

This regular meeting of the Jerome City Council was called to order by Mayor Davis at 5:30 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 Jason Peterson, Councilman Brent "Oop" Johnson, and Council Bryan Craig. Councilman Chris Barber joined by teleconference.

Also present were staff members: City Clerk Bernadette Coderniz, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Attorney Ted Larsen, City Engineer Tyson Carpenter, Public Works Director Brian Ahrens, Building Official Dave Richey, Wastewater Superintendent Gilbert Sanchez, IS Director Carlos Hernandez, Finance Director Ross Hyatt, Accounting and Budget Manager Lori McCrae, Library Director Linda Mecham, Human Resources Manager Esmeralda Chavez, City Planner Ervina Covcic, Fire Chief Mike Harrison, Police Chief Dan Hall and Police Chief Duane Rubink.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

INVOCATION:

An invocation was given by Burke Higley, Member of the Jerome Idaho Stake High Council with the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

PUBLIC HEARING:

This being the time and place published to consider a request from Endurance Holdings, LLC c/o Sophia Durham for a Rezone from Neighborhood Business (C-1) to Residential 2 (R-2), on the property located at Tax 2174890 of SESE Jerome Unplatted (SE 12-8-16), more commonly known as northwest corner of North Lincoln and 16th Avenue West, Jerome, Idaho, approximately 38.70 acres, the Chair called the public hearing open at 5:32 p.m. and briefly reviewing the procedures that will be followed.

Staff Presentation:

Ms. Chavez stated the property in question was annexed into the City of Jerome in 2005. At the time of annexation, two zones were assigned to the property. The majority of the land was zoned Residential 2 with a portion zoned Neighborhood Business (C-1). The Jerome Municipal Code does not allow multiple zones on a single lot, and the applicant is requesting a rezone from Neighborhood Business (C-1) to Residential 2 (R-2) to have the entire parcel of land with the same zoning. Regarding adjacent land uses, property to the north is zoned Area of Impact/residential; to the south is residential and neighborhood business; to the east is residential; and to the west is residential. Ms. Chavez stated the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map designates the current parcel as Residential Medium and Commercial, and noted the existing land use is agricultural. A public hearing was held before the Planning & Zoning

Commission (P&Z) on February 8, 2022, and Ms. Chavez noted there was one public testimony in favor and two in opposition citing concerns for increased traffic that may arise due to future growth and development on the property. There was no neutral testimony, and the P&Z recommended approval of the rezone request

Applicant Testimony:

Engineer Tim Vawser with EHM Engineers appeared before Council on behalf of the applicant. He stated the parcel was recently purchased by the applicant with the intent to have a residential development consisting of single-family homes. The existing zoning would require a Special Use Permit, and after discussions it was decided to rezone the entire parcel as residential to keep with the surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Vawser addressed concerns from the P&Z hearing regarding duplexes on the property and stated that the intent is to build single-family residential homes with an open space for water retention. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Vawser stated that the currently plans are for 142 residential lots and two open space lots. Councilman Peterson inquired about the open space lots, and Mr. Vawser stated one will be for water retention and the other will be grassed and potentially used as a small park. Additionally, a Homeowner's Association will own and maintain these open spaces.

There was no testimony in favor, neutral nor in opposition to the request. There being no further testimony to be heard, the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 5:39 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1207, BILL NO. 692 REZONE, INTRODUCTION:

Councilman Barber sponsored the bill.

Councilman Barber made the motion to suspend the rules pertaining to the reading of the bill on three separate occasions and have the clerk read three times by title only to constitute three readings. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, Councilman Barber, and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

The clerk read Bill No. 692 three times by title only to constitute three separate readings. The ordinance in full is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1207
BILL NO. 692**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO AMENDING THE CITY OF JEROME ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP BY ZONING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN, IN THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO FROM NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS (C-1) TO RESIDENTIAL - 2 (R-2); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

The property to be rezoned is more particularly described as:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO.

