

OPENING OF COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Linda Kadlec opened the Remote/In Person Council meeting at 7:00pm. Council members present, in person were Scott Yaeger, Mark Weigand, Dede Boyer, Debbie Chapman and Dennis Chamberlain. Council Members present remotely were Mike Schrag, and Michelle Plumb. Staff members in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt, Public Works Director Dave Breazeale, Deputy Clerk Treasurer II Michelle Asmussen, and City Police Chief David McCormick. Also present in person were Katie Teachout from the Adams County Journal, Derek & Susan Schaefer, and Barry Boyer. Attending online was Tom Stirling from SYNTIER Engineering. City Fire Chief Joel Bell and City Attorney John Kragt were excused.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Linda Kadlec asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. Council Member Michelle Plumb stated on the special meeting minutes the vote for Debbie Chapman should be a vote of 4 no's and 2 yes votes. Council Member Scott Yaeger made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the noted changes. Council Member Mark Weigand seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Council Member Dede Boyer joined the meeting after the consent agenda item.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS- Mayor Kadlec asked if there was anyone that had any comments, hearing none, she moved on to the next item.

ACTION AGENDA

- A. Grainland Acres Annexation Public Hearing-** The Public Hearing on the Annexation of Grainland Acres to the City of Ritzville, the Comprehensive Plan Land Use, and Zoning Map Amendment opened at 7:03pm by Mayor Kadlec. This hearing allowed the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed annexation, comprehensive land use and zoning map amendment for the Grainland Acres Parcel Lot 1 and Lot 2 of the Heinemann short plat number 2. Mayor Kadlec asked the Clerk had received any written comments by 5:00pm today. Clerk-Treasurer stated there were no comments received. Mayor Kadlec asked if the staff had any additional information. Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated the staff had no additional information. Derek Schafer stated he was very appreciative to be to this point with the city. The City has been wonderful to work with and he we want this to be positive for Ritzville. The concept plan that many have seen is just that, a concept. It might take 20 or 50 years or maybe never to fill up that space. The Derek and Susan Schafer have made an agreement to donate 10 acres to the PDA for the AG Discovery Center. They are not asking the city to build any infrastructure as they or who buys the land will pay for that. It will be built to the city's specifications and dedicated to the city. With no further testimony the public hearing for the Grainland Acres Annexation and Comprehensive Land Use and Zoning Map Amendment was closed at 7:05pm
- B. Grainland Acres Annexation, Ordination 2150-** An Ordinance of the City of Ritzville, Washington annexing of certain real property known as the Grainland Acres Addition Annexation area to the City of Ritzville. Council Member Mike Schrag made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2150. Council Member Dennis Chamberlain seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

- C. Grainland Acres Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Ordinance 2151-** An Ordinance of the City of Ritzville, Washington amending the comprehensive Land Use Map for parcel numbers 1935230810001 and 1935230810002 pursuant to RCW 35.63.105. Council Member Scott Yaeger stated on the Exhibit B map Lot 2 is blue, Tourist Commercial 3 and it should be orange the R3 High Density Residential. Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated we will need to make a change to this map and map in the following ordinance. Council Member Dede Boyer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2151 with the map change. Council Member Mark Weigand seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Grainland Acres Zoning Map Amendment, Ordinance 2152-** An Ordinance of the City of Ritzville, Washington amending the zoning map for parcel numbers 1935230810001 and 1935230810002 pursuant to RCW 35.63.105. Council Member Dede Boyer made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2152 with an update to Exhibit C designating Lot 2 as an R3 zone. Council Member Mark Weigand seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- E. Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report Public Hearing-** The public hearing on the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report was opened at 7:14pm by Mayor Kadlec. The hearing allowed the public the opportunity to comment on the report. Mayor Kadlec asked if there were any written comments received by 5:00pm today. Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated there were none. Mayor Kadlec asked if the staff had any additional information. Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated there was no additional information. With no further testimony, Mayor Kadlec closed the public hearing for the Consumer Confidence Report at 7:16pm.
- F. Pete's LS Project-Added Broadway Ave. Sewer Extension: Summary of added improvements, alternatives, budget/funding/rate impacts, environmental impacts, public questions-** Mayor Kadlec read the handout aloud in its entirety, which included the added Broadway Avenue sewer extension and summary, alternatives considered, project funding and estimated rate impacts, and the environmental impacts. City resident Barry Boyer asked what the individual impact was going to be on the homeowners, do we have an estimate on that? Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated in order to add this line to the Pete's Lift Station grant-loan that the city is receiving, the city cannot charge the normal sewer hook-up fees to those residents. They will be required to connect from their residences to the line. Council Member Mike Schrag wanted to know what the impact would be to the rest of the city in terms of picking up the loan part and will there be an increase in city fees? Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated there will not be any increase in city rates.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

- A. The American Rescue Plan Act-Providing Funding to Cities-** Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt the American Rescue Plan Act is similar to how the city received the Cares Act funding last year. AWC has a specific website for further information which they are updating all the time. The initial information is indicating the state will be providing these funds to cities and towns. The funds can potentially be used for costs incurred from the public health emergency replacing lost, delayed, or decreased revenue due to COVID; adjusting the negative economic impacts on the local business and non-profits; and making necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. There is an estimate provided for all the cities, towns, and counties. Right now, they are estimating the City of Ritzville could potentially receive \$360,200.

