

CITY of ROBERTS
August 8, 2023
City Council Meeting

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

Robert (BJ) Berlin.....	Mayor	Ron Grant.....	Maintenance
Connie Surerus.....	Council	Julie Garcia.....	Library Director (Absent)
Ben Poston.....	Council	Jed Bigelow.....	City Attorney
Edidt Sanchez.....	Council	Robert Loftus.....	Certified Water Operator
Shauna Lounsbury.....	Council	Gregg Rodrick.....	Certified WW Operator (Absent)
April Galbraith.....	Clerk/Treasurer		

Also present: Sheriff Steve Anderson and Deputy Lundberg with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jaden Jackson with Keller Associates, Karin Maritt, Karol Poston, Ursula Benkenstein, Jedediah Bigelow with Hopkins, James Zillinger, Melody Zillinger, and Dustin Parkinson with Mountain West Environmental.

Mayor Berlin opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

Edidt gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Berlin lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Anderson read the report from 06/24/23 thru 07/21/23, 64 hrs, 16 complaints, 1 arrest, 1 DUI, 1 citation, and 35 traffic contacts.

Vote to Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes: Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions regarding the draft council meeting minutes in the council's packets.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the July 11, 2023 council meeting and public hearing.

Ben made the motion approve the minutes for the July 11, 2023 council meeting and public hearing, seconded by Edidt, all ayes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Berlin reminded council of the budget hearing and fees hearing on August 22 at 6pm followed by a special meeting to approve the 2023-2024 Budget. Anyone interested in running in the upcoming election, candidate filling will open August 28th thru September 8, 2023.

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** September 17, 2023 marks the two hundred and thirty- sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and
- Whereas,** It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and
- Whereas,** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

Now, Therefore, I, Robert D. Berlin by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Roberts, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

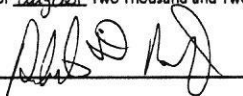
CONSTITUTION WEEK

And ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roberts to be affixed this 8 day of August Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

SEAL:

Signed



Constitution Week

Proclamation: Mayor Berlin proclaimed September 17 through September 23, 2023 as Constitution Week and read the proclamation aloud.

Appointment and Confirmation of Jedediah Bigelow, City Attorney:

Mayor Berlin has appointed Jedediah Bigelow as City Attorney. Mayor Berlin asked City Council for confirmation of Mr. Bigelow as city attorney.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to confirmation of Mr. Bigelow as city attorney.

Ben made the motion to confirmation of Mr. Bigelow as city attorney, seconded by Connie.

Motion carries.

Mayor Berlin administered the oath of office to Jed Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow raised his right hand and repeated the oath of office. Mr. Bigelow, "I do."

Vote on Sheriff's Contract 2023-2024: Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Sheriff's contract.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the Sheriff's contract for 2023-2024.

Connie made the motion to approve the Sheriff's contract for 2023-2024, seconded by Edidt.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk

Connie Surerus	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Edidt Sanchez	aye
Shauna Lounsbury	aye

Motion passes.

Update on Street Project 2858 E and Child Pedestrian Project: Mayor Berlin invited Jaden with Keller Associates to speak. Jaden said the bids for the project came in lower than estimated. Sunroc (Depatco) won the bid at \$389,967.20. Their public work license has been verified and the bid is complete. Keller recommends the Sunroc (Depatco) bid for approval.

Mayor Berlin asked if there is an estimated time frame for work to begin. Jaden said he did not have that at this time, but from conversations with Sunroc (Depatco) it sounded like they wanted to start soon.

Review and Vote to Accept Construction Bid for 2858 E Project: Jaden presented the councilmembers and Mayor Berlin with a copy of the bid from Sunroc (Depatco). Mayor Berlin recommended that council accepted the bid and entertained a motion to accept the construction bid from Sunroc Corporation in the amount of \$389,967.20 for the 2858 E Project.

Edidt made a motion to accept the construction bid for the 2858 East Project from Sunroc Corporation in the amount of \$389,967.20, seconded by Shauna, all ayes..

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Connie Surerus	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Edidt Sanchez	aye
Shauna Lounsbury	aye

Update on Wastewater Project: Mayor Berlin invited Jaden with Keller Associates and Jaden said that Altura turned in the application to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and they are just waiting on the EPA's response. Mayor Berlin said he signed the agreement on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) this past week for the \$500,000 in grant funding.