Section 12: A parcel of land located in the SE ¼ SE ¼, described as follows:

Being the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Jerome County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 12;

Thence, along the South Boundary of said SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, North 89°12'13" West 40.00 feet to the to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence, continuing along said South Boundary, North 89°12'13" West 1278.73 feet to the Southwest corner thereof;

Thence, along the West Boundary of said SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, North 00°18'04" East 1318.54 feet to the Northwest corner thereof;

Thence, along the North Boundary of said SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, South 89°11'34" East 1278.45 feet to a point along the North Boundary thereof;

Thence, parallel with the East Boundary of said SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, South 00°17'20" West 1318.30 feet to said REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing approximately 38.70 acres.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to notice on the 8th day of February, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the Jerome City Council was held on the ordinance, pursuant to notice, on the 15th day of February, 2022;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of Jerome, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1. The following real property in the City of Jerome, County of Jerome, State of Idaho is hereby zoned Residential - 2 (R-2):

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO.

Section12: A parcel of land located in the SE ¼ SE ¼, described as follows:

Being the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Jerome County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

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Thence, along the South Boundary of said SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, North 89°12'13" West 40.00 feet to the to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

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Containing approximately 38.70 acres.

Section 2. The official zoning map of the City of Jerome is hereby amended to comply with Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 15th day of February, 2022.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 15th day of February, 2022.

CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Barber made the motion to adopt Bill No. 692 as Ordinance No. 1207 rezoning the property as described from Neighborhood Business (C-1) to Residential 2 (R-2). Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, Councilman Barber, and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Those items contained in the consent calendar are as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 31, 2022 Special Meeting, January 31 Executive Session, and February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Monthly Department Reports
3. Approve Claims

20-20 Autoglass \$323.84, Accu Sales/Keller Kustoms \$200.00, Ag Express Inc \$2,598.87, Air St. Luke's \$4,140.00, Amazon Capital Services \$654.17, Applied Concepts Inc. \$3,689.50, Argo Company \$732.18, Arnold Machinery Company \$21.88, Association of Idaho Public Works \$40.00, Badger Meter \$689.75, Bison Pipe & Supply LLC \$265.65, Boise Office Equipment \$600.84, Bound Tree Medical \$53.90, Brodart Company \$483.60, B-Z Plumbing \$160.74, Callen Refrigeration LLC \$1,166.00, CDW Government Inc. \$2,512.64, Center Point Large Print \$91.68, Century Link \$1,696.96, Centurylink Business Services \$43.67, Chad Sombke PhD PC \$800.00, Chase Paymenttech \$1,747.35, Cintas Corporation \$1,489.08, City of Jerome \$565,235.98, Con Paulos Inc. \$1,230.43, Consolidated Electrical Dist. \$108.06, Crozier Coachworks \$1,500.00, Culligan Soft Water Service \$72.45, D & B Supply \$1,628.91, Dash Medical Gloves \$158.90, Dewitt Diesel Inc \$4,459.68, Dig Line Inc \$111.70, Dodson Holdings LLC \$75.71, Ednetics Inc \$76.36, Element Heating and Cooling Inc \$116.50, Eric Ettesvold or VM Properties \$151.74, Farmore of Idaho \$448.07, Fastenal Company \$1,238.13, Fife Water Services \$650.00, First Federal Bank \$3,071.14, Floyd Lilly Co \$52.11, Fred Kenyon Repair Inc. \$954.59, Freedom Electric Inc. \$1,612.25, Freedom Mailing Services Inc \$2,134.57, Gem State Welder's Supply \$462.45, Go-Fer It Express \$360.00, Grainger \$410.88, Greatamerica Financial Services \$165.00, Grover Electric & Plumbing \$148.60, H.W. Lochner Inc \$10,368.33, Hach Company \$140.38, Haffners Lock and Key \$194.95, Harvey's Office Plus \$230.22, High Desert Bobcat \$60.00, Home Depot Credit Services \$155.74, Hydro Specialties Company \$14,065.92, ID Rural Water Association \$1,180.00, Idaho

