**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** **Mayor Rex Nielsen, Grant Johnson, John Hyde, Bonnie Hill, Tony Hancock, Selena Guthrie, Kiesha Keller and Gary Barnes**

**PATRONS- Barbara Hill and Louise Cummings**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Nielsen called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending the meeting.**

Rex Nielsen offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEM- Swear in City Clerk/ Treasurer**

Bonnie Hill made the motion toSwear in City Clerk/ Treasurer, seconded by John Hyde, all voted aye, motion carried.

Rex Nielsen swore in Kiesha Keller as the new City Clerk/ Treasurer

Office was read to Kiesha Keller by the mayor Rex Nielsen:

“Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and that you will faithfully discharge the duties of Mayor of the City of Downey according to the best of your ability?”

Kiesha Keller affirmed, “I will.”

**ACTION ITEM- Consider approval of Hiring a New Assistant City Clerk**

Bonnie Hill made the motion to Hire Jessica Curzon as the New Assistant City Clerk, seconded by John Hyde, all voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM- Council Assignments**

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Mayor Nielsen:** City Owned Property

Gun Range

 Personnel Officer

 SICOG Representative

**Gary Barnes:** Water

 Sewer

**Bonnie Hill:** Cable TV/Internet and City Website

 Council Representative over the South Bannock County Fair

 Council Representative for Tree Committee

 Sidewalks

**Grant Johnson:** Airport

 Garbage

 Animal Control

**John Hyde:** Parks & Restrooms

 Fire District

 Roads and Road Equipment

 Council Representative for the Chamber of Commerce

Bonnie Hill made the motion to approve the New Council Assignments, seconded by Grant Johnson, all voted aye, motion carried.

**Budget Discussion**

 Items discussed for the new budget included:

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* Budgeting funds to stucco and rock the exterior of the City Building. The section they are working on now will be $22050.00.
* Insurance Rates have increased
* Interest from Idaho Center Credit Union
* Discussion about taking 3% on taxes. Final decision will be made at budget hearing.

**ACTION ITEM-** Consider approval of completing the last three sections of the exterior of the City Building

Bonnie Hill made the motion to complete the last three sections of the exterior of the City Building. The total cost of the Three sections totals $22,050.00, seconded by Grant Johnson, all voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM**- Consider approval of American Relief Funds Expenditures

Bonnie Hill made the motion to table, seconded by Gary Barnes, all voted aye, motion carried.

Packet given out explaining Federal Guidelines

**APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rex Nielsen, Mayor**

**Attest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Kiesha Keller, City Clerk**