Update on Mustang Park Project: Mayor Berlin invited Jaden with Keller Associates. Jaden said that they were working on the site planning to put out for bid on the restroom for the first of September.

Discussion Regarding Draft Resolution for City Frozen Water Lines: Mayor Berlin asked if councilmembers had any questions regarding the draft in their packets. He said that the draft had been looked at by both Sean and Jed (city attorneys). With no questions Mayor Berlin asked council if they felt they were ready to proceed to vote on it at the September council meeting. Council felt they would like to put it to a vote in September.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Berlin said that the new sprinkler system at Roberts Community Park is in and running and that Lawrence Landscaping did a great job. A "patch job" on 2880 East this morning and plan to do more at the intersection of 655 N 2880 E to address the huge frost heave. The city's dump truck has some mechanical issues and Mayor Berlin called Jefferson County Road and Bridge and they will haul asphalt for a reasonable cost and they can get the asphalt cheaper than the state rate. Rick have been weeding and mowing. Ron has been replacing water meters.

Connie asked about the pot hole on 627 N 2880 E and what is being done about it. Mayor Berlin said that it is on the State highway system but that he would call Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and see if they are aware.

The City is applying for a two million dollar grant through ITD to repair 2880 E with Keller's help. Mayor Berlin said that the most recent water event on Saturday, August 5th was caused by an electrical wiring malfunction at Well #3, the main water source. When Rick discovered the issue he immediately switched the source to Well #2. After several conversations with Mountain West Environmental (MWE), a Do Not Drink Advisory was voluntarily issued by the City until precautionary water testing for contaminates could be performed on Monday. MWE and PumpCo were onsite at Well #3 the same day and repairs were completed and the source switched back to Well #3. Both wells have been tested regularly and results have been negative for any contaminates. Testing came back today clear of any contaminants and the Advisory was lifted.

Mayor Berlin and Mr. Parkinson addressed rumors that MWE is only working for the city "on paper." They reassured the public in attendance that it is not true and that the City and MWE are working very closely together on the city's water and wastewater and that MWE instructs city staff on what tasks to carry out.

Mr. Parkinson said that he had spoken with DEQ today and that they were satisfied with the way the situation was handled on August 5th.

The public is encouraged to subscribe to the city's website at cityofrobetsidaho.gov to get instant notifications sent to their phones via text and email.

An email summary regarding the wastewater was provided to councilmembers and Mayor Berlin and is attached to these minutes. Activated sludge was delivered to the wastewater plant today.

Review and Approve Bills: Mayor Berlin asked the city council if they had had time to review the bills.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the bills.

Ben made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Connie, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Connie Surerus	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Edidt Sanchez	aye
Shauna Lounsbury	aye

Motion Passes.

Adjourn: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Edidt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Berlin



City Clerk

Council update

From: Gregg Roderick (groderick@mwaterworks.com)
To: robertscityclerk@yahoo.com; robertsmayorbj@yahoo.com
Cc: dparkinson@mwaterworks.com
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 at 04:38 PM MDT

For the Wastewater Treatment facility this month we have some exciting news. Early in the month we had some updates done to one of the control cabinets. This actually corrected more issues than anticipated! A service tech came out to help us with some UV issues that we were having and found some microchips that needed to be changed. Luckily, he had some spare parts that he was able to give to us and now the UV is showing close to double intensity than seen in the recent past. We have had some continued E-coli violations, but we are working closely with DEQ and keeping them informed of issues we are seeing and corrections that we are attempting. They understand the current obstacles we are facing and ask that we continue to be diligent and not give up as well as just being honest with them.

Coming soon to a poo plant near you, the two pumps that were sent out for repair are currently being done, parts showed up last week for one pump and others are supposed to be here Monday. Estimated completion is approximately 2 weeks out. We are working with Ron to flush out the offline tank to get it ready to bring online once these pumps are installed. We are also working with Valley Rooter and City of Rigby to get a load of bugs to help reseed the facility. On a related note, we are researching some additional lab testing to give us more information about the process to give us chances to control sludge age through wasting and recycle rates. This would allow us to catch problems before they got out of control and make weekly adjustments to optimize the treatment process.

Finally, I spoke with Jadon Jackson about starting an engineering study for the wastewater plant and lift station. He is going to look into this in conjunction with the water system to see what options are. Please let us know what we can do to help here.

Dustin and Robert will come give you the water system update in person shortly before the council meeting.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you have and thank you for the continued teamwork.



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