Chief's of Police Assn \$500.00, Idaho Power Co. \$69,422.84, Idaho State Police \$1,931.25, Ingram Book Company \$662.98, Intermountain Gas Company \$10,838.42, International Code Council Inc. \$145.00, Interstate Battery System Id \$225.90, Interstate Billing Service Inc \$2,553.34, Jerome 20/20 \$20,000.00, Jerome Chamber of Commerce \$55.00, Jerome City Water Department \$571.73, Jerome County \$12,124.31, Jerome Dairy Queen/Dee Haycock \$345.31, Jerome Recreation District \$490.00, J-U-B Engineers Inc. \$298.50, Katie Elliott \$24.92, Keller Associates Inc \$69,547.00, Kenworth Sales Company \$58.56, Lazaro H Hernandez \$70.02, Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc \$1,881.78, Lexisnexis Risk Solutions \$32.50, Lombard-Conrad Architects P.C. \$83,340.15, Magic Valley Hydraulics & Repair LLC \$411.63, Magic Valley Labs \$22,654.12, Mary Ralls \$94.16, Mason's Trophies & Gifts \$19.00, McHugh Bromley PLLC \$728.38, Metroquip Inc. \$317.64, MHL Systems \$1,026.00, Mike's Repair \$121.49, Minert & Associates Inc. \$45.00, Mountainland Supply Company \$1,152.81, Munimetrix Systems Corp. \$89.98, MWI Veterinary Supply \$770.42, Napa Auto Parts \$333.59, Pacificsource Administrators \$1,727.21, Pet Waste Eliminator \$48.99, PMC Engineering LLC \$2,088.60, Pow-R Mole Sales LLC \$24,854.41, Productivity Plus Account \$2,516.67, Pro-Flame Inc \$99.45, Project Mutual Telephone \$322.94, PSI Environmental Services Inc \$22,370.50, Quadient Finance USA Inc \$2,029.00, Rain for Rent Inc. \$28,117.75, Rainbow Book Company \$55.85, Ridley's Food & Drug \$184.29, Riverside Trailers Jerome \$608.00, Ronnie Burks or Linda Morrey \$143.84, Saltworx Inc \$8,851.88, Sawtooth Veterinary Services \$465.00, Sherwin-Williams \$199.29, Signed Sealed & Delivered \$995.24, Silversky Inc - Dept 106071 \$2,269.72, SKM Inc. \$312.50, Something More \$53.54, Southern Idaho Fire Academy \$100.00, Southern Idaho Solid Waste \$1,278.27, Stotz Equipment \$1,589.79, Sweet's Septic & Backhoe Inc. \$390.00, Terminix Processing Center \$83.00, Thatcher Company \$35,981.42, Times News \$762.33, T-Mobile \$245.81, Tore Up \$224.00, Traffic Safety Supply Co Inc \$3,535.43, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc. \$170.54, Tri-State Tire Jerome \$59.95, Trojan UV \$7,786.00, U.S. Bank Equipment Finance \$1,843.36, US Bank Credit Card \$9,869.45, USA Bluebook \$5,171.93, Valerie K Obryan \$63.19, Valley Office Systems \$135.16, Valley Wide Cooperative \$42,928.98, Verizon Wireless \$3,478.86, Viewu \$299.00, Westec \$618.75, Western States Equipment \$5,695.25, Western Waste Services \$807.02, Williams Meservy & Larsen LLP \$12,856.42, Wolverton Homes \$35.37, Xpress Bill Pay \$1,170.63, Zachary B Morgan \$40.46, Zions Bank Public Financial Services \$56,209.53, Zions First National Bank \$322,294.50.

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 Craig, Councilman Barber, and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

OATH OF OFFICE – PATROL OFFICER:

Mayor Davis administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Joshua Gonzalez. Chief Hall stated that Officer Gonzalez previously worked for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office for approximately seven years and that he will be a great asset to the City of Jerome.

SOUTHERN IDAHO TOURISM UPDATE:

Executive Director Melissa Barry appeared before Council to provide the annual report and update of Southern Idaho Tourism (SIT) activities. She stated there has been a natural desire to visit Idaho and that no big tourism campaigns were done this last year. Ms. Barry provided statistics for tourism in Region IV and noted that lodging collections increased 50.37% from 2020 to 2021. She also provided statistics on Jerome and Jerome County and stated the major investments in Jerome (City and County) include Mermaid Cove, the Second Annual Taco Fest (which is now cancelled for 2022 but can hopefully be hosted by another entity), the Minidoka National Historic Site and numerous blog posts, photos and media coverage. Ms. Barry spoke of

product development including the Broken Bridge project and the need for alternative funding for the project; the Snake River Canyons Park (Ms. Barry participates in an advisory role at this time); and, the clean-up and destination apps. The clean-up app helps keep graffiti and trash to a minimum by allowing citizens to report issues, and the destination app provides information on local restaurants and hotels.

