

The regular meeting of the Glendive City Council was held Tuesday, February 16, 2020. Mayor Jerry Jimison called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Avis Anderson, Doug Baker, Leon Baker, Mike Dryden, Betsey Hedrick, Clyde Mitchell and Gerald Reichert. Rhett Coon was absent. Frank Ceane was the only department head present at the meeting. John Hickman, Kevin Dorwart, Todd Opp and Jacquie Silbernagel did not attend the meeting. Others included: Hunter Herbaugh, Ricky Zeimer, Chelsea Zeimer, Margie Deseth, Diane Leath, Cindy Byron, Joe Varriano, Tammy Dinardi and Lloyd Smith.

Mayor Jimison opened the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2020 regular Council meeting; second by L. Baker and the motion carried.

### **Committee Minutes**

#### **Personnel Committee- Wednesday February 10, 2021 at 3:30 PM**

Members present: Mayor, D. Baker, Mitchell, Hedrick. Others: Hunter Herbaugh (Ranger Review

1. **Permission to advertise for Permanent Full Time Dispatch Position.** Chief Hickman would like to advertise for Dispatcher effective February 17, 2021.  
Action: Committee recommends advertising.
2. **Adopt new Training Policy for Glendive Ambulance Service.** Mary Jo is working on upgrading the training policy. She should have it completed soon.  
Action: FYI
3. **Hire Kelly Bowles as City Shop Mechanic 2/11/21.** Background check came back good. Frank offered the job and Kelly accepted.  
Action: Committee recommends hiring retroactive to February 11, 2021
4. **Public Comment-None**  
Adjourned 3:45 Doug Baker, Ward 3

#### **Street Committee February 10, 2021. Meet at 4 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

Attending: Fire Department - Russell Feisthamel, Todd Opp; Council: Avis Anderson, Mike Dryden, Rhett Coon, Clyde Mitchell, Gerry Reichert; Press: Hunter Herbaugh; Public Works Frank Ceane; Visitors: Tammy Dey, Joe Varriano

1. **California Street water drainage.** Frank Ceane reported the Astoria has been closed and there is no communication with the management at this time.
2. **BNSF Walking Underpass maintenance.** There has been no maintenance contract received from BNSF.
3. **Purchase of land for walking/biking path:** Report from Mayor Jimison  
For several years the mayor has been working with Dawson County Economic Development and the BAG group for 11 acres bordering the Yellowstone River and Clough Street which is BNSF property. The area would be used for a continuance of a biking/walking path. The land has not been in use for about 25 years. BNSF communications has given Jones Lasalle Real Estate the land to sell. Aerial maps were available to council members. First is to hire a surveyor and research person. Kevin Dorwart has talked to Interstate Engineering from Sidney. Along with the survey there will need to be an appraisal. When this is done then a price can be determined. Mayor Jimison said \$2 million had been suggested by the real estate company which was declined, respectfully.  
Submitted by Avis Anderson

## FUPR COMMITTEE 2/10/2021

### ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jimison

Council Persons :A. Anderson, R. Coon, M. Dryden, G. Reichert, Clyde Mitchell

Dept. Heads: Public Works Frank Ceane Fire Chief/Asst Chief Todd Opp Russell Feisthamel

Media: Ranger-Review, Hunter Herbaugh

Guests: Tammy Dinardi, Joe Varriano

Duration: 4:17-5:12

### AGENDA

1. **WTP Update:** Public Works Director Ceane stated that the updated WTP "has made water". Water has been run through an updated version of the WTP and the process performed as expected. The water filters still need to be replaced.
  - a. FYI
2. **WTP Change Order #8:** Mayor Jimison brought Change Order #8 to the FUPR Committee for its consideration. The change order, at a cost of \$7,697.00, would provide for electrical modifications to the Lime Slaker Process.
  - a. **ACTION:** FUPR approved change order #8 at an additional cost of \$7,697.00
3. **Disc Golf Course Lloyd Square Park:** Recreation Director Silbernagel, in absentia, presented two alternative proposals for a 9-hole disc golf course in Lloyd Square Park. After discussion, the FUPR Committee indicated support for Proposal #2. No consensus of support for this proposal was reached but it was determined to bring this forward to the Council for its deliberations.
  - a. **ACTION:** FUPR recommended Council deliberations on allowing a 9-hole disc golf course at Lloyd Square Park.
4. **Winchester Place Street Light:** PW Director Ceane recommended a new light pole and streetlight for the cul de sac at Winchester Place in Hillcrest/Georgetown. The cost, approximately \$400.00, would lead to an increase in lighting fee of \$13 per month for this lighting district.
  - a. **ACTION:** FUPR recommends Council approval.
5. **Fire Department Budget Transfer:** Fire Chief Opp requested a \$4000.00 budget transfer from Flooring to Vehicle Repair (Added 1/14/21). The transfer is necessary to cover expenses for repairs to all three fire engines following the annual inspection.
  - a. FUPR recommends approval of budget transfer w/in the Fire Department Budget.
6. **Obtaining Fire Truck:** Chief Opp and Asst. Chief Feisthamel recommended acceptance of a 1995 KME Pumper Fire Truck, a surplus Air Force Fleet Vehicle, that is to be paid for through a DNRC Program. The City is responsible for the cost of transporting the vehicle to Glendive at a cost from approximately \$4200-\$5000. This 1995 vehicle would replace the 1981 Fire Truck.
  - a. **ACTION:** FUPR recommends Council accept 1995 KME Fire Truck and approve using FD CIP Funds to pay the cost of transportation to Glendive.
7. **Billboards on City Property:** No news at this time.
8. **TA Grant:** Mayor requests Council apply for \$5000 MTA Grant for constructing sidewalks along North Merrill as a part of MDT Merrill Ave. Project.
  - a. **ACTION:** FUPR recommends City apply for \$5000.00 TA Grant.
9. **Public Comment:** Councilman Reichert talked of preserving open space in an area (staging area) across from City WTP. This is my interpretation and I apologize for inaccuracy.
10. **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:12
11. **Respectfully submitted Council member Dryden Ward III**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Leath, 31 Highway 16 #144- Stated the Glendive Garden Club is against the disc golf course around the garden area. The garden has been in the park for years and last summer was redone built with the bricks that the people who started the club used. Leath added they don't want is destroyed by kids trampling through it.

