City of Kamiah

City Council

Meeting Minutes

June22, 2022, at 6:00 PM

Mayor: Betty Heater

Council Members: Genese Simler, James Kelly, Scott Moffett, Kaylee Hunt

Guests: See attached sign in sheet

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

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

**Public Comments:** Colt Downing with Idaho Stage Construction gave us an update on the pool. Due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled opening of July 4th has been postponed to the beginning of August. The sand filter that has been on order is not going to ship until the first week of August. Once we get the sand filter it will take 2 days for installation and a day for the inspection. We are doing our best to get the pool opened this year. Colt is asking for volunteers to help clean and paint around the pool. If anyone is interested, you can call City Hall 208-935-2672.

**Special Recognition for Cardiac Arrest Save:** On June 1st at 1:18PM Lewis County Sherriff’s Office received a 911 call from Loyd Bidwell regarding Larry Nims of Kamiah having difficulty breathing. Larry had gone into cardiac arrest. Thanks to the quick response from KFR, Larry Nims is alive today. Special thanks and recognition were given to all KFR employees who quickly assisted in the emergency care for Larry. First on seen was KFR paramedic Dan DeMarco and Austin Kelley along with Lewis Co Officer Phil Arnzen. Quickly to join was Bill Arsenault, Cathern Dow, and Jaron Timshel. This team worked together and miraculously saved a life. Mayor Heater encourages us to take the CPR and Stop the Bleed course available at the fire station. The life you save is greater than you will ever know.

**Discuss / Approve 2019 Ambulance Engine Replacement**: After experiencing a loud knocking noise in the ambulance, it was determined that the engine will need replaced. Ambulance is currently being leased and should be covered under warranty, but the crew is looking for all service and oil change records to back our portion of the warrantee agreement. We can’t be without this ambulance so Chief has asked the Council to approve the bill for $21,714 to get the engine back in service. We will continue to work on getting the charges covered under the warranty. Motion to approve the replacing of the engine in the KFR Ambulance was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Fire Risk Mitigation**: There are numerous properties in the city limits with an exurbanite amount of grass growth. Chief is asking the council for permission to move forward with our grass ordinance. The first step is to verbally inform the homeowner of the ordinance. If no action is taken a notice of declaration of nuisance letter will be sent out and the homeowner will have 30 days to comply before legal action will be taken. Motion to move forward with the grass ordinance was made Council Member Kaylee Hunt and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Body Camera’s for KFR**: Chief feels the need for body cameras to record certain instances especially when dealing with conflicts. This will be a little added protection and security. He has requested two cameras to start with. All data will be stored on a secure fixed server so no hippa violations will be made. The two-body camera’s will be $1,462. Motion to approve this purchase was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council Member Scott Moffett. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Hiring Summer Help for KFR**: Chief would like to hire Kadey Hix to help create an emergency contact book and to help with brush and weed control in the city limits. This position is for 19 hours a week and pays $10.00an hour. Motion to approve hiring temporary help was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss 2022 EMS Workforce Grant**: Chief has applied for a $275,000 grant to help support the loss of service due to COVID 19. The grant has been accepted and we should know soon if we will receive any money.

**Discuss / Approve Simmons Sanitation Increase in Garbage Services**: Simmons Sanitation will be raising the rates of garbage service in Kamiah. We were given three options 1) 8.3% increase in October 2022. 2) 4% now and 4.3% in October 2022. 3) 4.3% in October 2022 and a 7-year extension on their contract plus renewal options. The Council decided to go with option 3. Motion to approve the 4.3% increase in October and to extend the lease agreement was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Removing the No Parking Sign on Maple Street during Summer Months**: There has been some parking issues on Maple Street. There are several IDL tenants living in a tri-plex who are working for the summer and are residents on Maple Street. During school, signs have been put up to keep the kids from parking in the residential area. Now that school is out for the summer the neighbor still insists that nobody can park there. We have decided to remove the signs during the summer so these temporary residents can have a place to park. Motion to remove the no parking signs during the summer months was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council Member Scott Moffett. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Church in the Park**: On July 17th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Valley View Nazarene will be hosting Church in the Park. Motion to approve and waive the park fees was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member Kaylee Hunt. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Large Water Leak @ 1638 Pakk Lane:** The water bill for 1638 Pakk Lane was $571.00. Leak has been repaired and residents are asking for the city for ½ forgiveness of total bill which is $285.50. Motion to forgive ½ of the water bill was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye

**Discuss / Approve New Hire @ Wastewater Treatment Plant:** We have decided to hire Tyler Michaelson to be our WWTP Operator in Training. He will begin training with Mike Stanton who will be retiring at the end of this year. Motion to approve hiring Tyler @ $20.00 an hour was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council President Genese Simler. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 PM

Next Meeting: July 13th, 2022

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Betty Heater, Mayor Brenda Taylor, City Clerk