Ms. Barry stated that SIT also assists Jerome 20/20 and provides grant-writing services when needed. She reviewed the spring and summer campaign and spoke of the Fall Fam tour which included visits to the Mountain View Barn and El Sombrero. The SIT Board has agreed to expand beyond outdoor recreation and will be looking to promote culture, arts and entertainment; outdoor recreation is minimal during the winter months. Activity-driven campaigns include mountain biking, hiking, cave explorations, etc. She stated that the website visitsouthidaho.com had 1.09 million page views and SIT has followers on Facebook and Instagram. SIT utilizes funding through the Idaho Regional Travel and Convention Grant Program to implement their programs and services, and the grant of \$405,000 requires a cash match of \$56,467 (funds that come from investments from cities and counties along with partnerships and fundraising efforts). Upon inquiry by Mayor Davis, Ms. Barry explained the clean-up app and stated it tracks where trash is displaced; the app was originally developed in order to document and clean up graffiti. Councilman Craig inquired about the app and mentioned Rotary work at Yingst Grade. Ms. Barry stated the app functions with pictures and geotags to identify specific areas of concern.

JEROME 20/20 UPDATE:

Executive Director Larry Hall appeared before Council to provide a quarterly update on activities. He noted that Jan Rogers has joined Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization (SIEDO), and he spoke of onboarding (partnerships with other entities) for True West Beef and other projects. Mr. Hall stated his goal is to give every business access to valuable resources. True West will begin production next fall with approximately 260 head of cattle at first and slowly increasing to 500 head. Construction of the facility has been ongoing, and Council will be notified when a tour of the facility becomes available in April.

Emerge Scoular will begin operations in March, and Western Dairy Transport is also under construction. Nelson-Jameson will begin construction in the spring and signage has been placed at the site to advertise the project. The timeline for the groundbreaking event is unknown at this time. Mr. Hall also spoke of several housing projects in Jerome, and Jerome 20/20 has been working with investors interested in multi-family homes and apartments. The Visser Building Company is looking to purchase the North Side Canal Company (NSCC) property if the NSCC moves to a facility outside of city limits but within Jerome County.

Mr. Hall spoke of projects within Jerome County including the Northbridge Junction on Highway 93. Investors are building the structures and leasing out to companies; one will be leased by Hempitecture, Inc. The long-term Master Plan for the project will include offices, multi-family homes, and a sports venue, and Mr. Hall stated they are working with staff to ensure there is sufficient water for the project. He also spoke of the Broken Bridge Project and stated he is an advisor for the Snake River Canyon Park Board. The bridge project also includes grade improvements, and he stated that those who visited the area last spring were interested in seeing housing, good schools and recreation in the area. The Broken Bridge area has natural recreation opportunities. A disc and soccer ball golf course is also being pursued on Golf Course Road with approximately \$18,000 ready to fund the 18-hole project. Mr. Hall expects that it will

be ready in early spring. The Ricketts RV Camp Concept is another project and will include RV parking, outdoor facilities and an equestrian area. A grant application was submitted to develop this project; it would be another option for recreation. Mr. Hall has pursued an overlook project for Shoshone Falls which will depend on a lease agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. He wants to include the Snake River Canyon Park group for this development and expects that it could come to fruition in 2024. He provided a map of the project which includes restroom facilities, parking, RV spaces and ADA parking. The overlook would be above the power plant and be higher than the Twin Falls overlook.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22:

Mr. Carpenter spoke of the bid opening results of the Headworks Equipment Pre-Purchase and the one bid received was deemed unresponsive. The resolution allows for staff to procure the equipment on the open market. Mr. Carpenter spoke to the vendor about the bid and terms that were questionable. The completion timeline was a concern for the vendor due to various issues including the supply chain, COVID uncertainties, and liquidated damages associated with the inability to meet the deadline. He feels an agreement can be reached with the vendor, and the proposed resolution allows staff to procure goods on the open market. Upon inquiry by Councilman Johnson, Mr. Carpenter stated the equipment will take approximately eight months to arrive which is the reason for the pre-purchase of the equipment. Additionally, the price proposed was close to what was estimated although the figures were not immediately available. The resolution will allow for the procurement of the equipment but is not paramount to the construction portion of the project.

