Invoice #7376 in the amount of \$7,015.00. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

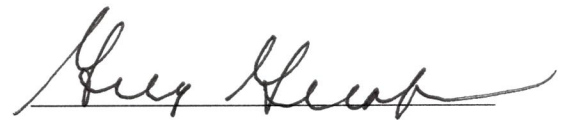
Councilmember Bowie made the motion to approve Contractor's Pay Request #12 in the amount of \$67,996.70. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

A proposed Poultry Ordinance was reviewed. Discussion was held whether waterfowl such as ducks and geese should be allowed or if the only poultry allowed in the City of Pierce should be chickens. The proposed ordinance would prohibit roosters and only allow up to twelve (12) poultry. Community members expressed concern that they already have roosters and more than twelve (12) poultry. Councilmember Bowie made a motion to table the topic and hold a work session prior to the next regular meeting. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ward made the motion at 7:44 p.m. to enter executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b). Councilmember Bowie seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmember Stinson – Yes, Councilmember Hosley – Yes, Councilmember Ward – Yes, Councilmember Bowie – Yes.

Councilmember Stinson made the motion to exit executive session at 8:35 p.m. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. Councilmember Stinson – Yes, Councilmember Hosley – Yes, Councilmember Ward – Yes.

Councilmember Stinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Greg Gerot, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Koepke, City Clerk/Treasurer