

7:00 pm

May 18, 2021

**693rd MEETING OF THE  
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Riley, Corvinus and White present. Also present Gina Elmer City Clerk and Attorney Geoff Schroeder.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2021 meeting of the City Council. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to pay the City's bills as presented. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

**Public Comment:**

Mary Grover wants to know if any impact fees will be paid by developers and if so why do the rates need to be raised. Mayor Goff answers that a rate study was done and to comply with standards set to receive grants.

**Public Hearing:**

Public hearing opened at 7:04pm.

Public Testimony:

In favor: no testimony

In opposition: Mary Grover, 103 Valley View, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho 83629-Feels that the water bill should not need to be raised three percent every year.

Rebuttal:

Geoff Schroeder explains what State law requires for Cities to be in compliance. The reasons for a water study were discussed along with the drilling of the new well. Mary Grover wants to know the well will run cheaper. Amy Woodruff explains that the well should cut down on some of the labor and chemical cost as there will be less turbidity. She also adds that we will produce better quality water. Councilman White states that no one likes to see the rates go up. Amy discusses how the new well will be hooked up to our current plant. She states that it should be a straight forward project to get the well intake completed. Amy also explained how and why grants are acquired. There was discussion about impact fees, but Amy stated that the City does not have impact fees in the City Code. She also touched on some of the needs the plant has as it is forty years old. Jon Dufresne feels that there was no consideration for multiple hook ups. He said that they are paying more per gallon than everyone else and this is not fair to the poor.

Public hearing closed 7:46 pm.

### New Business:

- Zwygart John and Associates, CPAs, PLLC- audit  
John presented the audit to Council. Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to approve the audit. Councilman White **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**
- Deliberation on water rates:  
Councilman White asks Amy which Alternative she feels best fit the needs of the City. Amy responds that they are very similar so she does not have a strong opinion one way or the other. Councilman White would like to table this issue until the June meeting. The other councilmembers agree.
- Amend misdemeanor penalties in ordinances:  
Geoff provides Council with a list of the misdemeanor penalties. He recommends that some of the misdemeanors should be replaced as an infraction to remove jail time. He said the goal is deterrence. He also suggested some fines for infractions. Council would like to table this till the June meeting.

### Department Updates:

- EMS:  
No one was present.
- Public Works:  
Jobie says they have been busy with the water plant and spraying lots of weeds.
- Grant Writer:  
The Clean Up only had five volunteers but they accomplished a lot. Breakfast and lunch were provided by White Horse and Locking Horns Restaurant respectably. Cheryl is working on the EMS grant to try and get a refurbished LUCAS machine. She also will complete reporting on grants and work on the Water Source grant.
- City Engineer:  
Amy states that they have just been supporting public works.
- Attorney:  
Geoff had nothing to add.
  
- Mayor:  
He has nothing to add.

Councilman White **moves** to go into Executive Session per IC 74-206(1)( F) at 8:47pm. Councilman Corvinus **seconds**. Roll call: Councilman Riley – aye, Councilman White – aye, Councilman Corvinus – aye. **Motion carried.**  
Out of executive session at 9:19 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**