PROCLAMATION

- A. Arbor Day-** Council Member Mike Schrag stated last year due to COVID they did not have an Arbor Day celebration, but they are planning something this year. The tree board met last week, and they have invited twenty-one 5th graders from the Ritzville grade school to plant three trees in the park. Additional trees will also be planted on Main Ave by the story boards. The Arbor Day event will be on April 14th at the park starting at 10:00am at the gazebo. Garth Davis will be coming down to present the plaque for the 10th year in a row as Tree City members. Mayor Kadlec proceeded to read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. PDA Minutes February 17, 2021
B. Chamber Minutes March 15, 2021

MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Kadlec stated that protocols and procedures have changed a lot in the last 10 years, and she is working on updating her education on some of these items.

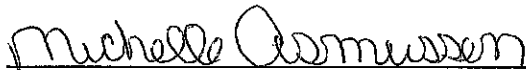
DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- A. Public Works-** Public Works Director Dave Breazeale stated the crew is working on building a new bathroom at the cemetery. It will be a 8X10 utilizing left over materials from another project. The plumbing, electrical and water is all in they are pouring the pad tomorrow at 7:00am and then they can start building the walls. There are some guys working on the Main Ave path project leveling out the ground for irrigation and planting grass. He is working on scheduling an appliance pick up day which has not been done in a few years as we are starting to get a lot of appliances built up around town. There was a little mishap during the last windstorm where a sign on Division was dislodged in the wind as strapping was not applied yet. It was then reinstalled. There is an interior tank inspection scheduled for the standpipe on April 12th. The Pete's Lift Station has gone out for rebid which will set the project back a month. Dave is trying to work with Verizon to address the issue of pigeons nesting on the standpipe antennae as it is corroding the paint. He has contacted Verizon several times with no response and is asking to have John Kragt follow up with a letter to Verizon about the problem. Council Member Scott Yaeger reported ADA ramps from Palouse to Jackson on Main bid notice should be out in the newspaper tomorrow and the bid opening will occur on April 23rd bid opening with a tentative timeline of construction June to July. The Weber and Galbreath project will have bid opening mid-May and construction tentatively July through the end of August.
- B. Police-** Police Chief Dave McCormick stated he has the first task force meeting in over a year tomorrow. Scheduled distracted driving emphasis will start around the end of April. Three of the officers are taking a week off at different times this month for vacation. Matt and the Chief completed 8 of 40-hour mandated critical incident state required hours on the 29th of March, which is dealing with individuals that have disabilities of different sorts. They teach you how to determine what type of a situation the people have that you are dealing with. Tom and Mark have their training scheduled for the 26th of this month. The city has been approved for a moving radar unit with a rear antenna grant in the amount of \$1,400. It has been ordered and will be almost 100% paid

through the grant funding except for the taxes. Council Member Dennis Chamberlain asked if there were ever any cameras put in the area of railroad depot? The Chief stated it was not ever funded by the council or the finance committee. It has been addressed several times but has not ever been a priority. The trees in the Plaza will need to be trimmed back so the cameras at the depot will work.

- C. Clerk-Treasurer-** Clerk-Treasurer Julie Flyckt stated now that the annexation has been approved by the council it will be record it with the county and the state. The city is already starting work with Derek and his team on potential development for the land. Julie has helped get the mayor settled in this week working on different topics each day. The Planning Commission will take a look at the sign ordinance as businesses interested in locating around the freeway have interest in having larger signs. When they contact the county, they can have a larger sign but when they have to annex into the city to hook up to sewer and water the guidelines are different. The commission will review the sign ordinance at their next meeting Wednesday, April 14th. Julie is also working on the state annual financial report.
- D. Fire-** Dave McCormick stated that the fire fighters had their first in person meeting since COVID last night. At the next training scheduled on the 3rd Monday of the month, they are going to have a first aid and CPR class refresher.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further comments or business to come before the council, Mayor Linda Kadlec adjourned the remote and in person meeting at 8:05pm.



Michelle Asmussen, Deputy Clerk Treasurer II