Margie Deseth, 913 N. Kendrick- Provided a map to the City Council that showed where the Priscilla Hudson Garden is located inside Lloyd Square Park. According to the proposed disc golf course two of the baskets are in the area of the garden and they are a concern to the garden club members. Deseth clarified that the Club is in favor of a disc golf course but not in the garden area. Anyone who has played frisbee golf knows that many times it goes past the basket, and the concern is people going into the garden as well as the discs destroying the foliage in that area.

Cindy Byron, 918 S. Gallatin Street-Also a member of the Garden Club stated similar concerns about the disc overthrow in the path of the flowers that they have spent so much time and work on. The overthrown discs are not done so intentionally, but overtime would destroy the garden. Byron added as a Glendive resident, she doesn't want to be using the sheltered picnic area on the other side of the park and have to be dodging flying discs and feels this park is the wrong area for the disc golf course. The disc golf discs are heavier than a regular frisbee and fly much further.

Leath had similar concerns with kids playing in the park or running around the area adding that someone could get hurt. Byron stated that even though there are open areas the whole park gets used at different times. Adding a park friendly disc golf is a great idea, but just not in this widely used park. Deseth had one additional comment stating the creek that runs behind the baskets and garden and is a concern she has played frisbee golf and they go everywhere.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Permission to advertise for fulltime dispatcher effective February 17, 2021.** Hedrick moved to approve permission to advertise for fulltime dispatcher effective February 17, 2021; second by D. Baker and the motion carried.

**Approve hiring Kelly Bowles as City shop mechanic effective February 11, 2021.** Hedrick moved to approve hiring Kelly Bowles as City shop mechanic effective February 11, 2021; second by D. Baker and the motion carried.

**Approve hiring Interstate Engineering to survey BNSF rail spur property on Clough Street.** Dryden moved to approve hiring Interstate Engineering to survey BNSF rail spur property on Clough Street; second by Anderson and the motion carried. Hedrick asked what the price would be. Mayor Jimison stated Interstate Engineering is still looking it over. Dryden added that this process is required no matter how land is acquired.

**Approve consulting contract with Great West Engineering for \$1,500.00 for landfill services.** Hedrick moved to approve consulting contract with Great West Engineering for \$1,500.00 for landfill services; second by Dryden and the motion carried. Anderson asked what this contract is for. Public Works Director Ceane answered they are requesting approval from DEQ to use the sludge at the wastewater treatment plant for landfill cover dirt.

**Approve new light pole for lighting district expansion- Winchester Place.** Mitchell moved to approve new light pole for lighting district expansion in Winchester Place; second by L. Baker and the motion carried.

**Approve budget transfer of \$4,000.00 for fire department vehicle repair.** Dryden moved to approve budget transfer of \$4,000.00 for fire department vehicle repair; second by Reichert and the motion carried.

**Approve hiring Great West Engineering for \$5,000.00 to apply for Transportation Alternative Grant for North Merrill Avenue.** Anderson moved to approve hiring Great West Engineering for \$5,000.00 to apply for Transportation Alternative Grant for North Merrill Avenue; second by Reichert and the motion carried.

**Approve using CIP funds to obtain new fire truck.** L. Baker moved to approve using CIP funds to obtain new fire truck; second by Dryden and the motion carried.

**Recommend option #2 for mini disc golf course on a one-year trial basis for Lloyd Square Park.** D. Baker moved to approve option #2 for mini disc golf course on a one-year trial basis for Lloyd Square Park; second by Hedrick. After the motion was made there was considerable discussion by the council before the vote.

