City of Kamiah

City Council

Meeting Minutes

July 13th , 2022, at 6:00 PM

Mayor: Betty Heater

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

Guests: Bill Arsenault

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:** There were no public comments

**Discuss / Approve Dickson Ready Mix Contract:** Carl Dickson sold Dickson Ready-Mix LLC to Jared Dickson on July 15,2022. He has asked the City for a conveyance of lease to be released from the contract between Dickson Ready Mix LLC and the City of Kamiah. Motion to release Carl Dickson of Dickson Ready Mix LLC 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 Lewis County Contract:** The Lewis County Sheriff's Contract for the fiscal year of 2022-2023 is in the amount of $264,003.92. The Sheriff’s Office will provide daily patrol service and shall further provide twenty-four-hour call services. They will base three patrol deputies in the City of Kamiah whose primary duties will consist of patrol and law enforcement in the city. Motion to approve the Lewis County Sheriff’s Contract 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 Reducing the Speed Limit on Sowa Street:** It has been brought to our attention that many children are at play on a secluded gravel road named Sowa Street. The current speed limit is 35 mph and neighbors are asking that it be lowered to 10 or 15 mph claiming that children are being pelted by gravel when people speed by. The city has decided to install 2 signs that state children at play please slow down. We are also trying to lower the speed limit and a call has been placed to our city attorney to see what steps need to be taken and how low the limit can be decreased. Motion to approve the children at play signs 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 Pool Update:** The pool is waiting for the sand filter. It is scheduled to ship the first part of August. We can not operate the pool with out it. While we are waiting for shipment we have decided to clean up and paint the pool. We were asking for donations and volunteers to help with this project. A volunteer day will be set up soon.

**Discuss / Approve Variance @ 912 Main Street**: New owners are wanting to build a workshop on an existing pad attached to their garage. The variance will need to be changed from 5 feet to 3 feet. Neighbors will need to be notified and a public hearing will be held. Motion to approve the variance to get this project moving 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 Kamiah Ambulance Billing Transport Fees**-Bill Arsenault: Bill would like to move forward with changing the existing ordinance for ambulance transport fees. He is wanting to reformat and update the current fee structure by lowering fees to residents and by adding fees to nonresident. Motion to change the existing ordinance to be more compliant with neighboring cities 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 Tuition Reimbursement for New Hires**-Bill Arsenault: Chief is looking at ways to encourage people to come to our community. He has applied for a grant to help pay for tuition reimbursements. Motion to approve if grant is awarded 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 KFR Monthly Report**-Bill Arsenault: Calls are up 30% from last year. Last year Jan-June we had 275 calls for service this year we had 383. In the month of June, we had 64 calls for service, 43 medical, 13 transfers, 4 fire, 4 others. Council Member James Kelly asked Chief why he felt the call volume was going up so much. Chief explained that we are now at a paramedic level of service, we have an older population, and more people have moved into the area. Transfers had to stop this month due to two of our ambulances needing repairs. They should both be ready by the end of this week.

**Monthly Maintenance Report**-Mike Stanton: Wastewater and water plants are running well. Parks are in pretty good shape. Stu will be repairing the damaged sprinklers from this past winter. The city mowed the field by the boat ramp landing in preparation for the jet boat races and the car show. Streets chip seal project for Bryan Dr, Hopoch, 9th Street, and part of main has been complete.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM

Next Meeting: July 27th, 2022

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Betty Heater, Mayor Brenda Taylor, City Clerk