

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

September 1, 2020

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Library Community Room September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

WoodyMcEvers) Members of Council Present
Dan Gookin)
Christie Wood)
Dan English)
Kiki Miller)

Amy Evans) Member of Council Absent

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Widmyer called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Mark McWhorter with the Church of the Nazarene provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember McEvers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Annett Barnes, Coeur d'Alene, noted that she has lived in Coeur d'Alene since 1971. She requested the Council consider an amendment to code pertaining to raising chickens in City limits. She noted that the current code regulates noise, odor, and number of chickens, but not the placement of the coop and run abutting neighboring property. She indicated support of raising chickens within the City limits, and said that other states and cities have added requirements of coops and runs at 20-25 feet from a dwelling. She noted that her neighbor's coop/run is near her bedroom window and has attracted flies and ants. She has spoken to her neighbor to see if they would voluntarily move their run, but they refused. Ms. Barnes requested the Council consider an amendment to the code requiring separations from abutting property lines without a grandfather clause.

Stephanie Duset, Coeur d'Alene, stated that she is a registered nurse. She referenced a cease and desist letter received by the City on July 15, 2020, and read a section of the Federal Communication Act of 1996 regarding radio frequency and health effects. She noted that the Act left the authority within state and local control and it is an obligation of local officials to protect residents against the health effects of WTF (wireless telecommunication facility). She asked the City Council to stop using the current ordinance, which she believes was created by

Verizon, and to create a new one based on a non-communication industry created sample they would provide. She further commented that the Council should think for themselves.

Mark Weary, Coeur d'Alene, noted that his background is in the health care industry. He referenced a cease and desist letter received by the City on July 15, 2020, and noted that the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against FCC overreach. He concluded that the case means that internet transmissions fall under Title 1, regulated by localities; however, at this time the Coeur d'Alene code allows for considering applications under Title 2 rather than Title 1. Therefore, he asked for a moratorium of any acceptance of applications, placement, or construction of WTF (wireless telecommunication facility), or a modification that would result in any antenna that results in an increase of radio waves or ERP (effective radiated power). Additionally, he asked that the city inform applicants of the D.C. Circuit case and require that they comply with the rulings. He asked that the City Council stop using the current ordinance, which he believes was created by Verizon, and immediately create a new one based on a non-communication industry created sample they would provide and that the Council should think for themselves.

Mayor Widmyer asked City Attorney Mike Gridley to provide a legal update. Mr. Gridley noted that the current ordinance is preempted by Federal Law. The court case referenced by the speakers is out of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and he clarified that there are 12 Circuits throughout the United States and the D.C. Circuit Court does not take precedent over the 9th Circuit that the City is regulated by. In consulting with an attorney who specializes in this type of law, the attorney confirmed that the regulatory agency over radio frequency is the F.C.C. (Federal Communications Commission) and there could be an argument in regard to the testing and researching of radio frequency, but that lies with F.C.C. Additionally, a cease and desist letter from private citizens has no legal effect on the City.

Susan Green, Coeur d'Alene, read a section of the cease and desist letter received by the City on July 15, 2020. She noted that within the Council Meeting minutes of January 21, 2020, several Councilmembers asked about the City's authority in regulating radio frequencies. She noted that the agreement was a boiler plate agreement from Verizon that Council was approving. She requested the Council abstain from denying legal rights of citizens and asked for an immediate moratorium of the ordinance. She asked that the City Council stop using the current ordinance, which she believes was created by Verizon and immediately create a new one based on a non-communication industry created sample they would provide and that the Council should think for themselves.

Johnny Steinburg, Coeur d'Alene, read a section of the cease and desist letter received by the City on July 15, 2020. He noted that the City needs to ensure the identity the applicant of the wireless company by its true identity, not as doing business as a corporate name. He felt that the identity clarification should be added to the ordinance and that the company should be registered to do business in the state of Idaho, as positive corporate identification is important for liability management. He noted that proof of insurance and an asset list should also be required. He believes the radio structures are illegal. He asked that the City Council stop using the current ordinance, which he believes was created by Verizon, and immediately create a new one based on a non-communication industry created sample they would provide, and that the Council should think for themselves.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Gookin said that he has been talking to Ms. Barnes regarding the chicken coop situation and confirmed that there is nothing in the code for enforcement to move the coop. He asked Council if they would want staff to explore a code amendment. Mayor Widmyer said that he felt it was a nuisance and should be researched. Councilmember English concurred it should be reviewed. The Mayor asked the Community Planning Director to look at the code and review possible amendments. Councilmember Miller asked that the review include other animal complaints received by the City that should be considered.

