



City of Kootenai
**COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: January 31, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lewis brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Lewis opened the telephonic phone for phone attendance.

Roll Call: Councilman Sundquist – PRESENT, Councilwoman Mjelde – HERE, Councilman Schock – HERE, and Councilman Rafferty – HERE.

Staff Present: No Staff was present.

Others Present: No others were present.

EMERGENCY MEETING – Discussion to repair and/or replace City Hall Furnace and replace hydraulic door closer at the City Post Office – Mayor advised Council that they had several bids in front of them. She stated that the current furnace had reached its lifetime and was completely out and that a band aid would maybe last for 5 years if that. Mayor advised that one of the bids to replace the furnace included air conditioning. She advised that the current electrical panel would not support the air conditioning therefore an additional panel would need to be placed. She also advised there would be a need for ventilation and drainage. Councilman Sundquist asked if the additional costs over the initial bid would be \$2,000 or \$10,000 additional costs. Mayor advised that the bid that the City had received for heat and air came to just about \$5,000 and that would not include any of the additional electrical needs or to put the ventilation and drainage in. Councilwoman Mjelde stated that if the City was going to build a new building it may just want a band aid or did the City wish to invest in a new furnace. Would a new building be built in a couple of years? Mayor stated she did not want a band aid. Councilman Sundquist stated that even if the City were to build a new building, this building could be used as an auxiliary building. Councilwoman Mjelde stated that no, it should be torn down. Councilman Sundquist asked if the City would just add on to this one. Mayor stated that she thought the City could use this building as a community use, which could bring in a little income. Councilman Sundquist stated that past Council was very happy to see air conditioning put in as the summers are getting pretty warm. If the City wishes to keep this building then it should consider replacing the furnace to include air conditioning. He stated that he would vote to either expand this building or keep it as an auxiliary building. Mayor stated that she had been speaking with a couple of architects who will eventually come out and view the property and existing buildings and advise, but that is not in our immediate future. She stated that the City would have to consider a bond or something like that. Councilman Sundquist stated that if the City is going to keep this building, then it needs to treat it as valuable and fix it right. Councilman Schock stated that he thought the City needed to do a quick fix so we can keep going. Then address replacement with air when it gets a little warmer. Do it in phases. There was discussion about the post office and if it had adequate heating. Councilwoman Mjelde stated that if the City is going to put in efficient heating/cooling then it needed to consider the whole building which would include the post office area. There was discussion about electrical costs. Councilman Sundquist stated that he had reached out to the City's Planner about putting in a wind turbine.

He stated he would like to know how much it would cost and if it could be put on this building. Mayor advised Council to stay on track with what the meeting issue which is the furnace. Councilman Sundquist stated that the City needed to make sure that if it were to use a wind turbine that it would support the whole building which would include the furnace heating/cooling. There was discussion about efficiency and energy draw. There was discussion concerning the availability of a new unit. Mayor advised that there was inventory, but it had to be shipped in from another location. Therefore, the replacement could take at least another week and maybe longer. Council asked if space heaters could be used. Mayor advised that they trip the breakers and are unsafe. There was discussion about the need for insulation. Councilman Schock stated that the City could put in insulation when they can. Again phase the project. **Councilman Schock moved to authorize the Mayor to expend up to \$800 to repair the existing furnace as use High Mark as the vender, 2nd by Councilman Rafferty; roll call vote:**

Councilman Sundquist – AYE
Councilman Rafferty– AYE

Councilwoman Mjelde – AYE
Councilman Schock – AYE

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ronda L. Whittaker/City Clerk