

CITY OF DEARY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – March 13th, 2024

OPEN MEETING: 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Jason Johnson, Jamie Johnston, Christy Sanderson, Eric Sutton , Courtney Warner, Duane Ney, Todd Richardson & Sarah Dean

PUBLIC INPUT

Lions Club- Rick Corey - Rick had suggestions for the 2024 Christmas decorations in the Deary City Park. He suggested upgrading materials and adopting new designs. Rick requested funding for these improvements, in addition to, recruiting more help with the project in the future. Council did agree to check the park electrical for any issues but, did not offer funding. Instead, Council suggested the Lions Club could fund raise or ask for donations within the community. In addition, it could be beneficial to ask surrounding cities how they procure funding and resources.

AGENDA:

- 1. ACTION ITEM - Hayden & Ross, Tony Matson & Bailee Schnider: Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Presentation** A governing letter was sent to the Council with the recommendations for the upcoming year including journal entries to be reviewed at the same time as the bank reconciliations. Funds for Sewer, Sanitation and General expenses all increased net position. Water Fund decreased net position but was currently above the minimum recommended working capital.
- 2. ACTION ITEM - Ava Cocking with Palouse Land Trust was here to discuss the recent open-house.** Ava wanted to share that the meeting held in February went well. Ava also wanted to extend an invitation to the next meeting, to be held on April 3, 2024. This is an open community meeting to share the projects proposed.
- 3. DISCUSSION ITEM- Discuss RFQ's for water/street project on Wyoming Street.** Councilman Sutton presented two ways to approach obtaining an engineer for the project. Theses included publishing open bids for an all-inclusive city engineer or a short-term engineer for this individual project.
- 4. ACTION ITEM - Select RFQ's for water/street project on Wyoming Street.** Councilman Sutton motioned to publish the bid for the later; a short-term engineer to be specifically hired for this project. Councilwoman Johnston seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 5. ACTION ITEM – City Council to APPROVE MINUTES from Regular Council Meeting February 14, 2024.** Councilwoman Sanderson made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 14, 2024. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 6. ACTION ITEM – City Council to approve INVOICES paid March 2024.** Councilwoman Sanderson made a motion to approve the March 2024 invoices, Councilwoman Johnston seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Christy Sanderson – Parks, Sanitation, Library Councilwoman Sanderson discussed that the wooded planter boxes were in slight disrepair but they will be restored by student volunteers. Councilwoman Sanderson also discussed the availability of the LCCF Grant for multiple city projects. She plans on submitting for all applicable opportunities. Also discussed were the upcoming Latah County Rural Bulky Waste Spring Clean-Up dates. Suggestions provided to improve the effectiveness of this opportunity. Mayor Johnson asked Mrs. Dean to post the details of these services for the community. Post will be made to the City of Deary Facebook page, website and readerboard, ect.

Jamie Johnston - Water Councilwoman Johnston discussed traffic issues that she observed on Main Street. Concerns for future traffic issues and resolutions were proposed. Upon completion of construction, further discussion will be needed to determine if action will be needed to address these issues.

Eric Sutton – Streets Councilman Sutton discussed cleaning coverts as Spring approaches. Some coverts may need City Maintenance to use equipment in order to properly diagnose the issues.

Courtney Warner – Sewer Councilwoman Warner shared that the City has recently finished an IDQ Audit. Councilwoman Warner also discussed the immediate need to purchase two float systems for the wastewater lagoons. Quotes are being gathered to purchase the needed equipment.

Maintenance Office - Mr. Ney had nothing to report.

Sarah Dean -City Clerk Mrs. Dean shared information obtained at a recent Zoom meeting with TextMyGov.org. System applications and potential uses for the system were shared. Further exploration into similar operating systems is needed for comparison of pricing and system capabilities.

Jason Johnson – Mayor Mayor Johnson reminded the council that a replacement Code Enforcement Officer will need to be hired for the 2024 year.

Mayor Johnson motioned for Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206-1 (b). Motion was seconded by Councilman Sutton, seconded by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion approved. Executive Session ended at 9:45.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:46. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sanderson. Meeting adjourned.

