

**CITY OF GRACE, IDAHO
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT GRACE CITY HALL
APRIL 20, 2016**

Mayor Barthlome called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Barthlome asked those present to state their names. They were as follows:
Jackie Barthlome, Wayne Bredehoft, Eldon Peck, David Sotutu, Gillian Lloyd,
Shelley Reeves, Gloria Peck, Gary Etchison, Dave Kendall, Valee Wells, Kelly Wells.

Mayor Barthlome stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the Sewer Rate Increase.

Mayor Barthlome called for comments from those present. The following citizen commented:

Gloria Peck, 130 S 7th E. Asked where the city council got the amount of the sewer increase and commented that it is more than a 5% increase. Mayor Barthlome explained that previously some commercial businesses were paying a lower rate than other businesses and residential customers. The city council decided that it would be best to raise everyone to the same rate and raise the sewer rate \$1.00 at the same time. The rate will be raised \$1.00 per year for the next five years making a total of a \$6.00 rate increase over the next 6 years. The money from the rate increase will be set aside to help offset costs of a Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade in the future. The increase is more than 5% so that is the reason for the public hearing.

Mayor Barthlome called for comments from the City Council. There were no comments from the council.

Councilmember Peck made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Councilmember Sotutu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Grace City Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PRESENT: Mayor: Jackie Barthlome
Councilmembers: Gillian Lloyd, David Sotutu, Eldon Peck
Clerk: Shelley Reeves
Superintendent: Wayne Bredehoft**

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Kendall, Gloria Peck, Deputy Adam Mabey, Valee Wells, Kelly Wells, Gary Etchison

Mayor Barthlome called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember Sotutu gave the invocation.

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Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 6, 2016 were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes of 4/6/16 was made by Councilmember Peck. Councilmember Sotutu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$965.47 and payroll in the amount of \$9869.35 were reviewed for payment approval. Councilmember Lloyd moved that the bills and payroll be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Peck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Kendall reported on the Fire Department. He reported that 4 firemen had attended a co-training with the county on a Bureau of Land Management refresher course. Superintendent Bredehoft reported that the batteries on the 6-wheeler had been replaced so it was up and running and ready to go if needed.

Superintendent Bredehoft reported that he had approved the following setting permits:

Permit # 2016-4, Chuck Watson, 452 E 4th N, Shed

Permit # 2016-5, Steve Rigby, 380 S 3rd W, Addition to shop

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Sheriff Candidate Kelly Wells. Mr. Wells had previously sent the city council his bio information so he asked the city council if they had any questions for him. The council asked him his feeling on the jail. He explained that he had worked in several jails and that while they don't make money for the county that they do save on time that the deputies would have to put into transports and booking. He feels that if the jail is run efficiently that it is an asset to the county. He was asked how he would deal with the friction between the Soda Springs Police Department and the County Sheriff's department. He explained some of his background and how he has worked on building teams in other departments he has worked for. He explained that he had grown up in Soda Springs and always called Caribou County home no matter where he lived and would love the opportunity to come back and serve as the Caribou County Sheriff. Mayor Barthlome thanked him for coming.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Sheriff Candidate Gary Etchison. Mr. Etchison introduced himself and his reason for running for Sheriff. He told the city council that he had been a Caribou County Sheriff Officer for 34 years and a lifetime Idaho resident. He has a degree in law enforcement. He agreed with Mr. Wells that the jail is a necessity. He stated that if elected he wouldn't change the personnel in the Sheriff's office.

Councilmember Sotutu moved that the council suspend the rule requiring that a resolution be read on three separate occasions. Councilmember Lloyd seconded the motion. Clerk Reeves read the resolution raising the sewer rate to \$25.00 for all citizens and commercial customers and raising the rate by \$1.00 per year for the next 5 years. Councilmember Lloyd moved to accept the resolution as read. Councilmember Peck seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Peck – yea, Councilmember Sotutu – yea Councilmember Lloyd-yea. The roll call vote was unanimous. The resolution will be numbered 2016-1.

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New playground equipment was discussed. The grant that Councilmember Sotutu applied for won't be decided on until June and the money won't be given out until August. So the city council decided that for this year they would purchase the rock wall that Superintendent Bredehoft found in Hyde Park, Utah for \$12,000.00 and the expression swings. Then next year if the grant was awarded to the city they would replace the merry-go-round with a handicap accessible merry-go-round. Councilmember Lloyd moved to purchase the rock wall and expression swings. Councilmember Sotutu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Lloyd moved to approve donating \$25.00 for the printing of the senior pictures in the Caribou County Sun. Councilmember Peck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Placing an ad for the graduation seniors with KBRV radio for \$30.00 for 30 days was also discussed. The council decided against placing that ad.

The Pocatello Transit District donation of \$100.00 was discussed. Councilmember Sotutu moved to donate \$100.00 to the Pocatello Transit District. Councilmember Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilmember Peck voting no.

Superintendent Bredehoft reported that the county had donated its old ambulance to the city to use as a truck for the sewer camera. He also reported that the gear shift on the loader needs replaced and he has ordered the parts. He will be getting patching material from the county and start patching as soon as the weather permits.

Superintendent Bredehoft reported that the county extended clean-up week to two weeks this year. It will be from May 2-16.

Deputy Mabey from the Caribou County Sheriff's office reported that they are continuing to do property watches while people are gone for the winter or high risk areas. A problem that had been reported in the north part of the city has been getting better. He asked if the city would like to use the radar sign on any streets in the city. The city council agreed that by the canal on Center Street would be a good place to put it.

Clerk Reeves reported that a budget hearing date needed to be set before April 30. Councilmember Peck moved to set the budget hearing date for August 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Sotutu reported that at the public meeting on the comprehensive plan that he was approached by several people about a splash pad. The City of Preston just put one in and he called them to find out about it. He found out that it was put in by a group, that wasn't affiliated with the city, who raised the funds necessary to put it in. The City of Preston donated the land in the city park and donated the water. The maintenance and upkeep will also be turned over to the city.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Shelley Reeves
CLERK

APPROVED

Jackie Bartholome
MAYOR

May 4, 2016
DATE