7:00 pm

## 723rd MEETING OF THE HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Chartier, White and Corvinus present. Also present City Attorney Tony Pantera and Clerk Gina Elmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilman Chartier made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2023 meeting of the City Council. Councilman White **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

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

## New Business:

• Susan Keeth-lot split:

Ms. Keeth was not present. Tony and Amy have discussed changes that need to be made to the application to meet the setbacks. Tony Pantera suggests the Council table this until the May meeting.

• EMT stipends:

Mayor Goff has been approached by several residents that would be interested in volunteering for the ambulance if the stipend was more. The mayor suggests the stipend for a run be \$75.00 for the EMT, \$50.00 for the driver, and \$25.00 for standby calls. Councilman White says that in the past there were problems with people taking all the runs and he wants to make sure all of the volunteers have a chance to run. Right now this is not a problem as there are not enough EMTs, but the policy will reflect the need for use of the calendar to make sure everyone is running. Councilman Chartier feels that this will bring more volunteers. Rindy Quijas states that she and Tren Long have been working to make sure the ambulance is covered and she feels that this will be a great incentive. Councilman Chartier made a **motion** to approve raising the stipend to \$75.00 for the EMT and \$50.00 for the driver per run, and in case of stand by call the stipend will be \$25.00. Councilman Corvinus seconded. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

• Grant Approval:

Nicole Cundiff is here representing the Chamber of Commerce. She is working on a grant that will help with training new EMTs. They are also going to work on a campaign to raise money and bring awareness to the need for training current and new volunteers. Nicole has also been working with Lindsey from Acute to update the EMS handbook and forms required to become volunteers for the EMS. Tony has looked over the new documents and said that only a few grammar corrections are needed. They realize that the handbook is substantial so they would like the Council to look it over before the next meeting where it will be before them for approval. Lindsay from Acute will be in charge

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of the training of the EMTs. Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to approve the new EMS documents for volunteers with the exception of the handbook. Councilman Chartier **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

• Dave Jakcovac:

Dave asked several questions about the EMS department such as how many EMTs are there and what are their run times. His questions were answered. He also asked where the tax money went for the ambulance. He was informed that the City does not receive taxes to maintain the ambulance. Lindsay also stated that ambulance service is not funded service through any government entity. It is not considered essential by the federal government. Mayor Goff states that Acute is responding if none of our EMTs are available. Councilman White adds that it has always been a problem to keep an ambulance service in rural America so many have to depend on their neighbors. Dave is glad that the City is looking into more options because he felt that the City's priorities were askew. Mayor Goff says that the main priority is to keep all of our residents safe.

• Veterans Memorial Park:

Mayor Goff said that he would like to table this item and hold a special meeting on Friday, April 15, 2023 at 7:00pm. Tony would like to make sure that insurance is in place. Councilman White wanted to know if this was to be a sanctioned fight. Mayor Goff said it would only be an exhibition.

• Boise County Sheriff's Contract: The Council was presented with the new Contract which will be into effect until October, 2025. The new contract raised the cost to \$77,000.00 per year. This item was also tabled until the special meeting on Friday.

## **Department Updates**:

- EMS: Rindy said that all of the items had been covered.
- Public Works: Michele says they had to do some repair work on the levy down behind the high school. They are gearing up for the run off, doing spring maintenance, and have been filling some of the pothole around town.
- City Engineer: Amy and the Mayor have been meeting with Boise County concerning the Boise Street Bridge. She has also been supporting public works and had a pre-construction meeting about the Deer Valley Subdivision.
- Attorney: Tony states that most of his items were covered by prior subjects.
- Mayor: Mayor Goff thanks everyone for attending.

## Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to adjourn. Councilman Chartier **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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