MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

OF THE CAREY CITY COUNCIL

February 19, 2024

**COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:** Sara Mecham, Logan Davis, Clayton Mecham and Alyssa Cenarrusa

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Kurt Eldredge, Dabny VanHook, Brandi Hennefer, Schuyler Thompson, and Tess Cenarrusa.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Mecham.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Councilman Davis.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** Mike Higgs-Chairman of the Carey/Picabo Chamber of

Commerce reported that he has resigned from his position. He has done this for 8

years and believes it is time for someone else to lead. There are some new faces on

the board. He will still continue until they fill his position. Mayor Mecham thanked

him for his service and all the time he has spent on projects for our community.

**4. REPORTS**

a. Question on staff report. None.

b. Mayor’s report. The new logo is complete and vehicle logos, apparel and signs have

been ordered. City departments are working on task lists, policies, and procedures, and

application procedures. Working on an in-house software tracking system for applications,

maintenance and possible time sheets. Mayor Mecham will be drafting a letter for

planning and zoning commission for priorities, she will send it to council for approval

before sending. Brandi will be helping Tess with account receivable responsibilities, this

will be to split the financial responsibilities.

**5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**- (Action item on all of the listed consent agenda

items

a. Minutes pending approval January 15, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting

b. Finance Report

i. January 2024 Finance Report.

ii. Pay the February 2024 bills.

Clayton Mecham made a motion to approve the consent agenda items,

Alyssa Cenarrusa 2nd. Passed.

**6. PRESENTATION:**

a. Blaine County Commissioner Lindsay Mollineaux update on County Transportation

Planning and Updates. Mayor Mecham introduced Commissioner Mollineaux and thanked

Her for her time and representing Carey. Cites are working together on the Safe Routes to

School. Through county and federal funding, the county and cities can get a safety action

Plan in place. Working together unlocks more funding. She would like to encourage the

Community to fill out the survey it is for bike, pedestrian, and road safety concerns. It will

Only take 15 minutes. Brandi has put it on the city social media but will post it again.

February 23rd is the last day to do the survey. The commissioners would like to do a joint

Special meeting in the Spring. Look at dates in the Spring. We have done them before.

The Mayor and council thanked Lindsay for coming down and giving them an update.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Easter Egg Hunt Donation-Brittnay Dalton. \*Action item

Brittnay thanked the city for their continued support for this event.

Mayor Mecham and the council thanked Brittnay and her family for doing this

event every year. The council asked how much she needed. Tess reported

that they did $400.00 last year. Brittnay said whatever council could donate would be

greatly appreciated.

Alyssa Cenarrusa made a motion to donate $400.00 to the easter egg hunt,

Logan Davis 2nd. Passed.

b. Appoint Jesse Saili to the Carey Planning and Zoning Commission. \*Action item

Mayor Mecham reported that she had an interview with her. Jesse can look at the

Big picture and has a desire to serve our community.

Clayton Mecham made a motion to appoint Jesse Saili to the Carey

Planning and Zoning Commission, Alyssa Cenarrusa 2nd. Passed.

c. Resolution 2024-02 Approving list of on call engineers. \*Action item

Troy reported that he only received 2 rfp’s: 1 from Great West Engineering and

Sunrise Engineering for on call engineering. Troy reported that both met the

Qualifications. We would give them our task list and they would give us a price.

Alyssa Cenarrusa to approve Great West Engineering and Sunrise

Engineering for on call engineering services, Clayton Mecham 2nd. Passed.

**8. DISCUSSIONS**

a. Discussions on ownership of Lava Lane. Steve Thompson from Blaine County Road

and Bridge regarding ownership of Lava Lane and Griffin Loop. We own all of

Griffin Loop but share Lava Lane. Steve is trying to clean up his road inventory.

Plowing will stay the same with our current MOU with Blaine County. Council agrees

There should only be one owner of Lava Lane. The city would agree to take it over.

b. Update on Carey Recreation District. Mayor Mecham met with Shelli Simpson from the

district. They are an official district and are not a taxing district, so our citizens are not

being taxed twice for recreation. Mayor Mecham thanked them for getting more recreation

opportunities down here. The city will try and help get them some additional funding

through Blaine County Recreation District.

c. Update on City Council retreat. Troy reported that Jay Covington who will help with the

retreat will be back in March. Look at March 16th or 23rd. It will be ½ day and will be held

at City Hall. Tess will get food and drinks. Notice this as an agenda.

d. Safe routes to school. Andrew Mintz and Ashton Wilson are with the Safe paths to school.

They have been to Carey and understand the dynamics of our town with the main highway

And the kids getting to school. Dabny has been working with Brody from ITD on the

Main Street project and wants to know what Carey would like to see along Main Street to

Make it safer. Other cities have used concrete barriers and rumble strips. They are also

Looking at how to evacuate the school in case of an emergency. The Carey Rural fire and

Rescue have been working on a plan and helping the principal to facilitate the plan.

Clayton will keep us updated on the emergency plan.

**9. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-**Continuation of townhouse

ordinance, future cemetery space, code enforcement.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT.** None

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(e)

Clayton Mecham made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code

74-206(1)(e), Alyssa Cenarrusa 2nd.

Roll Call Vote: Alyssa/y, Logan/y, Clayton/y Went into executive session at 8:22 pm

Alyssa Cenarrusa made a motion to go out of executive session, Logan Davis 2nd. Passed.

Out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

Alyssa Cenarrusa made a motion to adjourn, Clayton Mecham 2nd. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.