Mayor Widmyer requested confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen Sayler to the Library Board.

MOTION: Motion by Miller, seconded by Wood to appoint Kathleen Sayler to the Library Board. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the August 18, 2020 Council Meeting
2. Approval of General Services/Public Works Subcommittee Minutes for August 24, 2020.
3. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
4. **Resolution No. 20-047** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KOOTENAI COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE BILLING SERVICES EXTENDING THE TERM AND INCREASING THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE CITY.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 20-047**.

ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Miller Aye.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-048

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NORTHWEST GRADING, INC., TO INSTALL A NEW 18" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ALONG THE PRAIRIE TRAIL.

STAFF REPORT: Water Department Director Terry Pickel explained that during the last water system engineering study, deficiencies were identified in regard to overall system capacities and supplies in the General and High Zones. The 2012 Water Comprehensive Plan Update looked at those deficiencies and recommended a phased approach for installation of new transmission mains, new sources, and potential new storage facilities in the existing zones. A construction schedule was included in the plan and Water Department staff has been working to keep the plan on track. A new 4000 gpm source for the General Zone is needed to meet peak demands. The

difficulty is finding a suitable site as the best location is on the western boundary of the City. By using the Huetter Well in the High Zone, the City will then be able to reallocate the Atlas Well to the General Zone to provide the necessary capacity. The transmission main projects will move the water to the necessary areas of the City. Funding for the proposed project is included in the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget at \$3.9 million to be paid out of the Capitalization Fee fund. Eleven bids were received ranging from the lowest at \$328,248.51 to the highest at \$567,716.01. The engineer's estimate for the phase is \$535,200.00. Staff recommends acceptance of the lowest responsive bid and approval of a Construction Contract with Northwest Grading Inc. to install a new transmission main for a total \$328,248.51.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked if the project will need to consider the closure of the asphalt plants. Mr. Pickel noted that it is a project that is not needing asphalt, which is why he thinks they wanted to do the project at that time of year. Councilmember McEvers asked if the well will cover the future need in that part of town. Mr. Pickel explained that during the summer it will be a benefit and will reduce the dependence on the Hanley Well, and that they used the well in the modeling for the Huetter area future development.

MOTION: Motion by Miller, seconded by McEvers to approve **Resolution No. 20-048**, approving an agreement with Northwest Grading, Inc. for the award of the 18" Water Transmission Main bid.

ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Miller Aye.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STAFF TO ENTER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR CDBG AGREEMENTS WITH THE IDAHO YOUTH RANCH (FOR A FULL-TIME THERAPIST POSITION) AND CHILDREN'S VILLAGE (A PART-TIME THERAPIST POSITION) AND A CDBG-CV AGREEMENT WITH SAFE PASSAGE (SHELTER, FOOD, RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND STAFFING FOR SHELTER AND CRISIS LINES).

STAFF REPORT: Hilary Anderson, Community Planning Director, explained that the first two requests are related to the 2019 CDBG funds and the third request is for use of the COVID funds. She clarified the grants for the Idaho Youth Ranch and Children's village are both for therapist positions. The Safe Passage grant would be for domestic violence support and sheltering related to COVID. Ms. Anderson noted that they had \$196,520 set aside for community grants. One award was to United Way for \$44,000; however, due to COVID they were not able to do the kindergarten boot camp and decided to reapply at a later time. Due to COVID, HUD has waived the public service cap of 15%, so they reviewed previous applications to see if they needed items previously requested. The CDBG CV funds are specifically held to prevent, respond, or prepare for COVID. As previously presented to Council, it was determined to prioritize sheltering and food. The Safe Passage organization reached out and stated their need and requested grant funding. She reviewed the current grants and their status and noted the current grant fund balance is \$139,458, with \$80,000 reserved for this fall and winter.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin expressed concern with regard to the on-going funding for the positions at the Youth Ranch and Children Village. Community Grant Specialist Chelsea

Nesbit noted that they are both implementing their program and hoping their revenue will increase for the future funding and do not expect CDBG to cover the future costs.

