City of Kamiah

City Council

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023, 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**:

Frederick Andrea has a son, Ricky who lives on 13th Street. He came to the council meeting to express his concerns about how the city is handling the meth dealer across the street. He also doesn’t like how his son is getting a notice to abate nuisance regarding too many cars in his yard and how his son is being accused of running a business out of his home which is inside the city limits.

Mayor Heater explained how it has been turned over to the authorities and thanked Frederick for his comment.

**Discussion Items:**

Amy Manning, Executive Director with iii-A Insurance, gave us an annual report from 2021-2022. At a glance iii-A has 5,285 members which is an 8% increase from last year. The programs savings were $638,550 and the total liabilities and net position were $5,519,257. Their mission is to provide the best quality and structure of health benefit plans and services to their agency’s employees by directly managing the costs and administration of those benefit plans through a cooperative pool in a manner that will be more efficient, economical, and competitive than what the market can offer through traditional insurance providers.

**Discuss / Approve having Keller Associates** to write the USDA-RD Loan Application for the Bryan Drive Booster Station. Estimate to get the application completed and submitted is $1,500. Motion to approve 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 Transmission on the F450** (Snowplow-Sander) Tow bill is approximately $1,000 from Grangeville to Lewiston. Transmission estimate isn’t ready yet. Motion to approve having the F450 towed to Lewiston for a transmission repair was made by Council Member James Kelly and seconded by Council Member Kaylee Hunt. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss / Approve Paying Mike Stanton $300** each month to use his Wastewater Treatment Plant License until Justin Lycan can get his license. Motion to approve was made by Council President Genese Simler and seconded by Council Member Scott Moffett. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Discuss Medicare Audit-**Bill Arsenault: KFR was selected for round 1 of a nation wide Medicare audit. This process is going to be extremely labor intensive and will require extra staff to document all medical related calls. Medicare has given us the option to begin the audit from calendar year January 2023 to December 2023, or from fiscal year October 2023 to September 2024. Bill is leaning towards the fiscal year so we will have some extra time to prepare.

**Discuss / Approve Refunding $23,000 Grant** we received from Department of Health & Welfare for a lift for a new ambulance. Since we were not awarded an ambulance this go around, we were questioning whether or not to refund the money or to ask for an extension. After discussion with the council it was decided to ask for an extension up to 2 years in hopes that we will be awarded an ambulance this year. Motion to keep funds 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.

**Discuss / Approve Community Strategic Planning Discussion**-Bill Arsenault: On Monday January 9, KFR conducted their annual business planning meeting. The focus is, how do we move forward and sustain Idaho’s emergency medical services? Regionalization is optimism of funds for future planning. KFR does not just service the City of Kamiah, they service Pineridge, Ridgewood, East Kamiah, Glenwood, Caribel, and Woodland. If we collaborate together we will be able to reach the numbers required to be in the running for future grants. Bill will be planning future sessions with our community to help educate them as to why we are needing to collaborate and become inclusive to sustain our medical services.

**Monthly KFR Report**-Jared Silvis: For the month of December KFR had 73 calls which is a 21% increase over last year. For 2022 KFR ran 801 calls which is a 32% increase over last year. 622 medical, 95 Fire/Accident, 68 Inter Facility Transfers, and 16 Other. KFR is running fully staffed at this time.

**Motion to go into Executive Session** Pursuant to Idaho Code Section74-206(1) was made by Council President Genese Simler at 7:08PM and seconded by Council Member James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Scott Moffett aye, Kaylee Hunt aye.

**Re-enter Regular Session** @ 7:23 PM - No Action Was Taken

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:23 PM

Next Meeting: January 25th, 2023

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Betty Heater, Mayor Brenda Taylor, City Clerk