

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 24, 2020

At 4:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Pooler.

A roll call of the Council resulted as follows:

Anna Moody
Ron Delcamp
Dennis Norris
Sid Armstrong
Ron Mercado, by teleconference
Terry Dougias

Officers present were:
Mayor Mac Pooler
City Clerk/Treasurer Nila Jurkovich
Project Manager Rod Plank

Also present: Andy Helkey, Panhandle Health District, Colleen Rosson, Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation.

Councilmember Norris led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BROADBAND GRANT POSSIBILITIES

Ms. Colleen Rosson, from Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation has been working with the Department of Commerce as there is a possibility of a \$4,000,000 grant to provide broadband in rural areas of Idaho. It was explained that this grant opportunity falls under the CARES act due to COVID-19. The grant application is still in draft form, currently there are two interested providers (Ziply Fiber and J&R Electronics) that could meet the speed requirements. Due to the type of grant this is a government entity would need to be listed as the actual applicant, as a pass through. SVED Corporation could submit the application, and who ever is designated to log onto the grant portal would submit pay the pay request and there should be minimum involvement from the City. All work is to be completed by December 15th of this year to be eligible for payment from the grant. It is unclear if both interested providers could apply for the same area. If both providers cannot, one of the providers is willing to back away from the grant application process. Both providers had plans to provide broadband within the city limits prior to this grant opportunity.

It was the consensus of the Council that this opportunity will benefit the residents of Kellogg and provide future economic development.

There was discussion on the availability of staff's time, as the City has several large items being processed during this same timeframe and the what type of liability would be placed on the City.

Ms. Rosson stated there is no match and no financial liability.

It was moved by Councilmember Moody and seconded by Councilmember Douglas to move forward with consideration for any shovel-ready internet providers that meet the requirements listed in the CARES Act grant and there will be no financial liability to the City. A roll call vote of the Council resulted as follows:

Councilmember Armstrong-Aye	Councilmember Moody-Aye
Councilmember Mercado-Aye	Councilmember Delcamp-Aye
Councilmember Douglas-Aye	Councilmember Norris-Aye

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

ATTEST:


Nila Jurkovich, City Clerk


Mac Pooler, Mayor