

# City of Kamiah

City Council

Meeting Minutes

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Betty Heater, Mayor

Council Members: Dan Millward (President), Genese Simler, James Kelly

Guests: See attached sign in sheet

Mayor Heater moved some items around on this evening's agenda

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

**Motion to approve Agenda** was made by Council President Dan Millward and seconded by Councilmember James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** was made by Councilmember Genese Simler and seconded by Council President Dan Millward. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Discuss / Approve / Reject Bryan Drive Booster Station Bid: Via phone Stillman Norton, Keller Associates:** We only received one bid for the Bryan Drive Booster Station Project. It was from American Pioneer Excavators and Drilling Inc in the amount of \$684,958.00. The option to approve or reject the bid was presented to the Council. There are a couple stipulations before acceptance of the Bryan Drive Booster Station Bid. American Pioneer Excavators and Drilling Inc. must provide the required documentation requested by the City Council and their Attorney. Motion to approve bid upon receiving the supplemental information requested and approval from The Cities' Attorney was made by Councilmember James Kelly and seconded by Councilmember Genese Simler. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

Motion to allow the mayor to sign the Notice of Award to American Pioneer Excavators and Drilling Inc. was made by Councilmember Genese Simler and seconded by Councilmember James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Mayor Betty Heater has a few words to say:** "The 911 Remembrance Day was incredible. It was one of the best things I've participated in and seen this community participate in. I want to thank Kamiah Fire and Rescue and everyone who helped to put it together. It was absolutely phenomenal."

**Lewis County Law Enforcement Monthly Update-Jason Davis:** Update is for July and August 2021. There were 91 calls for service in July and 161 traffic contacts for July and August. There were 43 citations issued and 39 prosecutable cases generated. By the end of July, we were at 97.87% of contract, and we are expected to go over contract by approximately 1000 hours. We will begin our new contracted year on October 1, 2021.

**UYLC Family Dinner- Sandy Russo:** The Upriver Youth Leadership Council would like to proclaim September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Idaho Family Dinner Night. Dinner is the longest meal of the day averaging approximately 22 minutes. With hectic schedules it is hard, but very important to bring families together. It is a great opportunity to catch up on school, work, life, and the day's activities. It is proven that families that sit down and have meals together produce teens who are less likely to smoke, drink, or use illegal drugs. It also helps higher self-esteem, helps to eliminate eating disorders, and increases the vocabulary in adolescents.

Mayor, Betty Heater proceeds to read her proclamation announcing September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as Family Day.

**Discuss Boat Ramp Project-Damon Keen:** Phase one of the project has been completed with the addition of the ADA compliant restroom. The project is right on budget and waiting for approval of phase two which includes the boat ramp extension, and the bear resistant trash can receptacles. The boat ramp extension needs to be done when the Clearwater River is at its lowest which is in September and October so that portion of phase two won't take place until next fall, 2022.

**Discuss / Approve Raw Water Pump-Stu Bryant via phone:** The Water Treatment Plant has a backup pump that needs repaired. It is leaking and all the bearings are shot. There is also a problem with the motor. Stu Bryant feels that it can be repaired for approximately \$12,000. Motion to approve the Raw Water Pump Repairs was made by Council President Dan Millward and seconded by councilmember James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Discuss / Approve Kamiah High School Senior Parking and Side-Walk Art-Genese Simler:** It was discussed with the mayor and council to create a special place for our high school seniors to park. It was decided that they could paint the gravel along 9<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the high school and the curb along Hill Street in front of the gym. The handicap parking must not be affected. Motion to approve a special parking place for our seniors was made by council President Dan Millward and seconded by Councilmember James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Approve Budget Ordinance 2021-01 First Reading:** Mayor Heater read ordinance 2021-01 City of Kamiah Budget 2021-2022. The finalized budget is in the amount of \$3,060,906.98. Motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 was made by Council President Dan Millward and seconded by Councilmember Genese Simler. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Motion to wave the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of ordinance 2021-01, City of Kamiah Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 was made by Councilmember James Kelly and seconded by Council President Dan Millward. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Monthly Maintenance report-Mike Stanton:** See attached report

**Monthly KYRA Report-Dan Millward:** Nothing to report

**Internal Promotions-Bill Arsenault:** Discussed moving the structure of the fire department to the next level by doing some internal promotions. He is going to promote a Division Chief of Operations and a Station Captain. He can not carry the entire load and responsibility on his own and feels now is the right time to promote some members of his crew. Along with increasing moral, this will help teach the younger staff that there are steppingstones and goals to work towards and to achieve.

**Motion to go into Executive Session @7:06 PM:** Pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206 (b) (f) Motion to go into executive session was made by Councilmember Genese Simler and seconded by Councilmember James Kelly. Roll Call Vote: Genese Simler aye, James Kelly aye, Dan Millward aye.

**Re-enter session @ 7:36 PM:**

**Kamiah Fire Rescue Chief Bill Arsenault has Submitted his Verbal Resignation.** “This was totally the chief’s decision,” said Mayor Betty Heater. Chief Arsenault, who has served in his role for 11 months, said, “In light of a long battle in a short amount of time, truth be told, I am tired.” He described his family as the key reason for leaving. “I miss my family”, Arsenault said. Chief Arsenault has prepared a 90-day transition plan to work with the city officials and the Kamiah Rural Fire District to bring new leadership to KFR. He said, “now is the time to step back and let the seed do its own thing.” He also thanked everyone for letting him be a part of all of this and he hopes this seed blossoms for all of us.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next Meeting: October 13<sup>th</sup> ,2021

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Betty Heater, Mayor

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Brenda Taylor, City Clerk