

CITY of ROBERTS
May 10, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Robert (BJ) Berlin.....Mayor	Gale Scrivner.....Clerk
Connie Surerus.....Council	April Galbraith.....Deputy Clerk
Ben Poston.....Council	Ron Grant.....Maintenance
Edidt Sanchez.....Council (Absent)	Jeff Ammons.....Maintenance
Shauna Lounsbury.....Council	Julie Garcia.....Librarian

Also present: Sheriff Anderson, Deputy Dustin Mathie with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Tim Jones, Sean Chavez, Ursula Benkenstein, Karol Poston, and Karin Maritt.

Open Meeting: Mayor Berlin opened the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Shauna offered the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Berlin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Council Minutes: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2022 council meeting and public hearing. Mayor Berlin asked if there were any changes or corrections.

With no corrections, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Ben made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2022 council meeting and public hearing, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

Mayors Report:

Market Lake Day Saturday July 16: Mayor Berlin reminded everyone that Market Lake Day is July 16th

Special Presentation: Mayor Berlin presented Karol Poston and Karen Maritt with certificates of thanks and gift cards for their service to the city. He thanked them for their continued efforts to keep the city clean.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Mathie read the report from 4/02/22 thru 4/29/22, 51 hrs, 16 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 DUIs', 0 citations, and 31 traffic contacts.

The Mayor and City Council thank the deputies for their service and Deputy Mathie and Sheriff Anderson excused themselves.

Welcome and introduction of New Librarian Julie Garcia: Mayor Berlin introduced Julie Garcia as the new librarian of Roberts City Library. He said that he was very excited to have her and that she has experiences that we believe will be very useful in the library.

Julie said that the summer reading program would be for three weeks, twice a week with Fridays being in Spanish. She also said that she was working with the Spanish teachers at Roberts Elementary to help the kids during the summer months.

Mayor Berlin said she has been training and that he appreciates her being on board.

Utility Collections: Mayor Berlin said that we have had some unpaid city utility accounts that had been sent to collections. One of the accounts has been paid after 4 years.

Annexation Discussion-Possible Development: Mayor Berlin was approached by someone thinking about building a subdivision and wondering if the piece of land could be annexed. The subdivision is in very early stages.

Mayor Berlin feels that this a great place to start with annexation because the owner has asked to be annexed and the property is in the city's plans to annex.

Mayor Berlin asked if there was any discussion.

Ben said that this would be an easier way to get everyone use to the steps of annexation.

Connie said that the city really needs to look at the ordinance for subdivisions to see that the requirements are concrete.

Mayor Berlin said that there is an entire binder on subdivisions, but it needs to be reviewed and any changes made to it before approving a subdivision.

City council asked for copies of the subdivision ordinance, the Clerk will ensure that they each receive one prior to the next council meeting.

Transportation Funding-Discussion regarding using reserve funding with grant funding for 2858 East project: Mayor Berlin said that with the city receiving the \$100,000 grant in the new fiscal year, from Local Highways Technical Assistance Council for the 2858 East road project, Mayor Berlin would like to use general fund reserve from the city's account to match the grant amount to get as much of the street project done as possible.

Mayor Berlin asked for questions and discussion.

Discussion regarding past street project costs, if the project would include curb and sidewalks,, increased costs for materials, cost of contractors, and if there would be enough leftover in the general reserve fund if the money was used for the project.

Mayor Berlin and the council will consider using reserve funds when creating the budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

Discussion Regarding Wastewater Project/Vote on whether to seek Judicial Review or hold a Bond Election: Mayor Berlin opened discussion regarding the wastewater project and whether or not to seek judicial review or have a bond election. Mayor Berlin explained that judicial review is when the city engineers' and other people take the wastewater project to the courts to have the courts decide if the city will get a bond vs. holding a bond election asking the voters to approve a bond.

City Council members discussed the pros and cons to both judicial review and bond elections.

Mayor Berlin asked if anyone would like to make a motion on which way the council would like to vote.

Ben made the motion to pursue a judicial review of the wastewater project, seconded by Shauna.

Mayor Berlin asked if there was any further discussion.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Berlin said all in favor, all ayes.

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

Mayor Berlin will notify Jaden Jackson at Keller Associates of the council's decision to seek judicial review for the wastewater project.

Maintenance Report-Introduction of Parks Assistant: Mayor Berlin introduced Sean Chavez as the new parks assistance. Sean will be assisting with lawn maintenance and other maintenance projects. Mayor Berlin and city council welcomed Sean.

On the water plant project the contractor has had many issues. We have had many pumps going back and forth for maintenance and repairs. There have been parts issues and computer issues when the pumps are out for repair. The water outages the city has been experiencing is due to the computer not being able to activate a pump that is out for repair. The project should have been completed two months ago. Mayor Berlin said that he is looking into resolutions for the pump issues. The systems age is also playing a part in the problems.

The sprinklers at Railroad Park are now in and operational.

Rick Lamb's certifications will expire in June. Ron is close to getting some certifications but doesn't have enough hours to get certified. Mayor Berlin met with Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA) to see what the city can do. IRWA has a program to contract with them for licensed operators until the city has a licensed operator and backup operator. Mayor Berlin will have more information and an agreement to vote on at the next council meeting. The contract with Rick will end in June.

Street work will begin soon, repairing and replacing valley gutter by Ruhl's. There will be valley gutters on 2858 and 2880, to drain water and slow traffic. The concrete pads at the park are will be fixed and the sidewalk and entryway at the Mustang Event Center. Pot holes will be repaired. The ADA's that did not passed have been completed and are waiting on inspection from Idaho Department of Transportation, back fill will be completed after they have passed inspection. The pump at Mustang Event Center that runs the sprinkler lines is being repaired and pressure tested tomorrow. The tires that were at the lagoon have been hauled off.

Pay Bills: Mayor Berlin asked the city council if they had looked at the bills and had any questions.

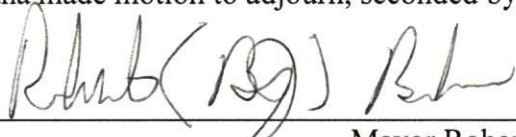
With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Connie made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.


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

Adjourn: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Shauna made motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, all ayes.



Mayor Robert (BJ) Berlin



Clerk