Councilmember Gookin asked what would happen to the funds if St. Vincent does not incur \$24,000 in expenses. Ms. Nesbit noted that the grant will be reevaluated on December 1 and if it is not spent it would go back into the City's grant account. Councilmember English noted that all three of the organizations have long-term successful track records in the community and know how one-time grants work and have means to generate it for long term.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller to authorize staff to enter contract negotiations for CDBG Agreements with the Idaho Youth Ranch (for a full-time therapist position) and Children's Village (a part-time therapist position) and a CDBG-CV Agreement with Safe Passage (shelter, food, rental assistance and staffing for shelter and crisis lines).

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020--2021 AND RESERVATION OF THE RIGHT TO RECOVER THE CURRENT YEAR'S FOREGONE INCREASE OF \$687,110

STAFF REPORT: Comptroller Vonnie Jensen presented the annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and noted that it does not include the 3% property tax increase allowed and does opt into the Governor's property tax relief program. She noted the changes from the resolution to include the removal of the 3% property tax increase, decrease in Fund Balance usage, and a decrease in property tax revenue offset by CARES Act funding. She noted the Resolution required to reserve the foregone taxes on un-levied property taxes. She reviewed new construction figures over the past 8 years including the 2021 amount of \$454,272. Ms. Jensen noted that the City has taken an increase in property taxes three times since 2013, in which the City took a 2% increase in the amount of \$329,432 and in 2017 for 2.5% in the amount of \$490,553 and in 2020 with 3% in the amount of \$655,361. The City's accumulated foregone balance of property tax revenue not taken is \$6.3 Million. She clarified that the City's unassigned fund balance at September, 2019 was \$9,057,245. She reviewed the projected Fund Balance at 15.23% of revenues for the year ending September 30, 2021, which is estimated as revenues are currently unknown. She reviewed the personnel expenses compared to the increase in new growth, which totals \$999,865 compared to new growth at \$457,530. City-wide personnel changes were reviewed demonstrating an increase of 3.45 full-time equivalent (FTE). She reviewed the City valuation and levy rates, noting that a home valued at \$300,000, with the property tax reduction opportunity, would have property taxes at approximately \$53.00/month as compared to last year's \$74.33/month. She clarified that the hearing was also to determine if the City will reserve the foregone property tax amount of \$687,110, that is the allowed 3% maximum, by not taking any property tax increase for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked if the City used Fund Balance during the years the City did not take foregone. Mayor Widmyer noted that last year was the first time during his term that the City took Fund Balance. Ms. Jensen noted that when Fund Balance is used it has been for one-time purchases not ongoing expenses. Councilmember McEvers asked for

clarification regarding the use of the \$1.2 Million out of Fund Balance. Ms. Jensen noted that \$270,000 is set aside for capital items, leaving the rest for ongoing expenses. Councilmember Wood asked for clarification regarding Fire Department PERSI expenses. Ms. Jensen explained that the Fire Department had to pay an additional 5% above what the City paid into PERSI, and it is now the same as all public safety. Fire Chief Gabriel noted that in 1981 the Firefighter Retirement Fund was taken over by PERSI, but the City still had the responsibility for the firefighters who retired prior to that time. He noted that they have been looking at it for over four years and they finally reached the 135% funding level, so they will no longer have to pay the additional. Councilmember Wood said that she thought that the Fire Department was trying to save the money for a special project. Chief Gabriel noted that they wanted to open Fire Station No. 4 and pay for the personnel to man it, and the \$300,000 plus funding is going to Fire Department needs. Councilmember Gookin noted that the \$382,000 goes into the General Fund and this is a firefighter retirement paid by the City on their behalf. Chief Gabriel noted they talked early on in regard to HRA increases which would go in the contract and could come forward to the Council in the future. Councilmember English noted that it is a legitimate concern about retirement plans coming up short, and everything has been delivered and will be delivered. Chief Gabriel noted that the group is looking for post-employment benefits, but in the trust they can now stay on the City's insurance. Councilmember McEvers said that he looked at the savings to help justify positions. He also noted that EMS raised its reimbursement so this is a department that generates income, which is rare. Councilmember Wood asked about the Police Department's ability to purchase a used car and how fast they can make that purchase. Mr. Tymesen noted that there isn't much capital in the budget, but there is a line item in the Street Department to purchase used equipment. He noted that when the department has savings, it is brought forward with the Police Chief. Councilmember Wood clarified that they are looking for efficiency and need to move quickly as those vehicles can go quickly and they may only have a few hours to purchase it. Mr. Tymesen noted that those are approved administratively. Councilmember Wood asked for clarification regarding the funding of the Ambassador program that is paid through parking revenue. Ms. Jensen explained that the Parking Fund is a separate fund and it transfers to General Fund, not into the police department budget. However, the police budget has the funding for the Ambassador program and the Parking Fund transfers funds that offset that expense. Councilmember English noted he is pleased with how the budget has come together. Councilmember McEvers asked if the COVID funds and the Governor's incentive weren't included in the budget, would the City have more or less money. Ms. Jensen explained that if the City took the 3% tax increase, it would have more money, but if the City did not take the 3%, it would be short. Councilmember McEvers noted he received an email from the Police Chief that he could make it another year without the Sergeants positions; however, the positions are in the budget. Police Chief White noted that they have added positions over the years, but no supervisors. He has an old organizational chart from the 1980's that reflected more supervisors than they do today. He clarified that he understands the financial situation that the City is in currently and felt they could kick it down the road one more year, but there is a need. He believes accountability and liability are an issue without the positions. Councilmember McEvers asked if the overtime cost will go down. Chief White noted that it will assist to a degree, and they would plan to hire one Sergeant in January, but they need two. Mayor Widmyer noted that part of the CARES funding will include 3% back to the City toward public safety costs.

