

CITY of ROBERTS
April 11, 2023
City Council Meeting

The Roberts City Council met for a hearing at the regular place of meeting, after having been notified of said meeting of said council.

Robert (BJ) Berlin..... Mayor	April Galbraith..... Clerk/Treasurer
Connie Surerus..... Council	Ron Grant..... Maintenance (Absent)
Ben Poston..... Council	Julie Garcia..... Library Director (Absent)
Edidt Sanchez..... Council	Sean Coletti..... City Attorney (Absent)
Shauna Lounsbury..... Council	Dustin Parkinson..... Certified Operator (Absent)

Also present: Sheriff Anderson and Corporal Dustin Mathie with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Ursula Benkenstein, Jaden Jackson with Keller Associates, and Karin Maritt.

Mayor Berlin opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

Shauna gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Berlin lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Vote to Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2023 Council Meeting

Minutes: Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions regarding the draft minutes in the council's packets.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for March 14, 2023 council meetings.

Ben made the motion to approve the minutes for March 14, 2023 council meetings with corrections, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Anderson read the report from 03/04/23 thru 03/31/23, 111 hrs, 20 complaints, 4 arrests, 0 DUIs', 1 citation, and 16 traffic contacts.

A discussion regarding motorcycles being reckless on the city streets was had.

Mayor Berlin voiced his appreciation to the sheriff's department for the hard work that they do.

Sheriff Anderson and Corporal Mathie excused themself.

Mayor's Report:
Fair Housing Month Proclamation:
Mayor Berlin Proclaimed that the Month of April be made Fair Housing Month.

Market Lake Day Logo Contest Winner: Karol Poston is our Market Lake Day Logo contest winner and received a \$100 gift card. The logo will be transferred to digital. Congratulations Karol Poston.

House Bill 314-Library Bill: House Bill 314 was vetoed by Governor Little. The bill, if it had passed, has good intentions but would have been potentially devastating for libraries and may have even closed some libraries.

Council and Mayor Berlin had a discussion regarding the Roberts City Library's checkout policies. Mayor Berlin will speak with Julie Garcia, Library Director about policies and possible changes.

Set 2023-24 Budget Meeting Dates:
Mayor Berlin said that it was time to set the budget hearing date. The council agreed to set the budget hearing for August 22, 2023 at 6 p.m.. The budget work meeting is set for August 8, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Update on Street Project 2558 E: Mayor Berlin invited Jaden with Keller Associates to speak. Jaden said that a low flying plane will be surveying Roberts later this week, this is for the Topo survey.

Update on Wastewater Project: Mayor Berlin invited Jaden with Keller Associates to speak. Jaden said there will be meeting on April 25th with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in regards to the \$2 million State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) grant the city was awarded with.

Update on Mustang Park Project: Mayor Berlin invited Jaden with Keller Associates to speak. Jaden said the engineers can begin planning the project as soon as the snow is melted at Mustang Park.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act, and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969, and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all—regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin—is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city, and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal—as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment, and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing, and

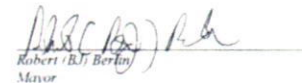
WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities, and

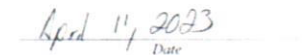
WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert (BJ) Berlin, Mayor of Roberts, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2023 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Roberts, Idaho


Robert (BJ) Berlin
Mayor


Date


April Galbraith
City Clerk

Building Permit for 663 N 2858 E: A building permit for 663 N 2858 E. Slade Roofing has requested the permit to stick frame a roof addition over the existing membrane roof and installing full ice and water shield and 50-year shingles.

Mayor Berlin asked if the council had any questions.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the building permit for 663 N 2858 E.

Connie made the motion to approve the building permit for 663 N 2858 E., seconded by Edidt, all ayes.

Discussion Regarding Animal Ordinance: Discussion regarding the draft animal ordinance was had. Council has asked the clerk to make changes that include the number of cats and dogs and cat own responsibilities, and general editing adjustments. A final draft will be ready for council at the May council meeting for consideration for hearing.

Maintenance Report: Council was provided an email from Mountain West Environmental, find attached at bottom.

In a meeting yesterday with Dustin Parkinson of Mountain West Environmental (MWE), Mayor Berlin was told that the chlorinator is "too big" for our city's drinking water system. At first MWE believed that the pump purchased in February was the incorrect pump however looking back in the records it was the same specs as pump that the engineers specked when the plant was built. A new chlorination pump will have to be purchased. The City of Roberts is not required to chlorinate and has not been chlorinating for the past couple of months. All bacterial tests have been absent of bacteria during this monochlorination period. MWE is asking if the City wants to chlorinate or not to chlorinate but be ready to chlorinate. Mayor Berlin asked the council their opinions.

Connie- No chlorination, be ready to chlorinate.

Ben- No chlorination, be ready to chlorinate.

Shauna-Wants to chlorinate.

Edidt-Based on MWE recommendation No chlorination, be ready to chlorinate.

Mayor Berlin will advise MWE to not chlorinate at this time but to be prepared to chlorinate at all times.

Review and Approve Bills: Mayor Berlin asked the city council if they had had time to review the bills.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the bills.

Connie made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk, Shauna-aye, Edidt-aye, Ben-aye, and Connie-aye.

Motion Passes.

Adjourn: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Edidt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Connie, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Berlin



City Clerk

Council update for Mountain West

From: Dustin Parkinson (dparkinson@mwaterworks.com)
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Cc: chjelm@mwaterworks.com; mfcoster@mwaterworks.com; dloffis@mwaterworks.com; ksummers@mwaterworks.com
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 02:45 PM MDT

All,
I hope this email finds you well.
I am sending this note to update you on the progress made to your water and wastewater system in the month we worked for the city.
First, we want to let you know how grateful we have been to work with your staff. They are hard-working, dedicated folks we enjoy working with.
So far, we have accomplished the following:
Repairs and sampling are completed to DEQ requests on well # 3. Well # 3 has been repaired by the pump company and is online as the lead pump with no issues. This was a big project but is now complete and good to go for years with the proper routine maintenance.
We have flushed all lines in the water system, and we have collected dozens of samples to ensure the safety of the water. We will return to the regular required routine sampling now that well # 3 is online and no issues have been found.
We have attempted to clean the tank and found 2 ft. or more of sarg; this will mean the tank at a later date will have to be drained and cleaned manually. This will be discussed later.
We have worked with the pump company to develop the best repair options on well # 2 and will have a solid update for you this week on how to move forward with repairs there per DEQ requests.
We have found the correct chlorine pump for your system. However, the pump bought just recently is ten times too big for the city's needs and, if run as proposed, will lead to failure and cause more issues. We are just waiting on DEQ approval of this new pump and should have the exact cost to the city this week. So, for now, we are not chlorinating as we have not had a bad sample in a month indicating a need, we do advise though this new correctly sized pump be installed so that if a problem does arise, we can take care of it quickly and effectively. This week, we have worked with DEQ to negotiate a saving on sampling well #3 that will save the city over \$8,000. More info to come on that.
We have worked with the wastewater plant to get a mixer pump operating and the trash collector working as it should.
We have much more work to do here, so we will keep you posted as this progresses. We are working with the budget constraints the Mayor has given us to be most efficient with our time and resources at the wastewater plant.
We have taken over sampling and management of the wastewater plant this month. We are working on getting some issued work out.
That should cover what's going on. April should have our detailed work order report with our invoice that details all our hours and notes for all the work we did this month. If she does not, let us know, and we will send it over so you can review it.
Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
Thanks again for the opportunity to work with you.
Regards



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