

Bancroft City Council
Monday, September 13, 2021

Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Council and Staff Members Present:

Council Member Joseph Perry, Council President Scott Hayden, Council Member Rick Hatch, Mayor Spencer, Clerk Swensen, Maintenance Waller & Moreland

Absent: Council Member Mickelle O'Brien

Others in attendance: James and Michael Ackerman

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Cp, Scott Hayden

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item: 1 Agenda

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 2 Building Permit-Jason Cooper

Jason Cooper presented a building permit for the construction of a storage unit on his property located at: 284 W. 1st S. The storage units will be built on the north side of the existing home and have the same color of roofing. There will be a gravel apron all the way around the storage units. The units will consist of two (2) different sizes containing 4 and 8 ft. roll up doors. There will be a 12 ft. gravel access with 4 units on each end and several units in between. The design will meet county snow load requirements. Council members and citizens were given time to ask Mr. Cooper additional questions. James Ackerman voiced concerns about the extra traffic and additional after-hours noise. Mr. Cooper assured the council and James that there will be a signed agreement with detailed rules and regulations including curfew and restrictions of storing chemicals and flammable materials. Motion detection lights will be installed on the building for neighborhood safety. Mr. Cooper wants to work with the city and be neighborly with the community. He is concerned about the weather and would like to get the concrete poured as soon as possible. Council members agreed to allow Mr. Cooper to proceed with his project; contingent upon meeting city codes and turning in his final engineered draft.

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to approve the permit with the mentioned contingencies.

Cm, Joseph Perry 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 3 Engineers-Grant Money (\$35k) Received and Sewer Lagoon Evaluation

Aaron discussed the details of the grant money received from LHTSCT in the amount of \$35,000. The grant money must be used for the purpose of a planning study, which will be completed by summer. Aaron informed the council that it is unlikely for the city to continue receiving grants until the study is complete. The city has received three (3) grants in the last couple of years. The grants were used to reconstruct 1st South, Main Street, and do repairs to Airport Road.

Sewer-Aaron discussed the issues with the city's sewer ponds not holding water and the importance of getting a plan in place for financing the project. Aaron advised the city that there is not a grant available that will cover the cost of this entire project. Aaron has worked with the Department of Environmental Quality many times to help cities get water and wastewater bonds for capital projects. The program will require the city to have \$30,000 up front and be charging adequate monthly sewer rates that will cover the expenses. Once all the pre-requisites are complete, the city should be able to qualify for a wastewater bond through DEQ.

The city recently received COVID Relief Funds also known as the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds are disbursed in two (2) payments. One payment was recently received electronically for \$42,000. The other half will deposit in approximately six months. Council asked clerk Swensen to transfer the relief funds to the sewer savings account. This money is intended for infrastructure and council would like to use it for the \$30,000 DEQ match if possible.

The city should contact at least 5 cities that are similar in size to compare utility rates.

The city will need to have a public hearing and amend the budget before increasing the utility rates. Aaron suggested contacting SICOG for advice and assistance on getting grant money.

Main Street Project including installation of four (4) French drains-Aaron discussed the Main Street reconstruction project including the new drain system. The project bids came in much higher than expected and the city was not able to do as