Reichert gave some background on the proposal and stated that this topic has been entertained for several meetings now. When this was first brought to the council, the original proposal was to give young kids a chance to play closer to home and learn how to play. Makoshika Park has a course that is fantastic but it is a harder course to play. Those who play often and are more advanced like it and it is a great course. This was brought to the council to give those in town that might not have access or physical ability (compared to the Makoshika terrain) to learn to play in close proximity to where they live. It was also originally proposed as if it didn't fit, could decrease the number of holes. The proposal has grown to a nine-hole course so it can be recognized on the map of available courses. Adding the number of holes is also turning it in to the more advanced players using it. Many of the original holes were north of the tennis courts, there is only three now on the revised plan. Those holes were moved back toward the area of the park that has the basketball court and garden and away from the sheltered picnic area. In addition to that was discussion to remove the basketball and horseshoe pits because they are in such rough shape.

Lloyd Square Park is located in his ward and he goes by the park all summer long. He noticed that it is widely used and one of the busiest parks we have in Glendive. Even though there is nothing in the open green space, it gets used. One example he gave that Jacquie had also referenced in her report was a mother who was jogging around the park edge while watching her kids play on the playground equipment. He has also witnessed people using the basketball courts at different times and added shame on us for not keeping that up. We need to look at repairing the existing activities rather than to take them out because of their current rundown conditions.

Reichert appreciates those that brought this proposal forward and it is a good idea, but he feels uncomfortable trying to cram more activities into that park. As it is proposed he is not in support of the course but would consider the option of fewer holes so they aren't overlapping with existing park space activities. He added he didn't receive any comments from any constituents so he started asking people he saw. The first reaction everyone had to this question was why there? As the proposed accessibility to

kids is nice but that park is widely used in the summer. Some also mentioned getting hit by a disc, and other activities that the park is used for by them.

L. Baker asked if other parks were looked at for possible locations. The other City parks were not large enough but there was one option for a good location in West Glendive. L. Baker added that he supported Reichert's comments.

The tennis courts and swimming pool are activities that are confined by fences. Dryden explained when you are on the tennis court and you get hit by a ball, that comes with the territory because you are other there playing tennis. Same with swimming pool activities in the swimming pool or getting hit by a flying disc on the course at Makoshika. The proposed folf boundaries aren't fenced or a large enough space that prevents overlapping with other existing park areas. Any flying discs out of the designated path could potentially be infringing on those who are using other areas of the park previously mentioned such as the picnic area, garden, basketball hoop, playground equipment and other activities.

Dryden pointed out that Rec Director Silbernagel presented a report that she (an experienced disc golf player) and the Assistant Rec Director Stacy (a novice disc golf player) actually played the proposed course and gave feedback to the council. Dryden mentioned that it is a sport played in fair weather much like most other existing park activities. Restating Reichert's comments about the original proposal intended for kids riding their bike to the park or novice players learning the game with limited holes, Dryden agreed that the space just isn't there for the full nine-hole course. It is a good idea and a good activity for kids but possibly look into another area for this.

The council discussed tabling the motion but that would need to be voted on at the next meeting. Dryden was trying to suggest bringing the topic up at a later date. It was resolved that voting on this motion today and addressing the new details of this same topic if it was brought to the Council in the future.

Hedrick stated she would like to see the FUPR Committee come up with a plan to restore the basketball courts rather than to entertain the idea of removing them. Many area kids use the area and it would be used more if repairs and updates were made to the existing structures. D. Baker suggested going forward with a one-year trial. Public Works Director Ceane pointed out that when Silbernagel played the course they modified it so that it didn't play through the basketball courts.

Anderson called for question. Mayor Jimison asked all council members if they were ready to vote to end the discussion. All Council members voted in favor with the exception of L. Baker voting no to the question. Mayor Jimison proceeded to the vote for the motion of option #2 for mini disc folf course on a one-year trial basis for Lloyd Square Park. The motion failed six to one with D. Baker being the only vote in favor of the motion.

**Accounts Payable Claims: \$54,175.22.** Anderson moved to approve the accounts payable for: \$54,175.22; second by Reichert and the motion passed.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

**Public Works-** Frank Ceane said there was some wastewater treatment plant issues with some frozen pipes. They have had five or six customers with frozen/broken water meters. The new sweeper is fixed and operational. It ran for three hours and had some exhaust system issues. They hired a new mechanic and have received four applications for the vacant utility worker position. Signs for parks have been repainted. The council also asked Ceane about some of the police vehicle repairs and he answered them the best he knew due to no police department representative being present at the meeting

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

2/18/21-Representative Matt Rosendale-CCs Café-8:30am

2/19-21-2/20/21-EMT/Ambulance training/certification

COVID-19 19 vaccinations-Dawson County/ State of Montana- Anderson and Mitchell both stated to make sure the Health Department repeats back your phone number so that the correct number gets added to the list.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Ordinance Committee- Monday, February 22, 2021, 4:00 pm

Personnel Committee- Monday, February 22, 2021, 4:15pm

D. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by L. Baker.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2020.

Approved the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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Jerry Jimison, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jessica Ayre, Administrative Clerk