

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2020**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilwoman Simpson. Councilman Brown was not present.

CITY TREASURER – HOLLY POWELL

Update on CARES Act Funding/Possible Reconsideration

Ms. Powell explained that this meeting was to inform Councilmembers that Bingham County Commissioners voted to move forward and will utilize the GPSGI Funding for 2021, and she wanted to ensure that Council was aware. Ms. Powell again explained to Council that should the City leadership decide to utilize GPSGI Funds, it would require the City to take forgone and the 3% levy in 2022. No further guidance is available from State Treasury at this time, and Attorney Sandow shared that a frequently Asked Question document, published by the Federal government specifically regarding COVID-19 relief funds, states that it would be considered a misuse of funds if they were utilized for tax relief. This is of utmost concern as the City might be required to reimburse the funds if utilized inappropriately for citizen's tax relief.

After discussion between all members of Council, as well as input from a citizen attendee, and questions addressed to Holly Powell and Bingham County Clerk Pam Eckhardt, Council determined they would not reverse their vote from the meeting held on August 18, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special City Council meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Marc Carroll

ATTEST:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel

PREPARED BY:

Lisa J Tornabene