

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2020**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilwoman Simpson.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Jensen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Payables and an airport least transfer from Austin Anderson to Ralph and Amy Powell, Councilwoman Simpson seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR MARC CARROLL

Sewer Connection Appeal for John Walker

Mr. Walker presented Council members with historic information regarding his frustration with the City requiring that he connect his home to City water and sewer services. He feels as though the cost is prohibitive and causing an undue burden. He requested that City Council make an exception to the current City Ordinance requiring properties within 300 feet of City services, to connect to those services. Council members then discussed with Mr. Walker the fact that, although there was available land closer to City services, it was Mr. Walker's choice to locate his home greater than 300 feet from City services, and Mr. Walker explained this was due to the fact that he believes that placing his home closer to services would not be an efficient use of the existing farmland. Council also explained there is an option for Mr. Walker to subdivide the 'home parcel' off of the main parcel, thereby placing the home parcel outside of the 300-foot requirement. Mr. Walker informed Council that the home is currently utilizing water from an existing well on the property, which is registered as a stock well. Commissioner Brown explained the Idaho Department of Water Resources will need to be contacted to approve the conversion of the well from its current status to a residential well. After additional discussion, including comments from Planning & Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert, it was determined that this division may be accomplished via a Short Plat; however, that would require access roads to be in place. Mr. Walker, after being assured that subdividing the property does not mean that he will be developing the property further, committed to working with Mr. Hibbert to discuss various options and determine the best path forward.

Discussion on Requiring a Mask Mandate

Mayor Carroll opened the discussion regarding a mask mandate for the City. Councilwoman Simpson and Councilman Gardner expressed their support for a mask mandate, and Councilmen Jensen and Brown are not in support of a mask mandate. All Councilmembers understand that there is an issue with the inability to enforce a mandate such as this. After discussion, and comment from Mayor Carroll, Councilman Brown motioned that Council consider a Resolution encouraging mask use but not mandating use, Councilman Jensen seconded; Councilman Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen were in favor with Councilwoman Simpson voting against, motion carried. Attorney Sandow will draft a Resolution that will be available for the next City Council meeting.

CITY TREASURER – HOLLY POWELL

Approval of Proposed 2021 Appropriation Ordinance

Councilman Brown motioned to table the approval of proposed 2021 Appropriation Ordinance, Councilman Jensen seconded; roll call was taken and all were in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

City of Blackfoot

Attest

Prepared By

Mayor Marc Carroll

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