

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF DALTON GARDENS JANUARY 7, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE @ 6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilmembers Chase, O'Brien – via zoom, Wuest and Craft. Also present were Attorney Caitlin Kling, Rand Wichman – City Planner and Valerie Anderson, City Clerk.

The pledge was recited and led by Attorney Kling.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was received.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 1, 2020. Councilmember Chase seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft - yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to approve the financial statement from December 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020 and the claims so listed. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MIKE WHITE ALU – 6263 N. 17th STREET

This item was table until the February 4, 2021 Council meeting.

APPROVAL TO DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN WORK ON ANNEXIATION OF PROPERTIES

The council discussed the properties which will be looked into for annexation into the city and determined to have the City Planner and the City Attorney start looking into the process and cost. The first one will be the ROW on Dalton Ave. and the other properties discussed were in the area of City Impact. Councilmember Wuest stated that letters should be sent to the property owners, zone amendments and the Future Land Map all would need to be updated.

Councilmember Chase made a motion to divide this action item into two separate items with the approval of Dalton Ave. right-of-way being the first one to work on and then contact the property owners on Totten Lane by letter to see if they are interested in coming into the city. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

Rand Wichman – City Planner gave his monthly report in which he informed the council that the Planning & Zoning Commission will have a public hearing on the small cell ordinance amendments on the 28th of January, 2021. He reported that he has a Special Use permit for a business in the commercial district on Aqua Circle which will go to the P & Z in February. He is working on the park reservation fee schedule for the council to review and will be in contact with Mike Schmidt to resolve the Ron Ross case.

APPROVAL OF PAVEMENT CUT POLICY

Councilmember Craft made a motion to approve the pavement cut policy. Councilmember Wuest seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SNOW PLOW POLICY FOR CITY

Councilmember Craft made two additions to the policy which was read into the record. Councilmember Wuest made a motion to approve the snow plow policy with the additions read by Councilmember Craft. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FORD 2021 SNOW PLOW TRUCK

Councilmember Craft gave presentation of the specifications for the new snow plow truck which is a Ford F450. The cost of the truck and the additional charge options for the truck is \$38,560.00.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to approve the purchase of the snow plow truck not to exceed the price of \$38,560.00 and to check with Dave Smith Motors on a cost before purchase. Councilmember Chase seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CARES ACT FUNDING MEETING DECEMBER 30, 2020

Councilmember Wuest opened the discussion on the meeting which was held on the 30th of December in stating that the council did not have ample time to review the documents and felt that decisions were made without having the proper information. He stated that he had talked to the State Controller's Office and that the council could select which items they wanted to approve. As they were told the funds were all or none by the Deputy Clerk and the Mayor. The city would have 90 days to approve the funds and order the equipment and pay for it within this time period. The council discussed the software program which was included in the funding packet and stated that the city should look into something which is not going to cost the city 13,500 a year in fees.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to have legal counsel contact Open Gov to get out of the contract which was signed by the Mayor on the 30th of December if not to have a workshop to assign a project manager to work with OpenGov to get this process set up. Councilmember Chase seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – no, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried 3 to 1

The council also discussed the items on the Best Buy wish list which included the I-pad for the Code Enforcement to use in the field and the new computers for the city office.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to remove the I-pad and attachments from the purchase and apply the funds to a second computer for the city office. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - no, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried 3 to 1

The council approved the new phone system, chairs, security cameras and computers for the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b): To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charge brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 8:35. Councilmember Chase seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase - yes, Councilmember O'Brien – no, Councilmember Wuest - yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF ACTION RELATED TO BUDGETED EMPLOYEE WAGES

Attorney Kling stated that this item would be tabled until the regular council meeting in February in order for research to be done.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Edwards reported that he had met with the new sheriff and deputy and is working on some options for law enforcement in the city. He will meet with next month to discuss further details. He also gave the public the details on the Sheriff report for November 2020.

Councilmember Wuest had no report.

Councilmember O'Brien reported that he was gotten two bids for park maintenance contract and will be on the agenda for approval in February.

Councilmember Chase had no report.

Councilmember Craft reported that the snow plow season is going well and he will look into load limits for the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WAS REOPENED BY THE MAYOR

Andy Smith – 6871 Mt. Carrol – He commented on the annexation listed on the agenda and no documents on the website for review, he stated that more staff reports should be put back on the agenda so citizens know what is going on in other areas of the city, he also commented on the CARES Act Funding. If we applied for a grant with specific items under the CARES Fund Act, and it was approved, he does not understand why we are challenging what we applied for. He pays taxes and wants to see his tax dollars applied to Dalton Gardens.

Sheena Kerfoot – 764 Prairie Ave. – She was disappointed in the decision to not fully utilize the CARES Act Funding. Our City is behind in technology. She wants us to keep up with the modern world. She hopes that we would do so.

Sue Supp – 7024 16th Street – She stated that the CARES Act Funding is on a short time schedule and that we should look at the terms and conditions of software and the specifications for professional services, travel expenses, meetings and the fees on yearly bases.

Vernon Church – 7651 Mt. Carrol – He asked questions about the annexation of properties and how it goes along with the Comprehensive Plan. He also asked about the deer survey on the website to count deer.

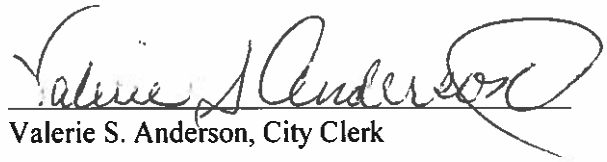
Mayor Edwards read the public comment presented to the city: Diane Lamarca – 6815 N. 16th Street – She stated no to hunting of deer in the city limits and stated that she enjoyed the wildlife in the area. She believed that the hunting would cause more problems in the further.

Public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Dan Edwards, Mayor



Valerie S. Anderson, City Clerk