



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KENDRICK CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY February 8th, 2023,

Kendrick Idaho

The meeting was held at the Kendrick Fire Hall at 4:00 PM. The Pledge was said, and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on.

Those present: Laurine Hazeltine, Val Norris, Jeremy Alexander, Jeni Hawkins, and Deputy Carpenter, Council members: Keith Wilson, Paul Rush, Zach Voglewede, Jesse Wegner, and Mayor Rose Norris, City Maintenance- Jake Lustig, and City Clerk- Nadine Towne

1) 503 W. Main disconnection/ Utility Billing Appeal (Action item)

Mayor Rose asked for an account of the dealings with 503 W. Main St. City Utility billing from Nadine Towne the City Clerk. Nadine explained that part of her daily duties includes sending out the utility bills and when a resident is behind on their payments, she highlights the past due amount as a reminder. She explained that she did not do that for the month of December as a courtesy. The resident at 503 W. Main St. in Kendrick has made no attempt to pay the utility bill since Oct. of 2022. The city clerk then had the city maintenance hand deliver shut off notices to a few of the residents who were on the shut off list on the 19th of January 2032.



The resident was notified they had until the 27th of January to pay the past due of amount of \$452.87. The Utility bill for the month of January 2023 is \$123.87 for a total of 576.74. The city maintenance supervisor came into the city hall on the 27th to report that the resident had parked a car over the meter and that the car has a couple of flat tires. The city was going to have to get a civil stand by from the Latah County sheriff for Jake to turn the water off. So we waited until Monday the 30th to address the issue.

Monday morning the city called to request a civil stand by with the sheriffs dept. Deputy Duke and Deputy Jordan Welch came to City Hall to discuss what the city needed. The city explained that they need to shut off the water at 503 W. Main St. and that the resident has parked a car over the city meter. The deputies along with Jake Lustig the City maintenance director went to 503 W. Main St. and spoke to the resident. The resident stated he never received a blue shut off notice last week. The deputies then gave the resident a copy of the shut of notice from the 19th of January. The deputies also reminded the resident that the city clerk has given them information to get help with paying utility bill. The resident stated they had no idea there was help available. That notice then gave the resident 3 more days to pay the past due amount of \$452.87. The resident was informed that they had until Thursday February 2nd, 2023, to pay the past due amount or the water service would be disconnected. The resident did come into city hall later in the day about 1 pm and gave the city clerk \$5.86 in change. The resident stated they did not want a receipt now, that the clerk could mail it to them they also asked about the services available to get assistance with the utility billing. The city clerk reminded the resident of the services available and that she has received payments on their behalf from these services. The clerk reminded the resident that



they needed to have the past due amount in by Thursday the 2nd. The resident stated they would do the best they could. The resident returned on the 1st of February with a money order for \$50.00. The city clerk explained again that this is not enough to satisfy the past due amount to keep the water from being disconnected. Again, the resident stated they would do what they could. As the clerk went to post the \$50.00 money order she noticed that the resident had written on the money order this is a payment in forbearance of payment for the past due utility bill. The clerk refused the \$50.00 money order and through the mayor, contacted the city attorney concerning the limitation posted on the money order. The clerk was directed to give back the money order and advise the resident that they need to remit payment without limitations. The city maintenance director Jake Lustig took the money order to the resident and reiterated that the past due payment needs to be in city hall by morning Feb. 3rd.2023. The resident never returned to city hall with a payment. Friday morning Feb. 3rd. 2023. The Latah County sheriff's department was asked to arrange a civil stand by at 503 W. Main St. at pm. Moscow towing was also contracted for standby towing if needed at 503 W. Main St.

At 11:47 am on Feb 3rd, 2023, the resident at 503 W. Main St. came into city hall with an envelope "Water Disconnect Appeal" The city clerk acknowledged receiving the letter with a written response stating that the City Council stands by its decision to disconnect the water services at 503 W. Main St. the letter was hand delivered to the resident at 503 W. Main St. along with a certified copy mailed.



City maintenance director Jake Lustig gave his account of the details of his interactions with the resident at 503 W. Main St. Jake delivered the 1st blue shut off notice to the resident at 503 W. Main St. on January 27th, 2023. The resident told Jake it's not going to happen. Jake then noticed on January 20th, 2023, that the green SUV was parked over the city meter box. Jake notified Mayor Rose and stated that the Sheriffs dept was going to need to be notified before he could turn off the water.

On Monday January 30th Jake along with the sheriff's dept went to notify the resident that the car belonging to Kevinn Hamilton needed to be moved off the city meter box. The deputies also contacted the vehicle owner and explained that the vehicle was going to be towed if not moved. Jake Lustig also contacted the owner of 503 W. Main St. L.A. Posey who stated to shut the water off if the bill is not paid.

The resident was given a 2nd blue shut of notice informing them that the water was going to be disconnected if the past due amount was not paid by Feb 3rd,2023. Wednesday afternoon the city maintenance supervisor notice that there was now wood stacked on or near the meter box.

Thursday Feb 3rd,2023 along with the Latah County Deputies Mallory and Carpenter the city maintenance Jake Lustig went to 503 W. Main St. where the SUV had been moved off the meter box but there was a stack of firewood in its place. Jake had to remove all the fire wood and was able to turn off the water and remove the water meter.



2) Public Comments:

Tony Shipman resident at 503 W. Main St. was not present.

Laurine Hazeltine stated that he should have to pay his bill. Jeremy Alexander gave his account of past council meetings and how the city had to address these same issues. He told the council it's never easy to follow thru but that it has to be done.

Mayor Rose asked the City Council to give their thoughts and how they would like to proceed with the action.

Council member Zach Voglewede stated that he should have come to the city long before this time and tried to make some sort of arrangement with the city. The city has worked favorably with residents in the past. Zach feels Tony should pay the entire past due amount + the \$25.00 reconnect fee.

Council member Jesse Wegner stated that he should pay the entire past due amount + the \$25.00 reconnect fee.

Council member Paul Rush stated he is in the wrong and needs to pay his bill.

Council member Keith Wilson stated he needs to pay the entire past due amount + the \$25.00 reconnect fee and that he should receive a non-conforming letter as well.

Council member Zach Voglewede made a motion to have Tony pay the entire past due amount + the \$25.00 reconnect fee.

Council member Jesse Wegner seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor Rose also asked for a roll call vote:

Council member Zach Voglewede – Aye



Council member Jesse Wegner – Aye
Council member Keith Wilson– Aye
Council member Paul Rush – Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

3) Adjourn:

The mayor asked for a motion the Adjourn the meeting:
Council member Zach Voglewede made a motion at 4:10 pm.
Council member Jesse Wegner seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH IDAHO CODE 74-206(1))

(B) To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of, or to hear complaints, charges, brought against a public officer, employee, or staff member or individual agent, or public student: (Action Item)