The clerk read Resolution No. 03-22 in full as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND ACQUISITION OF HEADWORKS GRIT EQUIPMENT, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the bid advertisements for the Wastewater New Headworks Equipment Pre-Purchase were published on December 8, 2021 and December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a public bid opening for the Wastewater New Headworks Equipment Pre-Purchase was held on January 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, only 1 bid was received for Bid Items 2A + 2B and Bid Items 3A + 3B of the Wastewater New Headworks Equipment Pre-Purchase which comprised all of the grit equipment; and

WHEREAS, the only bid received took exception to some the terms and conditions of the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, said bid was deemed non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council voted to reject all bids on January 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 67-2806 (h) states “In its discretion, the governing board or its designee may reject all bids presented and re-bid or, after finding it to be a fact, the governing board may pass a resolution declaring that the subject goods or services can be procured more economically on the open market; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby declare it a fact that the Wastewater New Headworks Grit Equipment can be procured more economically on the open market than through the bidding process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome Idaho, that the aforementioned Wastewater New Headworks grit equipment may be procured more economically on the open market and City Personnel are hereby authorized to pursue such purchase on the open market.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 15th day of February, 2022.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 15th day of February, 2022.

By:
/s/ David M. Davis
David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Bernadette Coderniz
Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Barber made the motion to pass Resolution No. 03-22 for the procurement and acquisition of headworks grit equipment. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Peterson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Craig, Councilman Barber, and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22:

The clerk read Resolution No. 04-22 in full as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE JEROME HOUSING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Title 50-210 of the Idaho Code describes the appointment process and the procedures each municipal corporation is required to follow when considering an individual for an opening on officially recognized boards and commissions, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome is organized under the Mayor/Council form of government and the Mayor serves as the City's Chief Executive Officer, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor is required to make appointments to City-sponsored boards and commissions as terms end and vacancies are created, and;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome as follows:

SECTION 1. JEROME HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

The following individual is appointed as a member of the Jerome Housing Authority to serve a term effective with the date below-written, in accordance with delineation thereof:

Autumn Craig

February 2022 – February 2027

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

Resolution No. 04-22 shall be effective upon its passage as required by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 15th day of February, 2022.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 15th day of February, 2022.

By:

/s/ David M. Davis

David M. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Bernadette Coderniz

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk

Councilman Barber made the motion to pass Resolution No. 04-22, a resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jerome, Idaho, ratifying mayoral appointment for vacancies on various boards and committees officially recognized by the City of Jerome. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Councilman Johnson, Councilman Barber, and Councilman Peterson. **NAYS:** None. Councilman Craig recused himself.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Williams stated the Retirement Open House for Chief Hall will be held at the library on Friday 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and a brief presentation will be held to recognize Chief Hall. The legislative session has been quiet so far. The fix to House Bill 389 has passed through the Senate but has not yet been introduced in the House. If corrected the Urban Renewal Agency can close out Area 2. Mr. Williams stated Michael Arrington is expected to provide an update on the design of and project estimate for the new police station at a future meeting. The update will include costs and challenges expected as part of the project; once the project is bid out, the anticipated construction time is approximately ten months.

Ms. Chavez introduced Ms. Covcic as the new City Planner. Ms. Covcic stated she has worked in economic development for approximately six years and looks forward to working with the City.

Mr. Richey provided an update on Western Dairy Transport (grout on masonry and center walls), Today's Dental (pouring footings tomorrow), and Smiles for Kids (permit approved). He is still receiving house plans and expects another busy year.

Mr. Sanchez stated the cassettes recently purchased are expected to arrive at the end of March.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned this February 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Jerome City Council at 6:29 p.m.

By:

Mayor David M. Davis

Attest:

Bernadette Coderniz, City Clerk