

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF OAKLEY
January 11, 2024

Mayor: Larry Mickelsen

Council Members:

Ralph Barnard

Al Lowe

Buffy Cooper

Brett Arnell (absent)

City Attorney:

Public Works Director:

City Clerk:

Cassia County Deputy:

City Engineer:

Peter Wells

Jared Mitton

Dannika Colson

Tyler Matthews (absent)

Dave Waldron

Visitors: Dennis Smith

No Public Comment or Sheriff Review

First Item of Business: Jack Johnson presented the Discover Cassia booklets and reported on the different projects that had been done in the smaller communities around Idaho. He showed the council a Veterans book that the city of Malad had put together with all the veterans that had served from that community. He spoke of the tremendous amounts of work that went into the book, with bios on each of the members and digitally remastered photos and colorized black and whites. He looks forward to continuing his work on the projects.

Second Item of Business: The well crew has performed both the step test and the 24hr pump test, Samples of the water have been taken for testing, and we are waiting on results. A Development test will need to be run over a period of time to finish up the testing. Sand tests have been run with results of .1 parts per million. 5 parts per million is acceptable, so the tests at .1ppm is great.

The council discussed the length of the development testing and decided on a 1-week time frame in which the crew will test at 900gallons/ minute, in hopes that the water runs clear. Al moved that the development testing run until Friday January 19th, Buffy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Water Storage tank is nearing completion, there are a few items left to finish. Gaskets under the lids will be installed either tomorrow (Friday January 12, 2024) or early next week, trash pick up and a final sweeping on the deck. The interior has been cleaned out and swept several times and overflow pipes are ready for hook up, which will take place in the spring.

Dave brought forth a concern for the council to consider. The last change order that was approved for keeping the concrete warm while curing, was quoted to the council at \$10,000 and the council approved the change order of, but not to exceed \$10,000.

The final cost for this came in at just over \$16,000. Dave asked the council what they would like to do.

It was discussed at length and the council did acknowledge that the weather was not on their side during this process but that the city also has a very strict budget to adhere to. So, it was agreed that maybe the city split the difference with Gary Jones Construction.

Buffy moved that Dave propose to Gary Jones Construction a split of overages. Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Third Item of Business: Northern Stone's Airport Hangar Lease was brought forth for councils' consideration. The lease is up March 31, 2024. The council discussed whether the current rate covers the chemicals needed to maintain the weeds, and other maintenance that the city is responsible for. Jared mentioned that it may be a good idea to up the rate due to the chemicals being more expensive. Pete mentioned that it might be wise to have him look at the contract before renewal. The council agreed, Pete, to look over the contract and present it in February's meeting.

Fourth Item of Business: Buffy Moved that the meeting move into Executive Session 74-206c Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Buffy moved to close the Executive Session 74-206c, Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Fifth Item of Business: City discussed the purchase of the property behind the heritage station. Pete will need to get a legal description of the property from the county in order to draw up a contract for the purchase. Buffy moved that the city enter into negotiation and create purchase agreement for said property with included terms of \$20,000 down and payments of \$2,500 every 3 months for a period of 18 months, and the current owner is to have everything he wants cleared out by May 1, 2024, when city will take possession. Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Sixth Item of Business: Buffy moved to re-elect Ralph Barnard as council president, Al seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Seventh Item of Business: Buffy will continue to look for candidates to fill her spot on the council.

City Mangers Report: Snow, snow, and more snow. Jared and AJ have been hard at work clearing snow from the roads and sidewalks. Jared reported that AJ is doing well and seems to be a good fit.

Ninth Item of Business: Al moved to approve December's minutes, Buffy seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Tenth Item of Business: Buffy moved to approves the bills, Al seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Eleventh Item of Business: Larry swore in Buffy as the new Mayor, I swore in Al Lowe as council member.

Twelfth Item of Business: Ralph moved to adjourn the meeting, Al seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.