SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

WALLACE, IDAHO

April 30, 2020

Mayor Mogensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held telephonically due to the Governor’s stay-at-home order.

**Roll Call:** Council members present: David DeRoos; Elmer Mattila; Rick Shaffer; Michele Bisconer and Dean Cooper. Council members absent: Heather Branstetter.

**Business:**

**Approve Gateway Project – Jim Roletto, City Engineer (*Action Item*) –** Mayor Mogensen stated that this project started back in 2016 with council member Sanborn. Discussion held on the City’s match. Jim Roletto, city engineer, recapped the project. This project is being done under ITD’s Transportation Alternative Program and is for pedestrian movement. The project consists of connecting pedestrians from the Visitor’s Center, Conoco and Wallace Inn to the walking/bike path. The project also includes placement of pedestrian crossing signs in front of the school and placement of a “rapid repeater” by the Hico. Jim also stated there are sidewalk improvements and an ADA ramp he would like addressed under this project. National Native American Construction (NNAC) bid on the project. The bid was within budget, and the duration of the project is about a month. Jim said there will need to be coordination with the State for the “rail” project they are doing. Council member Cooper asked if this project includes the solar speed signs. Jim Roletto stated that is under a different grant. The City has that funding and has purchased those signs, but now the issue is where to place them. Mayor Mogensen stated she would like the record to reflect that council member Cooper is present. Discussion held on placement options for the speed signs, speed limit and timeline for this project. Jim Roletto is going to get an update on the ITD project. Council member DeRoos asked about the bids that were received. Jim Roletto responded that the City received only one bid and the base bid was $63,189. Discussion held on base bid and alternate bid. Council member Bisconer made a motion to accept NNAC’s bid to move forward with the Gateway Project. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Discuss** **waiving interest charges for 1st Quarter sewer bills (*Action Item*) –** Discussion held on waiving first quarter interest charges on sewer bills due to City Hall being closed. Mayor Mogensen stated the City’s sewer fund is in a good position to do this. Council member Cooper stated he thinks the City should waive the charges. Council member Mattila stated he also believes the charges should be waived. Council member Bisconer asked what the total dollar amount would be and if the city could be reimbursed for this. The Clerk responded this expense was not included in the estimate given to the State for reimbursement, and as far as the budget we are over our projected revenue for this line item. Council member Shaffer asked what the project amount is. The Clerk responded that looking at the budget the City has already received $6,200 in revenue for interest, which is over the $5,000 that was budgeted for. Council member Shaffer asked what the forgiveness amount would be. The Clerk responded a couple thousand dollars. Council member Mattila made a motion to waive interest charges for the first quarter on the sewer bills. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Shaffer stated this should be reported to the paper.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Mattila made the motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by Council member DeRoos. All Ayes. Carried.

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Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

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Kristina Larson

City Clerk/Treasurer