

January 3, 2023

This special meeting of the Jerome City Council was called to order by Mayor Davis at 5:00 p.m. While council chambers were open to the public, the meeting was also held by teleconference and the public was encouraged to continue with social distancing. The video conference was conducted via Zoom and was made available to all members of the public in a format that allowed all participants to hear the meeting, including all deliberations by members of the Council and other speakers addressing the council, whether in person or via virtual connection, and to comment if so desired, all of which was noted in the agenda, email, and notices at council chambers and on the city's website.

Present: Mayor David M. Davis, Councilman Chris Barber, Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson, and Councilman Bryan Craig. Councilman Jason Peterson joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, City Administrator Mike Williams, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, and Police Chief Duane Rubink.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Davis led the audience in recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

POLICE STATION TOUR:

The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m. for a follow-up tour of the new police station. The meeting reconvened at 5:36 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 regular meeting

Councilman Barber made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Craig, and Councilman Barber. **NAYS:** None.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Craig inquired about a grate near Maverik that is coned off but potentially impeding traffic on the northeast corner of Lincoln and Avenue C. Mr. Williams stated he would speak with Public Works Director Brian Ahrens about it.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams stated the legislative session will be starting soon, and he will provide summaries of activities to the Council. A chaotic and lengthy session is anticipated with the number of new members coming in. Upon inquiry by Councilman Barber, Mr. Williams stated there is uncertainty with how urban renewal agencies (URA's) will be affected with new legislation. Legislation regarding property tax bill provisions has been honored thus far, and Mr. Williams expects that the current Speaker of the House, Representative Moyle, will continue to honor the provisions. Mr. Williams noted the first few weeks of the session will show little

activity as members are settling into their positions. He spoke of Jack Nelson's support, and Councilman Craig is hopeful the URA's will not be affected this coming year. Mr. Williams commented on the positive URA activities over the last few years including financing for downtown Area 3 and amending Area 5 to bring in additional acres to the park project.

The next Council agenda may include a discussion on the 10th Street tank project, and Mr. Williams stated no responsive bids were received in a timely manner; Peterson Brothers submitted one bid past the deadline and it was significantly higher than the estimate for the project. The project may be done in phases, and a generator will be needed for emergency power.

Mr. Williams confirmed with Ms. Coderniz that those who are planning attend the City Officials Day at the Capitol on January 26th have been registered for the event.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis regarding additional funds for projects, John Kaden with J-U-B Engineers stated cities could see another round of funding based on need and the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) intended use for funding. He spoke of a letter of intent for water projects and plans to meet with Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Williams stated May 26th is the anticipated entry date to the new police station rather than mid-June. Upon inquiry by Councilman Craig, Chief Rubink stated he is meeting with the contractor this week to get the interior furnishings design started. Mr. Williams concluded by stating he sent out a lengthy project list for Council to review, and any questions pertaining to the list should be directed to him.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this January 3, 2023 special meeting of the Jerome City Council at 5:44 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk