The Emmett City Council held a meeting at 501 E. Main Street, Emmett, Idaho.

Mayor Petrie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Petrie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Zeke Ortiz offered the Community Invocation

**Council Present**: Council President Henderson, Councilor Tom Butler, Councilor Denise Sorenson, Councilor Jody Harris, Councilor Steve Nebeker

**Council Present by Phone**: None

**Council Absent:** Councilor Gary Resinkin

**City Attorney**: Jake Sweeten

**Staff Present**: Lyleen Jerome, Mike Knittel, Steve Kunka, Mike Giery, Clint Seamons, Brian Sullivan, Alyce Kelley

**Staff Present by Zoom**: None

**Public Present**: Jethro Batchelor, 904 S. McKinley Ave, Emmett, ID

**Amendments to the Agenda**: None

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**: None

**Declaration of Council Members’ Discussion Outside an Open Meeting**:

Councilor Nebeker declared that John Wood left documents with GCFD Chief Mike Welch and asked the Chief to get the documents to him, the documents included information about race track that Mr. Wood owns. These documents were turned into the City Clerk along with a disclosure of the conversation, these documents are included in the council packet. Councilor Nebeker also declared that he was approached by Roy Dransfield of Frontier Cinema and was told by Roy that Mr. Wood is going around to businesses to try and get support for the race track because there is a “problem with the city” the conversation about the race track lasted about 10 minutes with Roy. Councilor Nebeker stated that the information provided and the verbal conversion will not affect any future decision if anything is brought before the council.

Councilor Sorenson declared that John Wood came into her place of work at Potter Funeral Chapel and gave her the same documents that Councilor Nebeker had received and she had a brief conversation with Mr. Wood until she had to excuse herself to help patrons that were needing her assistance. Councilor Sorenson also stated that she was approached by Del Gray of the Messenger Index to asked why the city was trying to “pull the plug” on something that Mr. Wood has put so much money in and that it is the same 8-9 people that are complaining about the race track but everyone else is appreciative of the track. Councilor Sorenson stated that the information and conversations that were conducted with Mr. Wood and Mr. Gray, will not affect a future decision, if any, should something come before council.

Council President Henderson declared that Rick Rudd came to her house to present her with documents from John Wood. President Henderson explained to Mr. Rudd that she could not speak to him about Mr. Wood or the race track and she refused to take the documents that Mr. Rudd was trying to deliver to her.

Councilor Butler declared that he was told by Tina Hefley of the Chamber of Commerce that John Wood was trying to find him to talk to him about the race track but Councilor Butler did not speak to John Wood as Mr. Wood was not able make contact with him. Also, Councilor Butler declared that he was at the airport for the purpose of teaching a class and was approached by airport personnel of why the airport had been shut down as they were highly disgruntled about it affecting their business. Mayor Petrie asked Public Works Director, Clint Seamons to explain why the airport was shut down. Mr. Seamons explained that it was shut down so the BLM could bring in the equipment to fight the fires in our area. For safety of all involved, the airport was closed for all leisure uses, the airport committee, pilots and business were all notified of the purpose of closure.

Councilor Harris stated that she was not contacted by anyone and does not have anything to declare.

Councilor Resinkin was absent from the meeting – no declarations.

Mayor addressed the councilmembers and asked if any of this information presented would make a difference in any vote that may be made in the future on any of these issues presented. All councilmembers present indicated it would not “sway” any of their votes.

City Attorney, Jake Sweeten addressed the council on the importance of adhering to the legal requirements by declaring these types of conversations if they transpire. He commended them for following the policy as set by law.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor:** None

**City Council:** None

**Announcements and Good of the Order:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Accounts Payables

Approval of Permits – Bartenders – Kristina Lawson, Chrystal McMaster, Daniel Neves, Tiffini Stuart,

Jonathan Woodworth.

Council President Henderson **MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**. Seconded by Councilor Harris. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**BUSINESS:**

**Mike Giery, Fire Marshal** requests approval to surplus equipment for the Emmett Fire Department. Councilor Nebeker **MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION MADE IN THE JULY 23, 2024 MEETING ON 55 HAZMAT ITEMS BEING SURPLUSED AND TAKEN TO AUCTION, TWELVE OF THOSE ORIGINAL ITEMS WILL NOW BE SURPLUSED TO THE GEM COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE IN LIEU OF GOING TO AUCTION.** Seconded by Council PresidentHenderson**. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Mike Knittel, Systems Administrator** requests approval to continue the examination of implementing impactfees. Councilor Butler **MOVED TO APPROVE AND DIRECT THE STAFF TO CONTINUE EXPLORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPACT FEES.** Seconded by Councilor Sorenson. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Lyleen Jerome, City Clerk** requests approval to revise the current personnel policy to include holiday pay and sick pay to part-time employees by way of Resolution #R2024-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMMETT, IDAHO, ADOPTING A PERSONNEL POLICY. Councilor Butler **MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #R2024-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE** **CITY OF EMMETT, IDAHO, ADOPTING A PERSONNEL POLICY**. Seconded by Council President Henderson. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

Building Official/City Planner – Brian Sullivan – Reported

City Clerk, Lyleen Jerome – Reported

Fire Marshal – Mike Giery- Reported

Library Director, Alyce Kelley – Reported

Police Chief, Steve Kunka – Reported

Public Works, Clint Seamons – Reported

IT Systems Director, Mike Knittel – Reported

**ADJOURN**

Councilor Harris **MOVED TO ADJOURN.** Seconded by Sorenson. **Motion carried by voice vote**.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.**

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**Mayor Gordon Petrie Lyleen Jerome, City Clerk**