Mayor Widmyer opened public comments.

David Lyons, Coeur d'Alene, noted that if the budget is approved as proposed it will take \$40,000 from police or the Fund Balance to give to CDA2030, and he noted that a majority of funding for that agency comes from the City and ignite yet they refused to offer open meetings. He feels that the City cares more for CDA2030 than voters and believes the City should stop funding that group or make them agree to open meetings and open records. Mr. Lyons noted that their 2019 tax return showed total donations around \$88,610. He believes it is an illegal delegation of the City and believes it evades transparency.

Susan Snedaker, Coeur d'Alene, noted that at a previous meeting she said that she expects transparency and critical review of all financial transactions by the Council. However, it appears that the City has not increased impact fees for 14 years and that Mr. Tymesen stated that the City was waiting for the updated Comprehensive Plan. She expressed concerns about the lack of collecting the correct amount and the impact to the community. Ms. Snedaker noted that the Person Field restrooms were not scheduled until Fiscal Year 2024/25. She noted that the Jewett House has no insurance, despite rental of the grounds. The Water Department operating fund had a line that stated it was capital developer contribution and she questioned what that was. She also noted that public parking shows a depreciation of \$900,000 and she questioned what account this was transferred to. She noted that the Downtown Association agreement should be upheld and that downtown needs maintenance and they should adhere to their agreement. She asked that the chairmen of the nonprofits funded by the City address the Council regarding how their funds are spent.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood noted that Mr. Lyons has brought up the CDA2030 questions several times and she wondered if the City has asked them to have open meetings. Mr. Gridley said that he has been involved in CDA2030 for years and they have all their actions and information on their web, but clarified they are a private non-profit. Ms. Anderson noted that she serves as the staff liaison, and they have noted that they operate as other non-profits do in the community, and said that they do provide the minutes and financial reports to the City. Councilmember Wood wondered if it would be reasonable for the City to get a detailed summary of how the City money is spent. Ms. Anderson explained that the budget shows how all the money is being spent, but it is not broken down into just how the City funds are spent. Mayor Widmyer reiterated that they will be asked to do a presentation to the Council this upcoming year with other organizations as requested by Council.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to cut the CDA2030 funding from the budget but keep the amount (\$40,000) in the Planning Department budget.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin said that he agrees on the need for transparency and sees the future role of CDA2030 as a sub-committee of the Planning Commission; therefore, funds would go toward funding activities the City is currently using CDA2030 for. Councilmember Miller questioned what the lack of funding for CDA2030 would do to the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. She noted that the Council normally gets a presentation as to what they do and how they use their money, and their impact on the community; however, those presentations haven't been seen lately, and her concern is that this is not the right timing to

remove the funding. She would like the Comprehensive Plan finished on schedule. Ms. Anderson noted that it would be problematic to the Comprehensive Plan to remove CDA2030 from the efforts. Additionally, taking on another committee would take a lot of staff time and CDA2030 provides a lot of community benefit not just for the City. She noted that there are many projects going on at this time and concurred that this would not be good timing to remove the funding. Councilmember McEvers said that he doesn't like the use of a lot of outside groups, but the Comprehensive Plan is required by the state and the City is lucky to have them help, and he would like the City to not carry the financial load. Therefore, he believes the City should step away from funding when it can but it needs to get the Comprehensive Plan done first. Councilmember Wood concurred that it is the wrong timing and would like to have additional discussion on it later. She noted that the question is, "Should and can we fund this group with tax payer dollars and/or help them find ways to be successful with private funding." Councilmember English noted that he agrees that the timing is off, and the number of volunteers they have has given the City a lot of value for its money versus paying staff to do work.

