**CITY OF IRWIN, IDAHO**

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES: April 6, 2021**

**Location: Swan Valley Fire Station #2, 176 Oakden Street, Irwin, Idaho 83428**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Larry Perzichilli at 7:00 p.m.

City personnel in attendance were:

Larry Perzichilli Mayor

Darrel Ricks Council President

~~Troy Vias Council~~ (Absent)

Bill McKimson Council

Terrie Stromberg Council

Marc Weimer Council

Teresa Dumont Council

Kelly Palmer City Clerk/Treasurer

Jay Rice P& Z Administrator

A Quorum was present.

Guests in attendance: Jerry Glovacki, Collette Brown, Grant Frearson, John Sloan, Wayne Christiansen, Michelle Liss, David Palmer

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Bill moved that March 2, 2021 minutes and Financial Reports be approved, and bills be paid. Second by Marc. Vote all ayes

**Unfinished/Old Business**:

We are taking Agenda #5 “Amended minutes written and presented by Wayne Christiansen” off the Agenda because we are in negotiation on with the attorneys.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Collette Brown provided maps of the property she is in contract to purchase to council members. Mayor Larry asked Collette the reason she would like to annex from the county to the city. Collette responded she would like to rezone the property to commercial, but Bonneville County told her she would have to put in a fire well, and that is too expensive. The property is next to the city of Irwin and better to be in the city than the county. Mayor Larry asked Collette what she intends to build on the property. Collette stated she would like to divide it, heard she could divide the property once every 5 years, first thing is put a restaurant on it, but cannot afford that yet. Currently has bids on 2 storage units, using 2 acres of the property. The profits from the storage units will help pay for coffee shop, breakfast restaurant, maybe dental/professional shops for farmers, police or fire departments, dance studio, just something the city needs, and bring in job opportunities. Mayor Larry invited Jay to lead the remainder of the discussion. Jay explained in past meetings council did not want to see more storage units off Hwy 26 and advised Collette to bring her proposal to council for their views. Jay explained to Collette that she would still need fire suppression but that would be up to Fire Chief Oak. Collette understands the city doesn’t want to be filled with storage units and that’s why she only wants to use 2 acres and keep it beautiful and more country. The remaining acreage build what the city needs. Discussion continued on commercial setbacks, access to Grant’s property, recorded easements, gravel pit and dimensions of the storage units. This will be a 2-step process, first annexation and then rezone.

Mayor Larry asked for a vote to annex into the City of Irwin the 11.5 acres. Vote all Ayes.

Collette will get with Jay on the public hearing process for annexation.

Kelly introduced the letter from Bonneville County containing the dust control application. Suggested putting copies of the application in the post office for residents who might be interested to mail in the completed application with payment. Otherwise, Irwin residents may not be aware of the dust control program. City does not pay for dust control. Council members approved putting up the application at the post office.

Short-term rental tax went into effect January 1, 2021. Mayor Larry has received phone calls that people have rented out rooms prior to January 1, 2021, tax will still be due.

**P&Z report**: Jay issued a Permit on Stefani Lane.

Jay provided maps of proposed changes to Covered Wagon that is being purchased by Luke Jackson. He will clean-up and expand the RV park. Number of spaces depends on public health restrictions and requirements. Discussion continued on the proposed changes. Mayor Larry asked Council’s views on the proposed changes, all agreed it is a good plan.

Jay recommended City needs to amend our Common Comprehensive Plan. Currently with Swan Valley. We need to update our comprehensive plan to include changing lot size minimum from 2.5 to 5.0 acres for new subdivisions. Need to put brakes on over taxing our aquifer and need to add a sewer system. Mayor Larry asked Council their thoughts, all approved contacting Geoff for details of the process to separate our comprehensive plan from Swan Valley.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Wayne Christiansen, I missed the reading of the minutes, how did you come out on that? Mayor Larry answered that we didn’t because the attorneys are in negotiation. Wayne said while we’re negotiating would you like to read this and see if that is what they voted on. Mayor Larry asked Kelly to read the paper handed out by Wayne titled “Memorandum of Understanding, From: Wayne Christiansen, To: City of Irwin and public official”, a copy of the document is attached to these Minutes for reference. Wayne asked if the memorandum read was the one voted on, Mayor Larry answered it was voted on under false pretenses. Council voted on the Memorandum that was legal. Wayne explained that council did vote on his memorandum and 2/3 voted in favor of it. Mayor Larry again stated that the Memorandum Wayne brought in from his car was illegal. Wayne wanted to know why his Memorandum wasn’t turned into the attorneys, Mayor Larry explained that it was given to the attorneys. Wayne said the attorney came up with a different document. Mayor Larry explained he has not done anything illegal, the matter is in the hands of the attorneys. Wayne wanted to know what we can do about this. Mayor Larry again stated it is in negotiations with the attorneys, I want to work with you, Wayne.

There being no further business before the council:

**Mayor Larry called for adjournment at 7:59 p.m.**

**Bill moved the meeting adjourn. Second by Marc. Vote all ayes.**

Larry Perzichilli, Mayor

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ATTEST:\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kelly Palmer, City Clerk/Treasurer