

**CITY OF PIERCE**  
404 South Main St Pierce, ID 83546  
Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order – Mayor Gerot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present Greg Gerot, Eden Bowie, Kathy Wilson-Dill, Clay Hosley, John Stinson, Teresa Koepke, Ron Fugate, & Tyrel Shaw

Guests Diane Gerot, Lily Hosley, Colton Rose, Brittany Rose, Clare Brick, Dale Gilliam, Teresa Johnson, Patty Ulrich, Ed Ogden, Darren Smith, Matthew Hagele, Gabrielle Casey, & Dan Vaughn

Eden Bowie made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the December 12, 2022 Work Session and Regular Meeting. Clay Hosley seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Eden Bowie made the motion to approve the January Accounts Payable. Kathy Wilson-Dill seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Citizens Report & Request – Clare Brick asked if the City was going to put a website back up. She stated it would be nice for agendas, announcements, events, etc. Teresa Koepke said that she had been looking into the options for developing a website.

Community Comments/Questions/Concerns – At the end of the meeting Dan Vaughn spoke up to say that his neighbor would like to file a complaint about barking dogs. These are the same dogs that Dan has filed complaints against. Dan was told that his neighbor would need to file his own complaint. Eden Bowie mentioned that she had been monitoring the situation weekly and has not found there to be any smell near the property nor have there been barking dogs outside. Clay Hosley recommended that Dan document the date and time of any alleged nuisances. Dan stated that he believes there are now 12 dogs at the property and they have a couple different females in heat.

Department Reports:

- A. Ambulance Report – Darren Smith, Director of Clearwater County Ambulance was in attendance to discuss the Pierce ambulance. He stated that the ambulance in Pierce has been staffed on and off for several years so the decision was made to consolidate Pierce and Weippe into Timberline Ambulance. He stated that a couple volunteer EMTs from Pierce have taken full-time positions with Clearwater County Ambulance in Orofino. When asked why Pierce couldn't have full-time employees, Darren stated they cannot afford to put people on full-time in Pierce. The next EMT training starts February 1<sup>st</sup>. The training is two nights per week and is held in Orofino. A class in Pierce may be possible if enough people signed up for the class. Scott Teem offers CPR classes. Chief Shaw said the fire department would offer CPR classes. He also said there are several A.E.D. units in town. Darren Smith stated 2-3 people, including a driver, were needed for 12-hours shifts. The requirement to be a driver is to pass a background check. A CLD is not required, and training courses are available. Ed Ogden stated that Pierce previously had 3 crews per day, each crew taking an 8-hour shift. Also, it was his understanding that one the stipulations when they combined with the County is that the County would have to provide the ambulance. An ambulance is now back in Pierce. It was brought to Darren's attention that 624 is Pierce's ambulance, paid for by the citizens of Pierce, and it was questioned when Pierce

get it back. Darren stated he was unaware that 624 belonged to Pierce. He said it was involved in an accident and is being repaired. He will make sure to get 624 back to Pierce.

- B. Maintenance Report – Ron Fugate discussed the bids provided by Alpine Heating & Sheetmetal LLC for a new furnace at the water plant. He didn't feel that ductwork was needed, so the lower bid should suffice. Once given the ok, Alpine said they could have the furnace installed within a week. Council Member Stinson asked if Ron had requested any other quotes. Ron stated he had tried to, but no other companies had returned his calls. There are three heaters at the plant, and we are down to one that is operable. The cost to repair each heater is \$1,200. The chlorinator at the sewer plant had to be replaced and everything is now going well. Streets are being plowed as needed. Ronnie Anderson was able to use the City's backhoe to break up the ice in the creek before it backed up. Ron Fugate has sent pictures and measurements to the Insurance Adjustor for the lean-to that caved in. Matthew Hagele spoke up to say the guys have been doing a good job plowing but stated that when they plow Timberline Drive, they only make one pass which creates a berm across Cedar Drive. Matthew asked if it was possible to have the berm removed when they plow. Ron agreed to address it.
- C. Fire Department Report – Fire Chief Shaw reported the only had one call for the month for a propane leak. A fire inspection was done for Little Pines Preschool. Hydrants have been shoveled. The fire department was involved with the Santa Visit at The Market. One new firefighter has joined. Christmas hams were distributed to all the volunteer firefighters. Chief Shaw said it meant a lot to the volunteers. We are still waiting on the new door for the ambulance bay. Teresa Koepke will follow up on the status of the order. Pullman Airport is willing to donate sets of turnouts. Chief Shaw was unsure of the number of sets. The fire department is preparing for the Spring Fire Academy. They have been assisting IDYCA with the construction project doing fire watch. Chief Shaw is working on getting information and bid on the MES lease program. There is a fire department in Northern Idaho getting new MES equipment and there is a chance we may be able to get their existing equipment. The only thing needed then would be the tanks.
- D. Sheriff's Department Report – Deputy Shaw reported there were 24 calls for the month of December. Four of those were ambulance calls. Deputy Shaw spent 130 hours within Pierce City limits. The other deputies spent 62.5 hours. There has been a lot of littering happening and the most recent incident was much closer to town. Deputy Shaw was able to ascertain who the offender may be and will be issuing a written warning.
- E. City Clerk Report – Teresa Koepke reported that the Annual Road & Street Report had been completed. A copy was provided to all Council Members. Teresa stated that the report had not been filed for the last two years and information entered in the software program had not been entered correctly so the figures may not be completely accurate. The claim on the lean-to was filed with ICRMP. The deductible is \$1,000. Teresa contacted Carmen Syed Support4Business regarding getting a website set up. Carmen's rate is \$3200 to design and set up the website. Carmen mentioned that we could look at using Wix to set up the website ourselves. Carmen thought their fee was around \$30 per month. Teresa will explore that. An example Fee Schedule effective 01/01/23 was provided to the Council to provide feedback on which fees we should list. We are now set up with ICCU to do the direct deposit directly out of the ICCU General account rather than having to manually transfer monies from ICCU to Banner for payroll.

Public Hearing - Mayor Gerot read the proposed changes to the Pierce City Code 9-3-2 regarding subdivisions.

**Old Business:**

- A. Electronic Reader Board – Council Member Bowie reported that there are a lot of options ranging from \$600 - \$35,000. She felt the best option was one that was placed higher up and was double sided so people could read it from both directions. We would need to see about having a contractor put up posts and supply electricity for the signs. Teresa Koepke stated she knew the owner of SignCrafters in Lewiston and would reach out to him for information. It was decided to table the topic until our next work session.


**New Business:**

- A. Code of Ethics for City Council – Mayor Gerot reviewed the Code of Ethics for Council Members. A copy of the Code of Ethics will be included with the meeting minutes.
- B. Equivalent Dwelling Unit Study – It was discussed the businesses in town are charged equivalent dwelling units (EDU) based on their water usage. The EDUs are supposed to be reviewed every six months and adjusted as needed. It was decided to gather more information on the EDUs currently being charged and review them in the next work session.

**Announcements:** None

**Executive Session – Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a)-(j) – N/A**

**Adjournment** – Mayor Gerot adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Greg Gerot, Mayor      1/18/2023

ATTEST:



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Teresa Koepke, City Clerk