



## **STAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 4, 2020

### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Star City Council was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Star City Hall, 10769 W. State Street in Star, Idaho. Mayor Trevor Chadwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. ROLL CALL:**

Council Present: David Hershey, Michael Keyes, Jennifer Salmonsens.

Council Absent: Kevin Nielsen.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Keyes moved to approve the agenda. Hershey seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Keyes moved to approve the consent agenda. Hershey seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC INPUT:**

#### **A) Presentation:**

##### ***Southwest Idaho Business Alliance***

Mike Olsen, founding member and President, and Matt Vraspir, Vice President, presented a donation of \$1500 to be used toward the purchase of adaptive needs play equipment for Blake Park, to help make the park more inclusive for those with adaptive needs. They also raised \$1400 to be donated to injured Eagle Police Officer Brandon Austin. Funds were raised in part from a Cornhole Tournament. Hershey commended SWIBA for shining a light and bringing awareness to the Outreach-Foodbank and mentioned that donations are up due to this exposure.

#### **B) Committee Reports:**

##### ***Star Pathways and Beautification Committee***

Matt Vraspir reported that the dog park is continuing to go forward. The Mayor mentioned the \$5000 grant received from the Realtors Association for the dog park and said the park is under design and they hope to get it rolled out along with the Pavilion Park. The project of creating utility box displays has been put on hold for now. The committee has adjusted the way they are doing their Quarterly Service Award recognition and are opening it up to the public for nominations. They plan to have it approved by August 18. They are still planning to do their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Make Star Shine" in November. They will be starting a project to see the City of Star's pathways connected. The Mayor mentioned that our Comprehensive plan talks about having interconnected pathways so this will be a priority. They are also working on creating a Beautification Development Guideline.

##### ***Activities Committee***

The Mayor mentioned that the Hometown Celebration on August 22<sup>nd</sup> was canceled.

##### ***Transportation Committee***

Keyes reported that the committee has been attending the CICAC Capital Improvement Citizens Advisory Committee meetings. They have been working with Canyon Highway District 4, going through the process to implement impact fees on the Canyon County side of the city which should be implemented about the first of

the calendar year. They are also undergoing a review of the Integrated 5-year Work Plan draft document that ACHD sent for our input.

**C) Public Input:**

**Denice VanDoren** – She expressed appreciation for the efforts the City has put in to improve Star. She wanted to know the status on Heron River. The Mayor replied that it has not been deeded yet, but the goal is next summer to be deeded with a plan in place. She also complimented us on the River House project as well.

**6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) Public Hearing – 2020-2021 Budget:**

Mayor Chadwick gave a Power Point presentation detailing the 2020-2021 Budget, including the City's Savings, Revenue, Expenses, Property Tax, Sales & Use Tax, Franchise Revenue, General Licenses, Scholarships, Events, Grants, Court Fines, Building Revenue, Impact Fee/Proportionate Share, Land Use Revenue, Recreation, General Revenue, Miscellaneous, Unrestricted Funds, Personnel, Bank Services, Legal, General Office, Insurance, Subscription & Fees, Professional Services, Professional Dues, PR/Marketing & Committees, Utilities & Land Use-Bond Returns, Building Expenses, Parks Development, Plans, Buildings & Grounds, Animal Control, Law Enforcement, Capital, Signs, Streetlight Repair & Interfund Transfer.

**Public Testimony:**

**Teresa Tinsley**, 10459 W Achillea, Star ID 83669. She appreciates the time and effort put into breaking down the budget to be more transparent than past years. She asked if there was an inventory for the maintenance department. The Mayor replied that we will be getting new inventory tracking software that is expected to be in place by the end of the year. The Mayor said he would send her the presentation to help with a question she had about Capital. She inquired about wood surface maintenance, with the cost being the same as last year. The Mayor explained that wood surfaces need to be continually maintained. She also questioned a cost for changing bulbs. The Mayor said he would research to see if that cost was something more extensive.

**Denice VanDoren**, 11071 W Frost St, Star ID 83669. She echoed Tinsley's comments with appreciation for how the budget is formatted. She had questions on how we handle the money from the Quit Claim Deed and COVID funds and the Mayor explained how they fit into the budget. She asked about Republic Services' increases and The Mayor and Hershey answered with the process and our contract with them. VanDoren asked about the Code Enforcement position and The Mayor said they are going to see if the City Planner 2 position might be able to take that on before we hire additional staff. She questioned the Building Inspector cost and if we considered making that a staff position. The Mayor explained the costs and dynamics of the inspection process.

**Daphne Sosa**, 12596 W Kempshire Court, Star ID 83669. She expressed appreciation for the Police and for our resolution to be a Sanctuary City. She was concerned about water issues and wanted to be assured that our inspectors were doing a thorough job in their inspections. She asked if the dog park going to have a fence. The Mayor answered that it would and added that the plan was to have separate areas for small and large dogs. Sosa asked if we had funds and plans to add more trees to Star. The Mayor responded that our updated code included adding more types of trees. She also offered to volunteer her help in planting trees.

Keyes asked if The Mayor could briefly go through the new numbering system and explain why it's changed this next year. The Mayor responded that it is more aligned with accounting principles with the Association of Idaho Cities and provides more exact costs.

The Mayor closed the hearing and went into deliberations. Each of the Council expressed their appreciation for the effort and transparency that went into this budget and their support. Keyes moved to approve the budget. Hershey seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**B) Resolution 20-03 Reserving the Foregone Amount**

Keyes moved to approve the resolution. Salmonsens seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**C) Resolution 20-05 Quit Claim Deed**

Hershey moved to approve the resolution. Keyes seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Jake Vogt, Star Chief of Police** – Talked about clean up at the River Walk. They will have a crew come out next Tuesday to clean up.

**Hershey** – The Fire Department meeting is next week. He encouraged the public to check out the new Fire Station. The Foodbank is going well and getting more donations. The Solid Waste Committee is not meeting at this time.

**Keyes** – Deferred to his earlier comments.

**Salmonsens** – No updates but expressed support for the tough decision to cancel the Hometown Celebration.

**Mayor Chadwick** – 960 Main bids are Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at City Hall and they will have contracts in place next week to approve.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Meredith Hudson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Trevor A. Chadwick, Mayor