City of Kamiah

City Council

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM

Betty Heater, Mayor

Council Members: Genese Simler, James Kelly, Kaylee Hunt

Guests: See attached sign in sheet

Mayor Heater called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Motion to Approve Agenda** was made by Council Member Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye.

**Mayor Heater Appoints Kaylee Hunt to the Office of City Council Member:** Brenda Taylor, City Clerk did the swearing in of Kaylee Hunt.

**Appoint City Council President:** The Council has decided to appoint Genese Simler as City Council President.

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda** was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council Member Kaylee Hunt. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discussion Items:**

**Lewis County Sherrif Report: Jason Davis-** for November the hours for service were 719 and in December they were 759. These numbers are 438 hours above contract. The new fleet vehicles that are ordered are still on back-order. The dispatch GIS overlay system that helps with mapping areas in Idaho, Lewis and Nez Perce Counties are in the works. They are implementing a new system and new equipment for dispatch. They are working with techs to complete this project and appreciate our patience. There are still no reports from the shooting incident that happened in July. The coroner’s office and pathology are backed up and are just finishing up with June.

**2022 Poker Run Car & Bike Show: Bob West-** This event takes place on July 9th,2022. The run is from Kamiah to Grangeville and back to Kamiah ending at River Front Park. The Kawanis Club has asked for permission to park the cars on the grass at the park with the understanding that that everything is new, and any damage done to the park and the sprinkler heads is their responsibility. They have also requested to serve alcohol at the event and will be using The Purdy’s Beverage and Catering Permit. Motion to approve this event was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council President Genese Simler. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Seeking Easement for City Owned Property: Clint Engledow**- Clint has a client that is wanting to sell their lots on N Aspen, but the access to the properties has not been developed. Clint is looking for ideas to help resolve this. At this time more information is needed, and the council has tabled the topic for a later date.

**New Hire Jake Leavitt:** Jake Leavitt will fill the position of Maintenance and Wastewater Treatment Plant Intern. He is scheduled to begin working March 1, 2022, at the wage of $21.00 an hour. Motion to approve our new hire was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Purchasing Phones for Mayor, Clerk and Deputy Clerk:** It has been brought to our attention that the use of personal phones is not appropriate for city business. Two estimates were given, and it was agreed that we will go with Inland Cellular for a two-year contract. Motion to approve phones for mayor and clerks was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**DEQ Grant:** The City of Kamiah has been awarded a grant for $9,698.00 to purchase a hydrocarbon monitor that will help detect diesel and gas spills upriver. Motion to approve this grant was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council Member Kaylee Hunt. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Knox Box for Fire Safety:** Chief Arsenault has suggested that we lead by example for our community by purchasing a secure metal Knox Box in the amount of $462.00. This will allow KFR to enter City Hall with a key in the event of an emergency. Motion to approve a Knox Box was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member Kaylee Hunt. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Working with State Legislators for Grant Opportunities for Equipment**: KFR Chief Bill Arsenault wrote a letter to our legislators to discuss our needs for rescue equipment that we desperately need, but do not have the money in our budget to afford. He received a response from them within a couple of days and they are committed to helping us out. The IROC Grant (Idaho Assistant to Rural Communities Grant) is to be made into a bill tentatively by July 1st. This will provide monies to rural departments who need valuable rescue equipment to save lives.

**Fire Chief Arsenault Baltimore Training:** Chief will be back east from January 27th to February 13TH for Fire and Rescue Training. Division Chief Jared Silvis will be in charge while he is away.

**Fire Chief Arsenault School Board Meeting:** Chief will be attending the school board meeting to discuss fire and safety issues on February 21st.

**End of Month Maintenance Report:** Mike Stanton- There has been a lot of snow removal going on and the streets department is moving snow piles from one location to another to try and help clean up parking along right of ways. Water Plant is running well. Plant is producing around 150,000 gallons per day and running slower than normal about 5 hours per day. Wastewater Treatment Plant testing has been improving since the public has noticed samples being taken from around town. The chemical dumping seems to have slowed. The two ceiling mounted heaters in the WWTP shop have both quit working. Parts are obsolete so they are going to need to be replaced. A quote from Lochsa Electric will be given and presented to the council at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM

Next Meeting: February 9th, 2022

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