**CITY OF IRWIN, IDAHO**

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**MINUTES: FEBRUARY 7 2023**

**Location: Swan Valley Elementary School, 3389 Hwy 26, 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

Shane Fisher Council

Terrie Stromberg Council

Marc Weimar Council

Teresa Dumont Council

Kelly Palmer City Clerk/Treasurer

Jay Rice P& Z Administrator

A Quorum was present.

Guests in attendance: Dean Philbrick, Jerry Glowacki, Michelle Liss, Mindy Cokely, Darren Stromberg, and Michael Jacobson

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Darrel made a motion to approve the January 3, 2023, Minutes, and Financial Reports be approved, and bills be paid. Seconded by Marc

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Updated Comprehensive Map and Future Use Map. Mayor Larry Perzichilli read roster of citizens wishing to speak at the public hearing, allowing five minutes per speaker.

* Dean Philbrick had few points to discuss:

1. New map shows his property as a “parcel”, along with the park. Dean’s property is combination of commercial & residential with special use permit. Map shows BLM land beside his property as future use, concerned developers will come in and try to develop, especially since it sits along the river.

Mayor Larry reported that developers have viewed that property for years to develop golf course, etc.

1. Chapter 5, Page 13, Land Use. Confused with verbiage “it is desirable to cluster homes in new developments on 5 acre lots…”. Further down it says single-family homes constructed on 5 acre lots.

Mayor Larry assured Dean that new single-family homes will be constructed on 5 acre lots.

1. Implementation #3 under Land Use, “Administratively activate the nuisance ordinance and enforce it.” What can we do to put teeth into enforcement. It was Dean’s understanding that the city does not pay into the 911 dispatch, as a result prosecuting attorney will not enforce tickets issued here.

Mayor Larry informed Dean that we pay the Sheriff’s office for enforcement and they are doing the best they can with their resources. Dean was further informed that city does pay 911 dispatch every year. Mayor Larry will follow-up.

1. Chapter 6, Natural Resources. Noxious weeds, are we continuing to work with the county to eradicate them?

Mayor Larry confirmed we are still working with the county on noxious weeds.

1. Chapter 8, Public Services, Facilities and Utilities. Implementation #4, upgrade road signs and address numbers. Coordinating a system for uniform address numbers has proven in the past to be expensive, the county declined involvement due to budget constraints. City would have to get a federal grant.

Mayor Larry stated that the city has had success in getting road signs replaced when damaged.

1. Chapter 13, Community Design. Dean is concerned that we are going to get involved in community developments, like gated communities, which we do not want. People do not want to be dictated to which trees they can plant and where, along with fence restrictions. They did this in Bozeman, an example we do not want to follow.

Council President Darrel stated that city already has a fence rule, 6ft maximum. The major reason we updated the comp plan was to adopt the 5-acre per lot rule, to slow down growth.

P&Z Director Jay added that at some point community design might have to happen, and the city is going to have to have architectural control, so people are not constructing shacks. This section was in the old comp plan and needed updating.

* Jerry Glowacki asked who would maintain roads in subdivisions?

P&Z Director Jay answered that roads are approved on preliminary and final plats. Also, fire department has regulations on grade and turn-arounds.

Mayor Larry added that City was unaware of Rustic Ranch’s plan and the City had to pay for maintaining the road in that subdivision.

There being no further input from citizens Mayor Larry closed the Public Hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (Action item) Adopt Resolution #2023-01 repealing 2005 comprehensive plan and adopting the 2023 Comprehensive Plan and future land use map.

Roll call vote was taken: Council President Darrel Ricks, Aye; Councilwoman Terrie Stromberg, Aye; Councilwoman Teresa Dumont, Aye; Councilman Marc Weimar, Aye; Councilman Troy Vias, Aye; Councilman Shane Fisher, Aye.

Vote passed in favor of adopting 2023 Comprehensive plan and future use map

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. July 4th Community picnic and fireworks show. Mayor Larry reported that he and Dean found a pyro-technician we can use for 4th of July fireworks show. Darrel agreed the rodeo grounds can be used to set-off fireworks. What day should picnic/fireworks be held since July 4th is on a Tuesday, and what time for picnic? Council all agreed to have picnic and fireworks on July 4th. Darrel suggested picnic be at noon.
2. Wooden playground equipment. Kelly contacted LuckyDog Recreation and was given 3 options for wooden playground equipment. After reviewing Council asked if there was ample space to accommodate the options presented, and would like to have swings included. Kelly will measure the space at the park and have LuckyDog present new options for Council’s review.

**P&Z REPORT**:

1. No new permits issued

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Michael Jacobson, Swan Valley Elementary School Principal and Superintendent, informed Council of Swan Valley School District Plant Levy on March 14, 2023 ballot, $75,000 each year for 5 years. This levy replaces current $60,000 Plant Levy scheduled to expire July 2023. Plant levy is for school’s operating costs. Voting will take place on March 14, 2023, at the Swan Valley School gym.

There being no further business before the council:

**Mayor Larry Perzichilli called for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.**

Larry Perzichilli, Mayor

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ATTEST:\_ Approval Date:

Kelly Palmer, City Clerk/Treasurer