

7:00 pm

December 13, 2023

**733rd MEETING OF THE  
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilwoman Patterson made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the November 8, 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:**

- Alex Sosa: Mr. Sosa is the new Boise County Prosecutor. He started as prosecutor in May of this year with the goals of increasing community confidence and prosecutions. He says things are getting done as the sheriff's office, county commissioners, and the prosecutor's office are all working together. They are being very strict on drug and driving offenses so there is a shortage of community service hours which they are strongly pushing. The sheriff's office is working hard to track down people dealing methamphetamines and fentanyl all across the county. He would like to work as our City Prosecutor so that things are being prosecuted the same county wide. Currently Alex is prosecuting the felonies and the city prosecutor is in charge of prosecuting misdemeanors and infractions. Mayor Goff feels that the city is not getting the results needed by the current city prosecutor. He has heard nothing but good things about Alex. Councilmembers also stated that they were not satisfied by the current prosecutor. They would like to see the contract with Alex to go over and make a decision. Tony adds that Idaho Code has guidance for choosing a city prosecutor. Mayor Goff would like to personally vouch for him as prosecutions in Boise County are definitely up.
- Long's Cascade Raft: they would like to solidify a deal with the City to use the Veterans Memorial Park as a place to provide tubing on the Payette River. This would be a commercial venture where the customers would rent a tube, put in at the park, take out downstream and be bussed back to their vehicles. Councilwoman Patterson asks if they would be fiscally responsible for any damage to the park. Mr. Long states that they would be good stewards of the park. They would operate out of an enclosed trailer Friday through Sunday providing a much friendlier environment for tubing than is currently being provided in other areas. They feel this would bring in more tourists and money to the businesses in town. Mayor Goff has some questions about parking and use of the park. Mr. Long said they would look into parking options. Their current plan would include paying the city monthly rent on the park and a percentage of what they would

charge people. He said that they will prepare a potential business plan for the city to look over.

- Councilman White: Martye would like to see signs preventing the use of compression brakes within the city limits. He asks if a new ordinance would be necessary. Tony said that a new ordinance would be needed and that he would try to link it up with the existing ordinances. He will prepare an ordinance for the Council to look over and discuss at the January meeting.
- Approval Liquor Licenses 2024: The city clerk provided the council with a list of the liquor license applications. Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the liquor license applications for 2024. Councilwoman Patterson **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

**Department Updates:**

- EMS: Michele said that Rindy asked her to report that the ambulance had twelve runs last month.
- Public Works: Michele reported that they have been doing maintenance to prepare for snow. They had to switch out a pump at the sewer plant and Michele did a count of the kids crossing the highway for the safety grant.
- Engineer: Amy Woodruff reported that DEQ sent confirmation for the planning grant. She also is working with ITD on the sidewalk safety grant and she is expecting the final plat for Deer Valley Subdivision to be completed soon.
- Attorney: Tony has been working with Amy on grants and will prepare the ordinance concerning compression brakes.
- Mayor-He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**