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**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022**

**7:00 P.M.**

**18 CENTER WESTON, IDAHO**

MAYOR: GREG GARNER

COUNCIL: MORGAN PURSER, KENT ASTON, ALEX BUTTARS, ERIN LARSEN

CLERK: DENISE JOHNSON

VISITORS: LANCE EVANS, DIXON BECKSTEAD, MICHAEL RASMUSSEN, CARL KOLLER, KENNY MITCHELL, CLINT ASTON, JUNE ASTON, AMY BOSWORTH, BRENT CORBRIDGE

PRAYER: ERIN LARSEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PROPOSAL TO INCREASE WATER HOOKUP FEE FROM \$7500 TO \$20,000:**

The Mayor opened up comments by stating the reasoning for changing the hookup fee was that Weston City is trying to come in line with surrounding cities water hookup fees.

Carl Koller: Stated that increasing the water hookup fee hurts our children that are looking to come back and live by family who won't be able to afford housing. He also stated that it will help increase current homeowners property value and that you can't get a well any cheaper.

Kenny Mitchell: Stated that he is negotiating with the seller to purchase the property with the quonset huts on it. If his offer is accepted than he would need to purchase a water hookup. He asked the council if they would consider cutting the fee price in half. Kent stated that negotiations could be considered up to \$20,000. Morgan says he doesn't want to change anything and wants to keep it at \$20,000. Carl added that the additional funds would be good to have in an

emergency fund for the city. Kenny asked when this would take affect, Mayor said that it has to be an action item on the agenda, so the earliest would be November.

Water bill rates were asked about. The mayor stated that he is still working on finding funding to help pay for the water project so the rates are still in analysis. He reminded everyone that the system is 100% gravity fed to save on the city's power bill, and that it was built for current residents within the city, not above it. Also stated that the city has no interest in annexing any property outside the city limits.

Clint Aston: Stated that with the council being new that he wanted to remind them that they didn't get a new water right with the water project. He cautioned the city to not give out more water hookups because he has a water right that he's trying to protect since his water right trumps the city's due to an agreement with the State of Idaho. He also reminded the city that the new well is an emergency well and should only be used for emergencies. He feels that it has been used too much lately.

**Public Hearing Closed.**