City of Newdale

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October 3, 2024

**City Council Meeting 8:00 pm**

Present: Chad Stevens, Raymonda Furness, Shayne Hansen, Bret Leavitt, Kevin VanWagner, Susan Lott, Dal Schwendiman, Dick Dyer, Rick Miller, Dave Thompson, Matt Grover, cache Baker, Cadence Baker

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated, and a prayer given by Raymonda Furness.

Dave Thompson discussed planning for the fiber optic project. He has been talking with suppliers to obtain materials at a discounted price. He spoke about the Bead Grant funding that would be available during the first quarter of 2025. He has spoken with the City of Ammon and how we may utilize the system that they have in place. Dave told us that we need to get a BAT Team in place.

Cache Baker and Matt Grover came from City of Teton to ask if it would be an option for them to hook onto Newdale’s sewer system. They currently have 281 hook-ups and are currently connected to the City of Rexburg. Dick Dyer had run a few numbers for us. It would require about six miles of pressure line to pump to Newdale which would cost approximately $3.7 million dollars. The City of Newdale could require about $600,000 in connection fees. The City Council does not feel it is a good option for our residents at this time.

Rick Miller discussed some funding sources that are available to the City.

Shayne Hansen brought up the discussion of the farm lease on the land application site. Dick Dyer will put together a Request For Proposal (RFP) which would include a five (5) year lease, stating dollars ($) per acre, and requirements involved.

Kevin VanWagner made a motion to accept the minutes for September 5, 2024, Council meeting. Raymonda Furness seconded. All voted affirmative.

Brett Leavitt made a motion to pay the bills submitted to pay for September 2024, Raymonda Furness seconded, all voted affirmative.

Dal Schwendiman reported that the alfalfa has been cut on the land app site and will be baled tomorrow.

Dick Dyer has been working on the Plan of Operation for the sewer system. It has been completed, submitted, and approved by DEQ. A part of the Plan of Operation requirements is that the City will have a licensed operator to oversee the system. Dick Dyer told the Council that he would get the training and obtain the required licenses if it is okay with the Council. The Council said yes that we would support him getting the required licenses.

Dick Dyer is working on the water system study and will have a draft to DEQ by the end of the year. It will require a public hearing and completion by July 1, 2025.

Brett Leavitt discussed the radar speed sign that was put up on Highway 33. It is working, and people are slowing down. Chad Stevens will get the actual numbers from the sign.

Raymonda Furness discussed junk in the city right-of-way.

Chad Stevens reported on the Blue Cross grant. We are set to receive $20,000 to be used to benefit health in the city.

Shayne Hansen made a motion to adjourn, Kevin VanWagner seconded. All voted affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 pm.

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Mayor – Chad Stevens City Clerk – Susan Lott