

**MARCH 3, 2021**  
**CODE BOOK WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sorensen, Council Members Blauer, Wright, Povey, Hofmeister, Hammond (Zoom), Jensen (Zoom), City Attorney Heidi Buck-Morrison, and City Clerk Terri Miller.

**CODE BOOK:** We discussed the Ordinance on chickens and rabbits. Mayor Sorensen said she talked to Judi Fehringer about how she enforces the Ordinances. Judi said when she notices the vehicles and weeds, she will give them a warning for so many days and if they do not comply she gives them a citation. With chickens and other animals, it is complaint driven and she will tell them they need to clean up the pens and gives them so many days to clean it up. If they do not comply, she makes them get rid of the chickens. For other animals, like dogs, she will cite them for animal neglect.

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**REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m.**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Rebekah Sorensen.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sorensen, Council Members Wright, Povey, Blauer, Hofmeister, Jensen (Zoom), Hammond (Zoom), City Attorney Heidi Buck-Morrison, City Clerk Terri Miller, and Detective Engle.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Scott Dalling, Melvin Falk, Debbie Erickson, Chris Fehringer, Jerry Mauch, Mark Love, Reginald Jackson, Leona Jackson, Vince Harris, Marc Beitia, Bernice Winters, Tammy Ramsey, Patricia Roper, Marcia Rensch, and Dan Moore from the Press.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** Debbie Erickson was wondering how safe our water supply was at the springs. She was wondering if the Council would consider providing more security there. Marc Beitia requested that the Ag Issues Team be put on for the next agenda.

**FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES:** **MOTION** by Hammond, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve the February 2021 minutes as printed and distributed. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

**JANUARY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT:** **MOTION** by Hammond, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed and distributed. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

Started at 7:10

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CHICKEN AND RABBIT ORDINANCE:** There was a Public Hearing on the Chicken and Rabbit Ordinance. Most of the people in attendance were against allowing chickens and rabbits in city limits. Bernice Winters stated that chickens and rabbits don't belong in the city. She said they will get out of their pens and into the neighbor's gardens and that people will not take care of the animals. Patricia Roper doesn't want another ordinance that won't be enforced. She has lived in a town where chickens were allowed and the smell and the flies in the summertime were awful. Mark Love stated that chickens don't belong in the city. Marc Beitia said that he thinks that we should allow chickens in the city because we have a lot of indigent people and that the chickens are a food source for them. Leona Jackson said she is for chickens in city limits. She said that chickens are very social and they are a good food source. Jerry Mauch is opposed to having chickens in the city. Marsha Rensch stated that she enjoys living in the town because she does not want to deal with live stock.

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She stated that the majority of the population would not take care of the chickens and she does not want to deal with the smell. She is opposed to the ordinance. Clayton Thornton said he is for having chickens in town.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:40

**THIRD READING OF THE REVISED FY2021 BUDGET:** The third reading of the Revised FY2021 Budget Ordinance was read by City Clerk, Terri Miller. **MOTION** by Hofmeister, seconded by Povey, to adopt Ordinance 643 amending Ordinance 642, the Appropriation Budget FY2021. **Roll Call Vote.** Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

Povey	Aye	Hammond	Aye	Wright	Aye
Blauer	Aye	Jensen	Aye	Hofmeister	Aye

**ORDINANCE NO. 643**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 642, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO IN THE SUM OF \$202,465.56. AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS, POWER COUNTY, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Ordinance No. 642, the appropriation ordinance for the City of American Falls, Idaho, for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE	+ \$	147,465.56
CI GOLF FUND REVENUE	- \$	10,000.00
GOLF FUND REVENUE	+ \$	10,000.00
WWTP FUND REVENUE	+ \$	55,000.00

The additional monies are from new grants not included in the original FY2021 budget appropriations. The additional revenues will be used in the appropriate funds for authorized activities.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE BBQ AND LES SCHWAB CAR SHOW:** **MOTION** by Hammond, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve the North Shelter reservation for the Search and Rescue Salmon BBQ on July 10, 2021. Also, to approve Idaho Street to be closed and extra garbage cans to be delivered. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present. **MOTION** by Wright, seconded by Povey, to approve the Les Schwab's Annual Car Show in the South City Park on July 10, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK: MOTION** by Povey, seconded by Wright, to approve Music in the Park every Thursday night starting June 3, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

**LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR PARKS MOWER: MOTION** by Wright, seconded by Blauer, to approve the lease purchase agreement by Ireland Bank of a Ground Master Mower and a Toro Multi Pro 5800 in the amount of \$30,543.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present. **MOTION** by Wright, seconded by Povey, to approve Mayor Sorensen to sign the Lease Purchase Agreement with Ireland Bank. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

**PURCHASE OF SPREADER FROM DOUBLE M: MOTION** by Hofmeister, seconded by Povey, to approve Resolution 583 authorizing \$8,000.00 to be paid out of the Wastewater Capital Improvement funds to help pay for the Adams 24' Spreader purchased from Double M. Motion carried by unanimous vote. **Roll Call Vote,**

Blauer	Aye	Povey	Aye	Hammond	Aye
Wright	Aye	Hofmeister	Aye	Jensen	Absent

**RESOLUTION # 583**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW ADAMS 24' SPREADER.**

WHEREAS, the City of American Falls has established the Capital Improvement Fund by Ordinance #455 which provides that monies deposited to this fund shall be used only upon the resolution of the City Council: and

WHEREAS, the monies in the Capital Improvement Fund may be used for engineering, consulting and construction necessary in the design of, or improvement of a water and sewer system: and

WHEREAS, the City of American Falls needs to purchase a new 24' Spreader for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$30,000 with \$8,000,00 to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the Capital Improvement Fund monies be authorized for the following amounts:

Double M Ag and Irrigation	\$8,000.00
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**IDAHO ASPHALT CONTRACT: MOTION** by Hammond, seconded by Blauer, to approve the Street Department to piggy back off of the Power County Highway District contract with Idaho Asphalt. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

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**FEBRUARY 2021 BILLS:** **MOTION** by Hofmeister, seconded by Hammond, to approve the February 2021 bills in the amount of \$286,191.55 as printed and distributed. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those members present.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m., upon motion duly made and passed, to reconvene on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor Rebekah Sorensen

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City Clerk, Terri Miller