Motion failed.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, to reclassify the Water Department Administrative position from a level 10 to a level 5 as originally budgeted.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin commented that the second position in Water should not have been increased to a level 10. Councilmember Wood said that it is not the sort of thing that comes to the Council and she would want assurance that it is necessary and that there is no other way around it. Mr. Pickel noted that the position is very important, especially during COVID, and confirmed that there is a considerable work load in the department and he assured the Council that the employees do their job very well and they both do the same job description and should be compensated the same. Mr. Tymesen noted that they worked through the personnel issues and the department continues to grow, and has lots of funds going through it. Councilmember McEvers noted that he has faith that they have already justified those positions to Administration and are trying to be efficient and not wasteful.

Motion failed.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 20-1011** once by title only.

ROLL CALL: English Aye; Wood Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye.
Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, to adopt **Council Bill 20-1011**.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin said that he will vote in favor of the budget, as it has a 0% request for increase in property taxes. Councilmember McEvers noted that he would be opposed to the budget because of the use of Fund Balance for ongoing expenses and is concerned about next year, although he noted he doesn't have a solution to expenses.

ROLL CALL: English Aye; Wood Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers No; Gookin Aye.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-1011

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020" APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$103,535,756 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE FOR SAID YEAR; LEVYING A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATION IS MADE; LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITH SAID CITY FOR SPECIAL REVENUE PURPOSES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho:

Section 1

That the sum of \$103,535,756 be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

Section 2

That the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made are as follows:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Mayor and Council	\$251,742
Administration	217,699
Finance Department	1,234,784
Municipal Services	1,804,906
Human Resources	418,825
Legal Department	1,313,413
Planning Department	726,892
Building Maintenance	547,526
Police Department	16,732,158
Fire Department	10,710,811
General Government	153,050
Streets / Engineering	4,981,197
Parks Department	2,448,730
Recreation Department	745,208
Building Inspection	958,485
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$43,245,426</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Library Fund	\$1,736,045
Community Development Block Grant	695,032
Impact Fee Fund	450,000
Parks Capital Improvements	323,260
Annexation Fee Fund	195,000
Cemetery Fund	306,787
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	166,500
Jewett House	26,353
Reforestation/Street Trees/Community Canopy	120,000
Public Art Funds	271,300
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:	<u>\$4,290,277</u>

ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES:

Street Lighting Fund	\$733,250
Water Fund	14,566,370
Wastewater Fund	20,111,378
Water Cap Fee Fund	5,300,000
WWTP Cap Fees Fund	1,484,809
Sanitation Fund	4,215,002
City Parking Fund	1,640,036
Drainage Fund	1,701,863
TOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$49,752,708</u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS:	\$3,169,432
STREET CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS:	2,201,632
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:	876,281
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:	<u><u>\$103,535,756</u></u>

Section 3

That a General Levy of \$16,159,748 on all taxable property within the City of Coeur d'Alene be and the same is hereby levied for general revenue purposes for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020.

Section 4

That a Special Levy upon all taxable property within the limits of the City of Coeur d'Alene in the amount of \$2,498,326 is hereby levied for special revenue purposes for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-049

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, RESERVING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOREGONE INCREASE OF \$687,110.00 PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 63-802(1)(f).

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to approve **Resolution No. 20-049**, Reserving the right to recover the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 foregone increase of \$687,110 pursuant to Idaho Code 63-802(1)(f).

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin noted that he would normally vote against this, but feels it would be an insurance to the Governor's property tax relief program. Councilmember Wood agreed that the City does not know where the lawsuit will end up.

ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye.

Motion carried.

Mayor Widmyer noted that the nation has been dealing with COVID-19 for approximately 6 months and thanked Councilmember Miller for her involvement in the "Wear a Mask" campaign. He noted that wearing masks, social distancing, and general awareness have helped to lower hospitalizations and the number of daily cases. He reminded the community to continue to do the right thing and, if it is not wearing a mask, then to practice social distancing.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller, that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod, CMC
City Clerk